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## **Joni and Friends Christian Fund for the Disabled Grant Guidelines**

### **Overview:**

The Christian Fund for the Disabled (CFD) is a matching grant program of Joni and Friends that demonstrates Christ's love by meeting practical needs of people affected by disability. Grants are also available to help churches and Christian organizations start or expand their service to individuals affected by disability. CFD grants have a maximum of \$2,500.00. Education scholarships are limited to \$1,500.00.

### **Purposes of the Christian Fund for the Disabled:**

1. Minister to the spiritual and practical needs of the disabled.
2. Connect those affected by a disability with a Bible-teaching church.
3. Raise disability awareness in the church and community.
4. Train Christians in disability ministry, equipping them to meet the spiritual and practical needs of the disabled.

### **When to Apply:**

There are four grant cycles each year: February-May, May-August, August-November, and November-February. Please contact the CFD Office for the current deadline.

### **Who May Apply:**

Individuals affected by disability: Grants are available to qualified individuals affected by disability who are sponsored by a church or Christian organization willing to provide matching funds.

Exceptions: Consideration will be given to individuals who are not able to procure matching funds.

However, a letter from the sponsoring church or organization is required. (See **Grant submission package must include** section below.)

Churches or Christian organizations: Churches or Christian organizations wishing to apply for a CFD grant must have a specific disability-related need. The total project budget must be less than \$100,000. Projects that exceed the grant limit of \$2,500: 80% of the total budget amount must be funded prior to submitting a grant request.

### **Funding Focus:**

Grants awarded through CFD must directly serve people affected by disability or organizations that seek to minister to them. Typically, applicants are restricted to one grant award.

Individuals: Funds are available for the following needs if not covered by insurance, Social Security, or any other support or funding source:

- Adaptive needs
- Equipment
- Rehabilitation
- Special treatments

A CFD grant may also be used for training or special education such as:

- Scholarships for Christian college (\$1,500 limit)
- Seminars and conferences with a disability focus

Churches or Christian organizations: Funds are available for such things as:

- Ramps
- Elevator
- Lift
- Handrails
- Accessible bathrooms
- Braille printer
- Special Needs classroom equipment
- ASL programs/training
- Training and support for disability ministries.

**The Christian Fund for the Disabled does NOT fund:**

- Medical bills, prescriptions, equipment, rehabilitation, or special treatments that are covered by insurance or any other funding source.
- Non-prescription drugs.
- General living expenses such as: mortgage, rent, repairs, car payments, utilities, food, etc.
- Paying off debts of any kind (including credit card charges or loans).
- “Wish List” items. Apply only for specific, current disability-related needs/items.
- Salaries or general operating expenses.
- Joni and Friends programs such as Family Retreat, Beyond Suffering Certificate program, or internships.
- Joni and Friends employees and their families do not qualify for CFD funds.

**Grant submission package must include:**

- Complete application form and budget. Note: all applicants must have a permanent street address.
- A single page endorsing letter from the sponsor organization (i.e., church, Christian organization, or Joni and Friends Area Ministry office).  
This letter should be on the organization’s letterhead and signed by an officer of the organization. The letter should summarize the need, state the amount requested, and verify the willingness of the sponsoring organization to receive and distribute the grant funds as needed, (funds are not sent directly to individual applicants); and, if applicable, the organization's intention to provide matching funds. Also include the name, address, phone number and email address of the contact person.
- Relevant support documents such as: written estimates, physician’s letter, college acceptance letter, conference application form, etc.
- Hold Harmless Agreement. Must be signed by the applicant.
- Statement of Faith. Must be signed by an official of the sponsoring organization.

Any questions may be directed to the CFD Coordinator at:

Email: [cfid@joniandfriends.org](mailto:cfid@joniandfriends.org)

Phone: 818-707-5664

Fax: 818-707-9709

Send completed application, cover letter, and any additional required documentation to:

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CFD Coordinator  
Joni and Friends  
P.O. Box 3333  
Agoura Hills, CA 91376