



## Provider Guidelines

Family Hope Foundation provides financial assistance to families of children with special needs for therapy services that are not covered by their insurance. A Family Hope Foundation scholarship is paid directly to the provider when an applicant has been selected to receive an award.

Family Hope Foundation recognizes that many therapies can be extremely valuable for a child's progress and their ability to reach their full potential. The most popular therapies that we fund are: occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech & language therapy, music therapy, sensory integration therapy, cranial sacral therapy, Anat Baniel Method or Feldenkrais therapy, massage therapy and Auditory Integration Training. It is possible that Family Hope Foundation would provide support for a therapy not listed here.

In order for Family Hope Foundation to approve a therapy provider as the recipient of our funds, the provider must:

- Meet all professional standards for delivery of that type of therapy and provide copy of credentials (license, certification, State registration, etc.),
- Preferably, have at least five (5) years experience treating children for the purpose for which the applicant is seeking funds and for which the provider claims expertise (i.e. have five years pediatric speech therapy experience if applicant is a child seeking speech therapy; have five years experience treating children with autism if the provider claims to specialize in autism),
- Provide a therapy that is approved by the Family Hope Foundation Board of Directors (see below\*) and
- Agree to partner with Family Hope Foundation for service delivery to our scholarship recipient.

\*It is at the sole discretion of the Family Hope Foundation Board of Directors whether or not a provider meets our expectations and qualifies to be our Community Partner in delivering services to our scholarship recipients.

A list of Community Partner therapy providers can be found on our website at [www.thefamilyhopefoundation.org](http://www.thefamilyhopefoundation.org). This is a current list of therapy providers that have partnerships with Family Hope Foundation. This is **not** a complete list of providers a grant recipient may see for therapy; other providers may also be approved.

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