

Sadie McCann Fund – FAQs

Who can apply?

Any family whose child has been diagnosed with Aicardi Syndrome is eligible to apply. Applicant(s) must demonstrate financial need (see below) and the grant funds must be used for the direct benefit of the affected child. Families whose requests are awarded will be ineligible to reapply for three years.

What are the income requirements?

The Sadie McCann Fund uses eligibility criteria of 400% of the most recent Annual Federal Poverty Guidelines. (For example, a family with a household size of 4 is eligible if their 2021 annual income is less than \$106,000.) See specific financial eligibility guidelines [here](#).

What types of things can I apply for?

Examples of how families could use these grants include, but are not limited to: purchase of specialized equipment (including wheelchair accessible vehicles), home accessibility modifications, therapeutic services, respite, travel to/from the Aicardi Syndrome Family Conference, etc. If you are not sure about the item or service for which you'd like to apply, please email info@sadiemccannfund.org.

What if the grant amount won't cover the entire cost of the item or service?

When the maximum grant award is unable to completely cover the costs of the requested item or service, it may be put toward the family's out-of-pocket costs after insurance has paid its share, or combined with individual fundraising or other grants to meet the proposed need. Please specify in the grant application how you plan to raise the additional funds. In general, our advisory board prefers to cut the check once you are closer to raising the full amount needed for the purchase.

What information do you need in the application?

We request general information about the child, family, and the item/service that is requested. We encourage applicants to be as specific as possible in the grant application, and when possible, include prices, quotes or printouts of the item or service requested.

Will I have to pay taxes on the grant award?

If the check is made payable to an individual, that individual will be responsible for any associated tax liabilities. For this reason, we prefer to make the check payable directly to the vendor providing the service or item.

How are applications reviewed?

All applications are screened for eligibility and reviewed anonymously by The Sadie McCann Fund board of directors. A final determination is based on the information provided as well as availability of funds. It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, political affiliation or disability.

What if I miss the deadline?

We typically have three deadlines throughout the year. If you miss one deadline, you are welcome to apply for the next. In rare cases, we can expedite a grant application. If you need an expedited review, please email info@sadiemccannfund.org.

How soon will I receive a response?

Grant applications are typically reviewed within 4 weeks after the grant deadline date, and applicants are notified via e-mail shortly thereafter.