

Grant Eligibility

The Autism Society Northwestern Pennsylvania (ASA-NWPA) awards grants to nonprofit organizations that are defined as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Organizations must be located in the northwestern region of PA and demonstrate that the majority of the population served falls on the Autism Spectrum. The applying organization's annual operating budget is under 5 million (exemption applies to educational organizations)

Grants normally range from \$0.00 - \$5,000

Grant deadlines are **January 15th** and **July 15th**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Faxed applications will not be accepted.

The Autism Society does not award grants for:

- Individuals
- Administration or Staffing of a Program
- Fundraising Events/Sponsorships
- Cost of a Vehicle
- Sectarian Religious Activities
- Government Funding Cuts
- Start-up Organizations
- Endowments

Categories

The Autism Society Northwestern Pennsylvania awards grants to autism programs which support individuals and groups in the following categories.

The Autism Society does award grants supporting the following:

- Education
- Health
- Community Engagement
- Recreation
- Mentoring and Employment

Information for Grant seekers

Your application will be compared to all those submitted at the same time. You must submit everything requested on the Narrative sheet including a line item budget. Applications not including these items will be returned.

Submission Packets: You must provide 6 collated sets of the proposal including:

- Grant Application
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget Worksheet
- Your Agencies Board of Directors and contact information
- IRS 501(c)3 determination letter

All applicants will receive notification of receipt of the application. The ASA-NWPA is not able to pay expenses incurred before formal written notification is made to the organization. ASA-NWPA is able to contact organizations for any questions/additional documentation required.

Board policy on requests for individual hearings on grant proposals

It shall be the practice of the Officers of the Board of the ASA-NWPA to respectfully decline to participate in private discussion with individuals representing grant applicant organizations seeking to promote the funding or the proposal the applicant organization has submitted or may submit to ASA-NWPA.

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