

RESCUE FAMILY GRANT FAQs

Before Applying:

Q: How do I apply for the grant?

Generation Rescue reviews new grant applications each quarter. When applications are open, please visit the Family Resources section of the Generation Rescue website. There you will find access to the online application.

Q: Are applications only available online?

Yes. Currently we do not offer hard copies of the application. You must have access to a computer and internet service. This will be a requirement during the program.

Q: What information do I need to apply?

To apply for the Rescue Family Grant Program, you will want to have digital copies of (1) a formal copy of your child's official autism diagnosis; (2) a copy of your most recent tax return to verify your income status; (3) a completed Autism Treatment Evaluation Checklist (ATEC) survey; (4) a family photo and a photo of your child.

Q: How to do I check the median income for my state?

Visit the United States Census Bureau, select your state, and review the Quick Facts to find the Household Median Income.

Q: What is an ATEC survey? Why do I need one?

Generation Rescue tracks evaluation data at the beginning and end of each grant round by using the **Autism Treatment Evaluation Checklist (ATEC)** survey, developed by Bernard Rimland and Stephen M. Edelson of the Autism Research Institute (ARI). The ATEC is a one-page form designed to be completed by parents, teachers, or caretakers. It consists of four subtests to record data in the areas of:

- Speech, Language, Communication
- Socialization
- Sensory, Cognitive Awareness
- Health, Physical, Behaviors

All participants in the program have displayed behavioral improvement and a reduction in symptoms, shown by a decrease of ATEC scores from the beginning to end of the 90-day grant period. These results are detailed below.

To complete your ATEC survey, please visit: www.autism.com/ind_atec

Q: Applications are closed. When can I apply?

To participate in our Rescue Family Grant round, beginning on **April 3, 2017**, applications will open on **Monday, March 6, 2017** and will be due by **Friday, March 17, 2017**.

To participate in our Rescue Family Grant round, beginning on **July 3, 2017**, applications will open on **Monday, June 5, 2017** and will be due by **Friday, June 16, 2017**.

To participate in our Rescue Family Grant round, beginning on **October 9, 2017**, applications will open on **Monday, September 11, 2017** and will be due by **Friday, September 22, 2017**.



Q: I have already seen an autism treatment specialist. Can I still apply?

Unfortunately, if you have already seen an autism treatment specialist, a DAN! doctor, or a MAPS certified doctor you do not qualify for the grant program.

Q: Can I apply without an official diagnosis?

Unfortunately, currently only an official Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis is required to qualify for the Rescue Family Grant Program.

Q: Can I apply if I live outside the U.S.?

Due to a limited availability of MAPS certified physicians, at this time we can only offer grants to families in the United States and some parts of Canada.

Q: Can I apply if I have already participated in the program?

Because our program is designed for newly diagnosed families, if your child has already participated in the program, unfortunately you will not qualify to re-apply. However, if you are applying for another member of your family, exceptions can be made as long as you meet the general eligibility requirements.

After Applying:

Q: When will I know if I have been accepted?

Generally you will receive an email or phone call from Generation Rescue within two weeks of the application process closing to notify you of your application's status.



Upon Acceptance:

Q: How long do I have to make the \$200 deposit?

Upon acceptance into the program, you will have one week to coordinate payment arrangements for your \$200 deposit. Your point of contact for payment will be Sylvia Baca.

Q: Can I pick my own doctor?

While we take recommendations from families, your treatment physician during the program will be determined based on the clinic's availability and proximity.

Q: When do I start the program?

Upon acceptance into the program, start dates are as follows:

Spring/Summer: **April 3, 2017**

Summer/Fall: **July 3, 2017**

Fall/Winter: **October 9, 2017**

I Wasn't Accepted:

Q: Can I Re-Apply?

Yes. Depending on the reason your application was denied and as long as you meet the eligibility requirements and application deadlines, you are allowed to apply again if you were not previously accepted into the program.