

## Arc Guide to Family Support Grant

The Family Support Grant (FSG) is a Minnesota grant program. The FSG provides cash grants to families of people with disabilities.

### Eligibility

- The person with disabilities must be younger than 25 years old. They must live in the family home.
  - A person living in an institutional setting may be eligible for FSG, if they move to the family home if a FSG is given.
- The family annual adjusted gross income must be \$105,230 or less. (Effective January 1, 2019)
  - Exceptions can be made depending on family size, other family members with disabilities, or family debt due to the child's disability.
- The person with disabilities must be certified as disabled. This certification can come from the Social Security Administration, State Medical Review Team (SMRT), or Rule 185 Developmental Disabilities Case Management.

### Individuals Are Not Eligible For FSG If They Receive:

- Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers
- Personal Care Assistance (PCA)
- Consumer Support Grant (CSG)

### General Information

- The maximum grant is \$3113.99 per year (subject to change).
- Funds can be given in cash, voucher, or by paying the provider/vendor.
- There may be a waiting list for FSG.
- Families with more than one child who meets eligibility criteria may apply for a grant for each child.

A parent/guardian interested in applying for FSG should contact the county or tribe where they live. A [MnCHOICES](#) assessment is often done to determine FSG eligibility. Most counties have an application form the parent must complete and submit.

### How FSG Can Be Used

- Services and items:
  - Directly related to the individual's disability not available from any other funding source
  - For expenses the family would not have if the child did not have a disability

- Described in the individual's support plan and approved by the lead agency (county or tribe)
- Supporting transition from school to work for dependents ages 14-24
- Examples include:
  - Day care
  - Education services not paid for by the school
  - Medical costs and medication not covered by insurance
  - Respite care
  - Specialized clothing, diets, equipment
  - Transportation

#### **FSG Cannot Pay For:**

- Services paid by federal, state, or county funds
- Care provided to minor children by parent

#### **The Plan Must Include:**

- Personal information - name, address, phone, email
- A description of the person with a disability - hopes, dreams, needs, age, how the disability affects them
- How the grant helped in the past and if anything changed
- The services and items you want to purchase including:
  - How and why they are needed
  - Costs

#### **Resources**

[Minnesota Statute 252.32](#)

[Department of Human Services Family Support Grant](#)

[Arc Guide to MnCHOICES](#)

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