



SPECIAL EDUCATION LEGAL FUND

Special Education Legal Fund, Inc. (S.E.L.F.) is a sponsored project of Social Good Fund, a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Tax ID: 46-1323531. S.E.L.F.'s mission is to provide financial support to families in need with children in special education who require legal assistance in supporting their child's right to a free and appropriate public education.

Grant Application

- Special Education Legal Fund, Inc. accepts applications for grants on a rolling basis throughout the year. Families must submit applications and all supporting documentation in order for their grant application to be considered.
- Families applying for a grant from S.E.L.F. must agree to an interview conducted by a member of S.E.L.F.'s Grant Review Committee.
- Special Education Legal Fund, Inc. will pay providers directly for services rendered to grant applicants. No grants will exceed \$5000. Applicants may not request additional funding if legal expenses exceed the original estimate.
- Attorneys contracted by families supported by a S.E.L.F. grant must meet S.E.L.F.'s professional requirements. For a list of requirements, please refer to our website www.spedlegalfund.org in "Frequently Asked Questions."
- S.E.L.F. does not make recommendations for specific attorneys to applicant families. It is the applicant's responsibility to secure legal representation and to ensure that legal representation meets S.E.L.F.'s attorney requirements (see above).
- S.E.L.F. will not negotiate legal fees with an attorney on behalf of a qualified applicant family.
- Families receiving S.E.L.F. grants agree to notify S.E.L.F. of the results, financial or otherwise, of their legal action. S.E.L.F. requests and maintains this information on a confidential basis for tracking results over time.
- Families receiving S.E.L.F. grants agree to provide follow up data on a confidential basis on their child's social and educational process for three years after receiving the grant.
- If approved, grant recipients will be notified by phone or email after January 1st.
- NOTE: All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Please mail the completed application and all supporting materials to:

Special Education Legal Fund, Inc.

P.O. Box 7855

Greenwich CT 06836

Or email to christine@spedlegalfund.org

DO YOU OR DOES ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVE ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE? THIS INCLUDES MEDICAID, CHIP, WIC, ETC. (CIRCLE) YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE. ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.

WHAT WAS YOUR GROSS INCOME ON YOUR LAST TAX RETURN? _____
PLEASE ATTACH MOST RECENT TAX RETURN.

HAVE YOU DONATED MONEY TO SPECIAL EDUCATION LEGAL FUND, INC? (CIRCLE) YES NO

DO YOU OWN A SECOND HOME? (CIRCLE) YES NO

PARENT 2 NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD (CIRCLE): MOTHER FATHER STEPMOTHER STEPFATHER

SIBLING GRANDPARENT OTHER

STREET ADDRESS 1: _____

STREET ADDRESS 2: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

I PREFER TO BE CONTACTED BY (CIRCLE): HOME WORK CELL EMAIL

ARE YOU EMPLOYED? (CIRCLE): YES NO

OCCUPATION: _____

Parent 1 Name: _____

Parent 1 Signature : _____

Parent 2 Name: _____

Parent 2 Signature: _____

General Release

I/We certify that the statements provided in this application and supporting documentation are truthful and correct, to the best of our knowledge and ability. I/We wish to participate in the program provided by Special Education Legal Fund Inc. I/We understand that participating in this program is purely voluntary and the grants are provided by Special Education Legal Fund Inc in furtherance of its mission to level the playing field in special education for all families by providing financial support for families in need seeking special education legal assistance to support their child's rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

I/We agree to disclose the results of any legal action funded in whole or in part by Special Education Legal Fund Inc through its grants program to Special Education Legal Fund Inc. This information will be maintained on an anonymous basis and will be used by Special Education Legal Fund to evaluate the efficacy of the grants selection process. I/We agree to provide data on our child's progress to Special Education Legal Fund Inc for three years following the receipt of the initial and any subsequent grants. This information will be maintained anonymously and will be used by Special Education Legal Fund to evaluate the efficacy of the grants selection process. I/we hereby release, discharge, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless Special Education Legal Fund Inc., its officers, directors, agents, sponsors, attorneys, medical advisors, employees, and volunteers from all claims, demands, causes of action, present or future, whether known, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from, arising out of, or incident to our participation in the programs or benefits provided by Special Education Legal Fund Inc.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

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Signed: _____

GRANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- SIGNED COMPLETED APPLICATION
- CHILD'S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN (I.E.P.)
- CHILD'S EVALUATION
- INVOICE OR ESTIMATE FOR LEGAL SERVICES
- SUMMARY TAX RETURN/PROOF OF INCOME
- VERIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE
- SIGNED GENERAL RELEASE