

**In partnership with The HSC Foundation Kids Feeling Fit Foundation, Inc. is  
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## **THE LIFE ENRICHMENT AWARDS PROGRAM (LEAP)**

### **Purpose**

The Life Enrichment Awards Program (LEAP), established by The HSC Foundation, is designed to enrich the lives of youth and young adults with disabilities and chronic illnesses. Kids Feeling Fit Foundation's (KFFF) mission is to provide opportunities to improve the health and physical fitness of children and young adults with physical or emotional limitations whose families lack the financial resources to provide them. In Montgomery County in collaboration with KFFF LEAP will provide Scholarships to eligible 14 and 25 year olds to attend service providers who deal with health and physical fitness. KFFF Scholarships provide opportunities for these individuals to improve balance, coordination, cardiovascular endurance, kinesthetic awareness, and strength, gross and fine motor skills, sports skills, social skills, and self-esteem. Additionally, KFFF will provide for the purchase of tangible items directly linked to physical fitness, or youth transition planning, and implementation.

Examples of eligible awards include, but are not limited to: health and physical fitness programs, exercise equipment (for example, stationary bicycles, weights), and school- or job-specific tools, computers and/or assistive technology (needed for school, or work).

The program does not fund "life necessity" or medically-related goods, devices, and services, such as food, medicine, direct medical services, or housing. Additionally, LEAP will not fund for job coaching, psychological evaluations, or other services typically available from public service and/or government agencies.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for this program, the awardee must be between the ages of 14 and 25 with one of the following disabilities:

- Mental retardation
- Hearing impairments (including deafness)
- Speech or language impairments
- Visual impairments (including blindness)
- Serious emotional disturbance
- Orthopedic impairments
- Autism
- Traumatic brain injury, or
- Other health-experiencing developmental delays, as measured by appropriate diagnostic instruments and procedures, in one or more of the following areas: physical development, cognitive development, communication development, social or emotional development, or adaptive development; and who, by reason

thereof, needs special education and/or health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally.

Additionally, the awardee must be actively engaged in a transition process and their requested good or service must be directly linked to transition planning and implementation, such as youth development services, tools for transition, and support services.

**How to Apply:**

Complete a LEAP application and forward in an email to:

Kids Feeling Fit Foundation,

11140 Rockville Pike, Suite 100, No. 163,

Rockville, MD 20852

[www.kidsfeelingfit.org](http://www.kidsfeelingfit.org).

Should you have any questions, call KFFF (240-430-0834).