



PAWTISM GRANT APPLICATION

Pawtism exists to provide financial support to those planning to add an autism assistance dog to their family and to raise awareness of the immense potential these animals have to change lives. Pawtism provides grant funding for the express purpose of securing an autism assistance dog in a family's household. Funds are distributed to verified service dog providers, not to individuals or families. Pawtism grants are up to \$5,000. Grant applications are reviewed in two annual cycles: **submit your application by June 1 or December 1 (decisions by the end of July and end of January, respectively).**

Decisions are made on an application by application basis and may be based on factors including total number of applications received, annual amount allocated for grants, and financial need of each family. Only Pawtism board members will view applications. Information contained in this application will be used exclusively for the purpose of evaluating need and eligibility for a grant. Information shared with Pawtism via grant applications will never be sold, shared outside the organization, or used for any other purpose. We will take reasonable measures to delete/destroy applications received after the conclusion of the grant cycle.

ELIGIBILITY

You must meet **all** of the following requirements to be considered for a grant:

- A child/family member in your household has an autism diagnosis
 - You are currently under contract with a service dog provider (If you have not yet been approved you can still submit an application, however your grant will not be eligible to be awarded until you have a contract with a trainer/agency.)
 - Your family's residence is in North Carolina
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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed application with signature (**required**)
 - Contract Verification Form submitted directly from Service Dog agency/provider (**required**)
 - First page of your most recent federal income tax return or W-2 (*optional*)
 - Photo of of your child/family (*optional*)
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HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

Please return completed application and other required documents by mail to:

Pawtism Inc. PO Box 24202 Winston Salem, NC 27114

If you have questions about the application or process, or would like to have a paper copy of the application mailed to you, please contact us via email (info@pawtism.org) or through our website: pawtism.org/contact



****PLEASE COMPLETE THIS PAGE IN ITS ENTIRETY****

BASIC INFORMATION *(child/individual who service dog will benefit)*

Name: _____ Current Age: _____ Gender: _____

GUARDIAN/PARENT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____ Occupation: _____

[Second guardian/parent if applicable]

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____ Occupation: _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Child/individual lives with: _____

Number of siblings/dependent children in the household: _____ Ages: _____

Annual Household Income: Under \$50,000 \$50 - 75,000 \$75 - 100,000 \$100 - 150,000
Over \$150,000

SERVICE DOG PROVIDER INFORMATION

Name of provider/agency: _____

Contact name/info: _____



INFO@PAWTISM.ORG
PO BOX 24202
WINSTON SALEM, NC 27114

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please share only what you feel comfortable sharing with us. Please limit responses to one page total for this section.

Please briefly describe the child/individual who the service dog will benefit:

What kinds of services/support does the child/individual currently receive?

What are the most significant challenges the child/individual and your family face?

Anything else you want us to know about the child/individual and your family?



CONSENT AND AFFIRMATION (*REQUIRED*)

In order for Pawtism, a not-for-profit organization, to provide supplemental funding towards the attainment of a trained service dog for _____ (child/individual), the undersigned do hereby affirm the following:

1. The undersigned are the legal guardian(s) of the child/individual.
2. All information provided with this application is, to the best of our knowledge, accurate and truthful.
3. The undersigned understand that some of the information provided in this application may be confidential health/personal information, and while Pawtism will make reasonable efforts to protect privacy, there are inherently confidentiality risks in providing it. The undersigned have provided this information voluntarily and understand that the Pawtism board will be reviewing the information provided during its decision making processes.
4. The undersigned consent for Pawtism to contact the service dog provider/agency indicated in this application for possible verification/clarification of application status, for additional information about the provider, and, in the event that a grant is to be awarded, to arrange payment.
5. The undersigned understand that in awarding a grant, Pawtism is not recommending or endorsing any specific service dog provider/agency and is in no way responsible for the performance, health, or outcomes of the service dog that is procured as a result of the grant.

Pawtism reserves the right to distribute funds at its sole discretion. Completing and submitting an application does not guarantee receipt of a grant, nor are specific grant amounts/minimums guaranteed. Grants will be distributed directly to the service dog provider/agency you are contracted with for use towards your child’s animal, and will not under any circumstance be awarded directly to the individual/family who is receiving the dog.

Dated this _____ day of _____, in the year _____.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

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MEDIA RELEASE CONSENT (OPTIONAL)

Not required in order to be awarded a grant, but greatly appreciated to assist Pawtism in our ongoing fundraising and grantmaking activities.

If awarded a grant, I hereby give my permission for Pawtism and/or its representatives to use photographs, letters, information, or videos of my child or myself and to use our names, information, and images/recordings in publications, on the internet, in promotional materials, or at events. I understand that they will be used to inform families, volunteers, media, and the general public about Pawtism and its mission. I understand that, even with my given consent, I will still be consulted/notified prior to any of my/my child's information or images being used by Pawtism. I also agree that I may be personally contacted for participation in fundraising/awareness events or asked to voluntarily provide additional images/testimonials/ information to be used for these purposes. I understand that this authorization shall continue until terminated in writing.

Child/Individual's Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____