



Madhu Thibaudeau Family Fund Emergency Small Grants Program at the Autism Society of Maryland

The Madhu Thibaudeau Family Fund at the Autism Society of Maryland (AUSOM) was created in memory of Madhu Thibaudeau, a long-time AUSOM member, board member, volunteer, staff member, and Autism mom, who passed away in March 2019. Her legacy of kindness, support and giving is remembered with the creation of this fund and the many donations made in her name to the Autism Society of Maryland.

The Fund was designed to help individuals with Autism and their families who are experiencing an immediate need for financial assistance. It is not meant to be an ongoing source of support but rather to provide “bridge” funding in an emergency or for something that will significantly impact the quality of life for an individual with Autism and/or his/her family.

An applicant and/or his/her family may apply to receive an annual grant award of up to \$250.

Items that are eligible for this one-time funding include, but are not limited to, assistance with:

- Rent
- Car repair expenses
- Utility bill
- Weekly food expenses
- Personal care items (e.g., clothing, hygiene products)
- Household supplies (e.g., paper products, cleaning supplies)
- Baby supplies (e.g., diapers, formula)
- Medical supplies
- School supplies
- Respite care
- Autism-related programs and technology
- Moving expenses

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Autism Society of Maryland. info@autismsocietymd.org. 410-290-3466 <https://autismsocietymd.org/>

HOW TO APPLY

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1. Applications for support may be made by an individual with Autism or a member of the individual's family who resides in Howard County, MD or the surrounding area.
2. One gift of up to \$250 per individual or family will be awarded in a 12-month period.
3. All applications will be reviewed by AUSOM and, whenever possible, requests will be processed within 5 business days of receipt.
4. If approved, the applicant will be notified by the AUSOM office to arrange for payment of the grant award.
5. Successful applicants are asked to provide AUSOM, within 60 days of spending the grant award, a copy of receipt of purchase or other documentation (confirmation of payment) specifying how the award money was used. This documentation may be submitted by mail, email or in person.
6. If the application is declined, the AUSOM Executive Director will provide rationale for denial to the applicant.

How to Submit an Application:

1. Complete the one-page application form and collect any supporting documentation.
2. Submit the form and any supporting documentation **via email** to info@autismsocietymd.org
3. If you need to use U.S. mail, send it to:

Autism Society of Maryland
9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 308
Columbia, MD 21046

QUESTIONS? Call 410-290-3466 or email info@autismsocietymd.org

APPLICATION

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Applicant Name (Parent/Guardian/Caregiver)			Date	
Street Address			Phone (H)	
City	State	Zip	Phone (W)	
Email			Phone (C)	
Name(s) of Individual(s) with Autism			Relationship to Applicant	
Requested Support <i>(Describe how you would use the financial support you are requesting)</i>				
Amount Requested	\$		Date Needed	
Make check payable to (please print name):				
Basis for Requested Amount <i>(Provide a description and/or website URL or attach relevant documentation supporting the requested amount)</i>				
Other Potential Funding Sources <i>(Please provide names and contact info for other funding sources that you have contacted)</i>				
What else would be helpful for AUSOM to know?				
Applicant Signature _____			Date _____	
Do Not Write Below This Line – For Office Use Only				
<input type="checkbox"/> Awarded	<input type="checkbox"/> Declined	Date	Check #	Amount \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase documentation received:				Date

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