

Blanche Fischer Foundation - Individual Grant Eligibility Guidelines

Program Purpose

The Blanche Fischer Foundation (BFF) provides grants to Oregon residents with **permanent physical disabilities** for items or services that improve **independence, mobility, safety, or quality of life**.

Grant Amount and Frequency

- Up to \$1,500
- Available once every three years
- If approved, BFF pays the vendor/provider directly

Eligibility Requirements (Must Meet All)

You are eligible to apply if you:

1. Live in Oregon (proof required)
2. Have a permanent physical disability (medical letter required)
3. Demonstrate financial need (income and expense documentation required)
4. Request an item/service that directly supports independence, mobility, safety, or quality of life
5. Submit a Demonstration of Engagement statement (required in most situations)

Required Application Materials (Incomplete Applications Are Not Reviewed)

Your application must include:

1. Proof of Oregon residency
2. Medical verification letter on letterhead, signed, that:
 - confirms a permanent physical disability, and
 - clearly links your disability to the requested item/service and expected impact
3. Household income documentation (all household members, as applicable)
4. Household expense documentation (as required in the application)
5. Vendor quote/estimate/invoice for the requested item/service
6. Demonstration of Engagement (required in most situations)
A short statement describing steps you are taking to improve or maintain independence and the steps you have taken to address this need. If engagement is not currently possible, explain why (e.g., urgent safety needs, crisis/transition, access barriers).

Highly encouraged (not required): An advocacy/support letter

What We Fund (Examples)

- Assistive devices/technology (e.g., wheelchairs, hearing aids, adaptive equipment)
- Accessibility modifications (e.g., ramps, bathroom modifications)
- Vehicle modifications for disability access (e.g., lifts/hand controls)
- Durable medical equipment
- Direct services that improve independence (often provided by nonprofits)

What We Do Not Fund

- Vehicle purchases
- Rent, utilities, food, or other ongoing living expenses
- Routine medical costs (doctor visits, prescriptions, co-pays)
- Reimbursements for purchases made before approval
- Items reasonably covered by insurance or other available funding sources
- Items not clearly connected to a permanent physical disability and independence impact
- Capital campaigns/endowments; political or religious activities