



Conference Funding Assistance Opportunities

We understand that attending the 2024 SATB2 Gene Foundation Family Conference may pose a financial challenge for some families. To alleviate this burden, we are pleased to announce that the SATB2 Gene Foundation has designated funds to assist with the expenses associated with in-person attendance. Priority will be given to those with demonstrated financial need and to first-time attendees. Proof of a SATB2-Associated Syndrome diagnosis is required. Applications are open until 5pm EST on April 30, 2024. To apply visit: <https://bit.ly/2024SATB2Travel>

We are also providing some additional information and sources of funding that families can seek individually. Please help us build our list or update our information if you know of any additional resources by emailing conference@satb2gene.org.

NATIONAL AGENCIES OR GROUPS

The ARC of the United States - Each chapter offers different programs/services, so you need to check your local chapter: www.thearc.org/find-a-chapter. As an example, the ARC of IL offers a Consumer Stipend Project, which offers grants to enable people with developmental disabilities and their family members to attend conferences of their choice that are directly related to developmental disability issues: www.thearcofil.org/programs.

National Organization for Rare Diseases – The Rare Disease Education Support Program is designated to offer rare disease patients, their families, and/or caregivers an opportunity to participate in educational programs and conferences that offer rare disease content. Click here for additional information about the program: <https://rarediseases.org/patient-assistance-programs/rare-disease-educational-support/>

STATE AND/OR REGIONALLY LIMITED

All states have Councils on Developmental Disabilities, and some will fund conference travel. The Dup15q Alliance website has compiled a list of Development Disabilities Boards by State to help get you started:

<https://dup15q.org/state-and-or-regional-table-of-resources/>

Additionally, you can view a roster of Developmental Disabilities Boards by State: www.nasdds.org/state-agencies/ . Click on your state and then on “county boards” and select your county of residence. If there is no specific link to a consumer investment/empowerment fund, it does not mean there is no such fund in your state. Contact the council directly and inquire if they have available grants to help families & individuals with disabilities to attend conferences relating to that disability.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For **Chicago-area families**, Illinois StarNet has a Family Fellowship to reimburse parents for the expense of attending workshops, seminars, or conferences, up to \$200 annually: <https://starnetregionii.org/funding-opportunities/family-fellowship>. They give preference to in-state events, but it would still be worth a shot. The deadline appears to be ongoing.

Georgia: The Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities has the Dottie Adams Scholarship Fund with the goal of supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families by providing scholarship assistance to attend advocacy, learning events, and conferences. Applications are due at least 30 days before the event. Full details can be found here: <https://gcdd.org/learning-opportunities-support-fund-guidelines.html>

Michigan: The Children with Special Needs Fund (CSN Fund) Michigan parents with children (ages birth to 26 yrs.) who have, or are at increased risk for physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional challenges can apply for a scholarship to help defray the cost of attending a conference related to their child’s diagnosis. Youth (ages 14-26) can also apply to attend a conference related to their own diagnosis. Only conferences, virtual or in-person that provide an educational component related to the diagnosis and are located in the United States will be considered for reimbursement. <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/-/media/Project/Websites/mdhhs/Assistance-Programs/Childrens-Special->

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Services/Conference_Scholarship_Informational_Guide.pdf?rev=88b3ad8d9f5646c1a3312ddfe52f25ba&hash=BF61A63DA89E2050AF681BBE8DEC235B

North Carolina: The state's Jean Wolff-Rossi for Participant Involvement Fund offers up to \$800 per person (and up to \$1,800 per family) for participation in out-of-state conferences. Deadlines for application are 60 days prior to the registration date for an out-of-state event; decisions are made monthly on an ongoing basis: <https://nccdd.org/initiatives/conference-funding/jean-wolff-rossi-for-participant-involvement-fund.html>

Ohio: The Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Family Support Program may fund registration costs for conferences for families on topics related to the eligible individual. Prior approval is required for this program to fund training and conference attendance. The cost of these services will be deducted from your total annual program allowance. To check eligibility, email familysupport@cuyahogaBDD.org or by phone at 216-241-8230.

The Community Fund of Ohio Community offers grants to individuals who reside in Ohio and have a disability. <https://www.communityfundohio.org/grants/>

Ohio: The Community Fund Ohio has funding available: <https://www.communityfundohio.org/grants/>

Tennessee: The state's Council on Developmental Disabilities provides grants of up to \$500 for individuals and \$1,000 for families to attend conferences related to a family member's disability. Deadline is 30 days prior to the event: <https://www.tn.gov/cdd/engage-with-us/scholarship-fund.html>

NON PROFITS

Angel's Hands Foundations: Angel's Hands Foundation may be able to help with conference associated costs via their scholarship program. <https://www.angelshands.org/forms>

OTHER POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Funds may also be available through your church or synagogue; your local United Way, Kiwanis, Rotary Club, or Lions Club.

CROWDFUNDING

You may additionally consider a crowd funding campaign through a platform as an additional means for individuals' to raise money. These sites are generally easy to use, but check the costs of using the platform, their processing fees, and payout process and timeline. Please note though, that these funds CANNOT come directly to the SATB2 Gene Foundation, as we are unable to administer individual family specific scholarships. In these cases, the funds donated to support your individual efforts are NOT tax deductible.

<https://www.kickstarter.com/>

<https://www.gofundme.com/>

<https://www.spacehive.com/> for International Funding

<https://givebutter.com/>

We would like to acknowledge our friends at the Dup15q Alliance for their efforts in putting together this resource and for sharing with us so that we may assist more families within the rare disease community.

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