

NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND FOUNDATION

Grant Application 2023-2024

We continue to ask that the applicant limits the number of vendors to one. We appreciate the applicant wanting to shop around to save the Foundation money, but it takes considerably more time when ordering and tracking items. We reserve the right to use our own discretion to switch vendors when order if more than one vendor is listed. Thank you for your understanding!

About NDSBF

The grant program is designed to help meet the educational and Expanded Core Curriculum needs of children and adults with visual impairments.

What is the best way to fill out the application?

You may choose what works best for you. Write on the paper copy, type within the document, or complete it online at:

<https://www.ndschoolfortheblindfoundation.com/online-grant-application.html>

The application is also downloadable from this site. If you are using a screen reader, the online application may be the most accessible.

Who can request grant funds?

Anyone who works with eligible children/adults, or the applicant themselves.

Who is eligible to receive grants?

Eligible recipients are residents of North Dakota who have a visual impairment according to state guidelines. Applicant is eligible if a least one of the following is true:

- Central vision acuity is 20/70 or less in the better eye after correction
- Visual field is reduced to 20 degrees or less in the better eye
- Ocular pathologies are permanent and irremediable
- Diagnosis of a brain-based visual impairment such as Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI)

What types of request may be funded?

Requests that help pay for equipment needs, personal needs, camps, daily living skills training, orientation and mobility training, specific skill training, adaptive recreational/leisure equipment, technology, or other special needs. Post-secondary grants will be awarded to help pay for costs that are directly related to educational needs or to assist in career exploration.

What types of requests will not be funded?

Items required by the student's Individual Education Program (since these are the responsibility of the school district), item required by other agencies, training for service providers working with students, and potentially, applications that are not completed correctly.

How much money is awarded per applicant?

Awards ranging from \$25 to \$500 could be granted.

If a grant request is funded, what's next?

No money will be awarded directly to grant recipients. Awards will be in the form of payments made directly to the supplier of equipment, the camp, or the educational firm. Equipment received through these grants will become the property of, and will remain the property of, the grant recipient.

Can I just include a link to my wish list or cart instead?

Not at this time. We prefer you include an itemized list on our form. Include as much detail as possible. Copying and pasting from the website is acceptable.

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Applicant's Last Name	
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I. REQUESTER OF GRANT FUNDS

Are you completing this grant request for yourself?

Yes (Skip to Section II)

No

Name of Person completing the Grant Request

First Name	
Last Name	
Email	
Address	
City/State/ZIP	

Your Relationship to the Individual

Teacher

Parent

Therapist

Other-Specify:

II. INFORMATION ON GRANT RECIPIENT

The address listed below will be used as the shipping address for the grant recipient.

First Name	Last Name
Email	Grade
Age	School or Educational Placement
Address	
City/State/ZIP	

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III. CERTIFICATION OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

This must be filled out and signed by applicant's optometrist, ophthalmologist, or teacher of the visually impaired. **Failure to complete this section will disqualify the student from receiving a grant.**

Please describe the individual's visual impairment and the extent to which it affects his or her functioning.

I certify that I am the applicant's: (Please select one of the three options below.)

Optometrist

Ophthalmologist

Teacher of the Visually Impaired or Vision Impaired Service Provider

PRINTED or TYPED NAME	MANUAL or ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE
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By checking the "I ACCEPT" box below, you are signing this documentation electronically. You agree that your electronic signature is the equivalent of your manual signature and the information provided is true to the best of your knowledge.

I ACCEPT

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V. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

A. Describe the applicants need for what is being requested. How does it address the applicant's educational needs?

B. How frequently, to what extent, and for how long will the applicant benefit from this?

C. What other sources of funding have been investigated?

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*Deadline for submitting proposals is February 2, 2024.
Awards will be announced approximately April 1, 2024*

Please review your application to be sure that you have completed the steps listed below. This page is for your own record and does not need to be submitted with the rest of the application.

You are using the most current grant application form dated in header as 2023-2024.

All sections are filled out correctly and completely.

You have included the applicant's name in the box at the top of pages 3 through 6.

You have done your best to limit the number of vendors to one (1) for the grant committee.

You have used current websites.

You have **not** included a link to a wish list or a cart.

Orders include the cost of the items including tax and shipping.

Section III includes a full detailed description and is signed by an eye care professional or vision consultant/teacher.

Mail Applications To:
Proposal Screening Committee
North Dakota School for the Blind Foundation
500 Stanford Road
Grand Forks, ND 58203

Email Applications To:
ndsbfoundation@gmail.com

Complete and submit the Online Applications at:
<https://www.ndschoolfortheblindfoundation.com/online-grant-application.html>