

# Northeast Mississippi Down Syndrome Society Special Education Grant Program

## Purpose of the Grant Program

- To encourage the development and implementation of a new special education services, with particular emphasis on services that provide specific benefits to students with Down syndrome.
- To fund new educational services in school programs that are attended by members of NEMDSS.

## How can the funds be used?

- Funds may be requested to assist teachers in attending educational seminars or purchasing classroom materials for use with students with Down syndrome.
- Funds may be requested to assist with the development and/or implementation of special education curricula that are demonstrated to provide enhanced educational benefits to students with Down syndrome.
- At the decision of the Board of Directors, funds may be requested to assist with other educational programs or services that are demonstrated to provide specific benefits to students with Down syndrome.

## Who can apply?

Any special education instructor or administrator who provides special education services, preschool and above, in the service area covered by Northeast MS Down Syndrome Society. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, applications from other geographic areas in Mississippi may be considered.

## How do I apply?

Complete the form and mail it to Northeast Mississippi Down Syndrome Society, 193 Westwood Circle, Slatton, MS 38866. If possible, funds should be applied for at least 60 days prior to the date on which funds will be needed.

## Is there a limit on the grant amount that can be requested?

In order to extend grants to as many teachers and programs as possible, the following limits apply to grant request:

*Two grants available at \$250 each.*

**\*This is a maximum amount. All applications are subject to the availability of funds. Based on the number of applications received, funds may not be available to award all grants requested, or to award the full amount requested.**

## Consideration of grant requests will include the following criteria:

- Services or programs that are specifically targeted for students with Down syndrome.
- Services or programs that are demonstrated to provide enhanced educational opportunities for students with Down syndrome.
- Services or programs that encourage the development of self-help skills or new talents, interests and experiences for students with Down syndrome.
- Services or programs that are attended by members of NEMDSS.

## When do I get the grant money if it is awarded?

Funds are available only for actual expenses associated with a grant that has been awarded by the Board of Directors. This means that, as part of your grant application, you must provide NEMDSS with documentation to establish that actual costs of the program or service for which you are applying. If you are awarded a grant, you will be notified, and NEMDSS will then verify with you the actual costs prior to releasing your funds. Other details may be included in the award letter.



