

Applying for a Grant for a Computer or Adaptation

*In this how to guide
you'll find out
about...*

- *How to find the right grant to apply for*
- *What information should you send?*
- *If you don't get the grant*
- *Other options*

How to find the Right Grant

There are thousands of foundations and grants that will help you support your child's entire IT needs. The sheer number of foundations wanting to help can put your head in a spin. We've listed some of the main grants available for computers in the Finance section of our directory. www.skybadger.co.uk/directory Just click on the Finance button and you'll find a huge list with various grants. Some only help with communication aids like the Nihal Armstrong Trust and other like Get online @Home offer huge discounts on laptops and computers. You can also check out the fantastic website - Disability Grants <http://www.disability-grants.org>



What information should you send?

Tell them in your letter or application...

Top Tips...

- *EXACTLY what you want? Include the price and where you'd like to get it from.*
- *Get a professional who knows your child to write a letter of support as to why your child needs the IT kit. That might be your Disability Social Worker, Occupational Therapist, Senco or class Teacher.*
- *Keep it short! One page of A4 is best*
- *If they ask for a stamped-addressed envelope, don't forget to send it!*

All about your disabled child

What is their diagnosis? How old are they? How does their disability affect them? If you can, tell them what kind of kid they are, hobbies, sense of humour, gorgeous smile or anything that helps them get to know your child better.

Where do they live? How can they contact you? What is your address, phone number and email address?

All about the new computer or adapted kit

How will your child's abilities, experience or learning be improved? How do you know it will help? Include supporting evidence from a professional if possible.

Your family's finances

Just be honest. Grant givers want to help, so be as frank as you can and explain why you can't afford the kit. It will probably help your chances of success if you can put some money in yourself or get the equipment funded by a few grants. If you have got part funding tell the grant givers how much and who from.

If you don't get the grant

Don't give up! Just find another grant giver. Remember it isn't personal; they may have used their budget up for the year. Thank them for getting back to you and ask them if they can recommend any other grants they think you should apply for.

Other options

If you check out Educational Apps and Gadgets in the Sky Badger School pages www.skybadger.co.uk/schools-carers/ , you'll find lots of companies and groups that make adaptations for free and some even tailor make IT kit for free.

Other How to Guides

Sly Badger have a wide range of *How to Guides* to help you in all areas of your lives. Download them on our website www.skybadger.co.uk or contact our ehelphdesk with any other questions.



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