



## Restoring Hope In Autism: MyGOAL Inc. 2012 Enrichment Grants

“MyGOAL Inc.” is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that exists to provide assistance to caregivers of individuals on the Autism Spectrum. The primary focus of MyGOAL is to help families with little economic power access the same therapies and programs as those with financial capabilities.

MyGOAL Inc. is proud to offer a grant program that will enable families to take advantage of socialization and educational opportunities designed for individuals with special needs. Such interactive activities are beneficial for the development of individual(s) with Autism Spectrum Disorders, but often times these programs are not covered privately or by other third-party funding sources such as school districts. The purpose of the grants is to enrich the body, mind, and spirit of individual(s) with Autism Spectrum Disorders, resulting in a higher quality of life. Although awarded to the primary care-giver, it is with the understanding that the grant will be used to benefit the individual(s) with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

MyGOAL Inc. is now accepting applications for the *MyGOAL 2012 Enrichment Grant* program. Applicants who satisfy the grant criteria, complete the application, and meet the deadline (**Postmarked no later than March 15th**) will be considered for a grant. MyGOAL Inc. Enrichment Grants will be based upon a different theme each year, and will be awarded based upon a combination of perceived benefit to the individual(s) with Autism Spectrum Disorders and family economic need.

**This year the \$250 grants will be based upon the theme “recreation and physical activity” and would include opportunities such as:**

1. Camp
2. Sports
3. Exercise
4. Dance
5. Physical Therapy
6. Swimming

### **ENRICHMENT Grant guidelines:**

Applicants must be the primary care-giver of the individual on the Autism Spectrum and provide the following:

- Verification of Diagnosis for ASD
- Indication of Household Income (subject to verification if requested by the Award Committee)
- Number of dependents with ASD (a separate grant application may be submitted for each dependent)
- Name and overview information for the recreation/physical activity, contact information for the organization offering the program/activity, duration and total cost of the program/activity
- Short explanation of how the recreation/physical activity will benefit the individual(s) with ASD
- Confirmation that the recreation/physical activity will begin this calendar year
- Completed, signed and dated Enrichment Grant Application

**Please note:** Individuals are still eligible to apply for the annual Family Grant available later in the year. If the family is awarded an Enrichment Grant but later decides the individual(s) with ASD will not participate in the activity for which the award was granted, then they should immediately notify MyGOAL Inc. so that the matter can be assessed.

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## MyGOAL Inc. 2012 Enrichment Grant Application

Name of Individual(s) on Autism Spectrum: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Care-Giver / Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (City, State, and Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### The following must be received by MyGOAL Inc. in order to be considered for an Enrichment Grant:

- Verification of Diagnosis... **Attach to this form**
- Indicate Household Income (subject to verification if requested by the Award Committee)
  - Under \$9,999
  - \$10,000 - \$14,999
  - \$15,000 - \$19,999
  - \$20,000 - \$24,999
  - \$25,000 - \$29,999
  - \$30,000 - \$34,999
  - \$35,000 - \$39,999
  - \$40,000 - \$44,999
  - \$45,000 - \$49,999
  - \$50,000 - \$54,999
  - \$55,000 - \$59,999
  - \$60,000 - \$64,999
  - \$65,000 - \$69,999
  - \$70,000 - \$74,999
  - \$75,000 - \$79,999
  - \$80,000 and greater
- Number of total dependents = \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of dependents with Autism Spectrum Disorder = \_\_\_\_\_
- Name and overview information for the recreation/physical activity, contact information for the organization offering the program/activity, duration and total cost of the program/activity...  
Attach documentation to this form
- If the Enrichment Grant can be sent directly to the organization, the address where the funds should be sent
- No more than 250 word description of how the recreation/physical activity will benefit the individual(s) with ASD (grant application over this word amount will not be considered)... Attach to this form
- This form (MyGOAL, Inc. Enrichment Grant Application), completed, signed and dated
- I, the applicant, am the primary care-giver of the individual(s) on the Autism Spectrum and verify that all of the above information is true.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

### Enrichment Grant Applications must be mailed to:

#### MyGOAL Inc.

Attn: Grant Committee

P.O. Box 531, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852

Enrichment Grant Applications will be made available on **Jan 1, 2012** and due no later than **March 15, 2012**. (postmarked). The Award Committee will review all applications by **April 15, 2012** and notification to award recipient(s) will be mailed by **April 30, 2012**.

Faxed or e-mailed grant applications **will not** be accepted.

Incomplete grant applications **will not** be considered.

**All information submitted will be kept confidential and will be used only for purposes of reviewing application for eligibility.**

## Award Committee Considerations (Internal Document)

### Enrichment Grant Themes

- Spring 2012**      **Recreation and Physical activity**  
Suggestions: camp, swimming, sports, dance, exercise, physical therapy,
- Spring 2013**      **Nutrition and Health**  
Suggestions: diet, non-reimbursable medical expenses, vitamins, nutritional supplements, screenings, testing
- Spring 2014**      **Education and Skill Development**  
Suggestions: tutoring, language skills, job skills, occupational therapy, mentoring, afterschool program
- Spring 2015**      **Family Support**  
Suggestions: activities with siblings, counseling for parents, family counseling, networking with peers, Child care
- Spring 2016**      **Art and Self Expression**  
Suggestions: visual and performing art, communication, speech therapy, self-esteem development

### Award Guidelines

1. Although household income will be a consideration, the primary focus will be on the perceived benefit of the activity to the individual(s) with ASD and family circumstances.
2. Preference will be given to individuals living in the Tri-State area; however individuals living in other jurisdictions may also apply for the enrichment grants.
3. If there is more than one individual with ASD within a family, an Enrichment Grant application can be submitted for each individual.
4. The activity provider may be a religious organization; however the activity must be open to the public.
5. Programs offered over a longer duration and priced within a reasonable cost range are preferred.
6. The activity should begin this calendar year, but can continue into the following calendar year.
7. It would be ideal if there was some type of feedback/assessment from the family after the activity is completed to judge the impact of the Enrichment Grant Program.
8. An individual who is awarded an Enrichment Grant may still apply for the annual Family Scholarship Grant.
9. If the individual with ASD is awarded an Enrichment Grant but does not use it, then the Award committee will need to assess the situation (e.g., allow the family to use the funds for a different activity, reassign the funds to another family).