

Easter Seals Arc's Assistive Technology Award is designed to enable families to purchase equipment which will optimize their child's learning capabilities. The award may cover private insurance deductibles, non-covered portions from all other public or private funding sources or the outright cost of the equipment. The Selection committee may direct applicants to an appropriate funding stream in lieu of an award.

Only students who are classified as cognitively disabled which include diagnoses such as all Autism Spectrum Disorders, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, and are enrolled in special education support from a school will be eligible to receive funding from the Assistive Technology Award program. \*New...Participants of Easter Seals Arc's Transition Services are eligible.

Examples of equipment may include, but are not limited to: communication devices, voice output devices, switches and environmental access, adaptive computer hardware and software, splints, speech aids, positioning/therapeutic equipment. **The organization will not honor a request for a standard computer or Ipad or Tablets;** however, will refer the applicant to The INDATA Project at Easter Seals Crossroads [www.eastersealstech.com](http://www.eastersealstech.com) or 1-888-466-1314 or PATINS @ [www.patinsproject.com](http://www.patinsproject.com). Both programs operate a computer reuse program and have computer systems available to qualified applicants from time to time. For medical related assistance, please call the United Healthcare Children's Foundation @1-952-992-4459. For other equipment contact the Hanna and Friends Foundation at <http://www.hannahandfriends.org/aboutUs.html> For all questions about Easter Seals Arc services call Sue Christman at 1-260-456-4534 ext. 271.

**Requests that total under \$500 will take precedent over larger requests, due to low funding levels.**

Easter Seals Arc may elect to award all or only a portion of funds needed to purchase the requested equipment. Awards may be provided for equipment not approved via the I.D.E.A. Program or for equipment which optimally could be owned by the student for personal use.

Applicants can receive help in this process from a supporting teacher/therapist. The Assistive Technology Award Program coordinates efforts with Special Education staff of each system in counties served by Easter Seals Arc of Northeast Indiana. Currently counties include: Adams, Allen, Blackford, DeKalb, Elkhart, Grant, Huntington, Jay, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, St. Joseph, Wabash, Wells and Whitley Counties.

Easter Seals Arc of Northeast Indiana



4919 Coldwater Road  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825  
260-456-4534 ext. 265  
1-800-234-7811

## 2013-2014 Assistive Technology Award Program Application

***A community outreach program designed to assist students who are cognitively disabled and are in need of specialized equipment to help them learn.***

William C. Andreas, M.B.A., C.F.R.E.  
Vice President of Development & Marketing

Special recognition to the Edward Wilson, Mary Cross  
Tippmann and the Fort Wayne Health and Education  
Foundations

Easter Seals Arc's services are available to all individuals regardless of an individual's race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, national origin, veteran status, age and/or mental or physical disability. The organizations are an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and a 501 (c)(3) organization.

***Just one way to extend assistance to create solutions and changes lives in areas which we serve!***

Simple, quick and a real way to fulfill your needs. Since 1999, over 490 students were awarded an average of \$500 each.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(must have signature to be eligible)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Total Dependents in Household \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Wage Earner's Annual Gross Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Wage Earner's Annual Gross Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Outstanding Medical Bills \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Types and Severity of Disabilities**

(Must enclose a copy of an IEP Report, or any other official document that declares the type of disability)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**List any previous funding denials from any source**

(Children's, I.D.E.A., insurance, foundations, public funds, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Assistive Technology Requested: No Ipads or Tablets allowed this year.**

(List here or on another sheet the name, make, model, of equipment.)

You can have a copy of the item from any vendor order form.

Total Cost of the Equipment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Shipping \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount of Requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Procedures**

1. Parents/Guardian must complete and sign the application information to the best of their ability. \*Only one application and request per student.

2. Applicant must gain a written recommendation from a teacher/therapist that describes how this equipment will improve the lifestyle of the student and/or list previous use of similar equipment.

3. Parent/Guardian of student must provide an 8.5 X 11 (handwritten or typed) page of information that explains the circumstances surrounding their need of assistance for the purchase of the equipment.

4. Applicants must enclose specific item name, model number, and the prospective vendor's name, address, and phone number. \*Will not accept a request that totals over \$1,000, due to lower funding levels. Choose one core area to solve with equipment IE: communication or mobility or Autism symptoms.

5. Applicants must enclose a copy of their IEP or any other official document that declares the type of disability

6. Applicant must send this portion of the application along with any other supporting materials postmarked no later than November 30, 2013 to:

Easter Seals Arc of Northeast Indiana  
ATTN: William C. Andreas  
4919 Coldwater Road  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

***Applicant will be automatically disqualified if the 6 (Must) tasks listed above are not completed.***

***Requests for that total under \$500 will take precedent over larger requests, due to low funding levels.***

**Additional Information**

Easter Seals Arc of Northeast Indiana distributes applications via its website year round. In September, it does send the link to School System Special Education Directors in the 16 Counties in Northeast Indiana. Special Education Staff are to print and distribute the applications to students who qualify. Students are to take applications home. Interested families should contact the school system about all public funding sources available for the equipment in need. If the equipment is not applicable to public funds, then families may complete the application. Sponsoring teachers/therapist may approach parents and help them apply for specialized equipment. Applicants complete the necessary steps listed on the left. Applications are to be postmarked no later than November 30, 2013.

The Selection Committee will meet to review requests in December of each year. The information used to approve grants will include, but is not limited to, the following:

Prior Arc Assistive Technology Funding  
Medical Diagnosis  
Complete Application  
Total Dependents in Household  
Primary Annual Gross Income  
Secondary Annual Gross Income  
Other Income  
Type & Severity of Disability  
Type & Cost of Equipment  
Funding denials or partial payments  
Current Outstanding Medical Bills

The parental/guardian signature also acts as a release to allow Easter Seals Arc to contact school officials to gain specific information about the applicant. Notification about your request will arrive in writing at your home. The grant shall be written directly to the vendor and used to fund the family's cost of a purchase for equipment that was requested at the time of application.