

## SEALKIDS 2024 FAQs

Which services can I apply for?

- SEALKIDS offers the following services: tutoring, therapies not covered by Tricare, testing services, and advocacy. Work with your program specialist to determine the service you will be requesting on your grant application. There is no guarantee of funding of service or availability of service.

How do I know my grant request has been received?

- The primary contact listed on the grant application will receive email confirmation that a grant request has been made.

If I apply for a grant does this mean that I am automatically approved.

- No. If your grant is approved, you will receive a grant award notification.

Who determines if I receive a grant?

- The SEALKIDS Programs Committee makes award determinations on a yearly basis.

When can I apply for a grant?

- Grant requests may be made between June 1-June 30<sup>th</sup>.

How long is the SEALKIDS grant award good for?

- Yearly grants cover services from September 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>.

How do I apply for a SEALKIDS grant?

- For new families, go to the REQUEST HELP tab at [sealkids.org](https://sealkids.org) and submit a grant request.
- Returning families, go to the PORTAL LOGIN tab at [sealkids.org](https://sealkids.org) to access the SEALKIDS grant portal with your username and password.

How do I edit, make changes or submit supporting documentation for my grant application?

- Families can login to their portal account and upload supporting documentation into their grant application.

Once my grant request has been received, who do I contact for questions?

- Your confirmation email will include your program specialist's contact information based on your zip code.

How do I know if my grant has been approved?

- Grant determinations will be made by August 1 and the family primary point of contact will be notified by email. You will receive an award letter detailing your grant award. You should not begin services until you receive an award letter detailing your grant award.

If I received a previous grant award, will I automatically receive a grant award for the next school year?

- No, families must apply every year and are not guaranteed a grant award.

How do I confirm my eligibility?

- If active duty, we require a Statement of Service. If you are a new family, please email your program specialist for the approved sample of a Statement of Service.
- If retired SEAL or SWCC, we require a DD214.
- A valid SOCOM email is required for all active-duty personnel.

Do both parents receive email communication about the grant application?

- Only the primary point of contact receives email communication.

Can both parents access their grant applications?

- Each family account has one username and password.

Do I have to provide documentation that my child has a diagnosed learning disability?

- Yes, please provide documentation that shows the diagnosis from a physician or psychologist, or results of school testing. Some other documents may help to support your application, including IEP, 504 plan, or EFMP letter.

How will I receive important information and updates regarding my grant request?

- Families must identify a primary point of contact and all communication will be sent via email to this contact.
- The primary point of contact must provide a personal email address and phone number.

Can I submit an application after the open period?

- Grant requests may only be submitted during the open period.

If I don't use all of my grant funds, can they roll into next year?

- No, if your grant award is not used in full, you cannot roll those funds into the following year.

I have multiple children who need assistance. Do I have to fill out a grant request for each child?

- Yes, every child must have their own grant request. Each child's needs are different.

My child needs multiple services to support them. Can I request more than one type of service?

- No. Please submit only one grant request per child.

What happens if my matched tutor/therapist is not a good fit?

- Reach out to your program specialist immediately.

What happens if I want to cancel my grant? Can I have the grant funds for other uses?

- Reach out to your program specialist to cancel your grant. No, SEALKIDS grant funds can only be used to fund services with a matched provider.