



Application Guidelines

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The TEARS Foundation pays the funeral home and/or cemetery directly and we ask that funds are not passed through to the family; there must be an outstanding balance in order to receive assistance.

Infant Funeral Assistance (20 weeks gestation up to one year old):

- Baby was between 20 weeks gestation up to one year old, please fill out Infant Application
- TEARS offers assistance up to **\$500 towards the cost of burial services**, including grave markers
- TEARS offer assistance of up to **\$250 towards cremation and professional services** (including, but not limited to, transportation, cremation container, professional services, and funeral services). And an **additional \$250** of assistance may be offered if the family chooses a special urn, merchandise, remembrance jewelry, or similar items that go beyond the original \$250.

Charlie and Braden Project (Age 1-12 years)

- Children 1 -12 years of age. This is for unexpected death of a child (accident, SUDC, homicide, or suicide)
- TEARS offers assistance up to \$500

Jesse's Grant Program (20 weeks gestation up to one year old)

- We typically purchase flat granite markers who would normally qualify for funeral assistance.
- Must be at least 6 months from the date of loss
- If cemetery requires a specific marker, and ours does not qualify, TEARS may offer up to \$500 towards the cost.

How to apply: Email: office@thetearsfoundation.org; Through our online application; Fax: (253) 848-0299

- Completely fill out the **appropriate Application for Assistance**, and email or fax it to us, along with an *itemized statement of the services* rendered and a copy of either the *death certificate or fetal death certificate* (if fetal death certificate we need both pages).
- If you are waiting for a final death certificate, please send in the working copy (abstract) with the file to get the process started

What we do not pay for or fund:

- TEARS does not pay for funeral expenses **30 days past the services**, airfare, obituary postings or other extraordinary items
- We are not able to financially assist families with a loss under 20 weeks gestation; however they can still submit a request for emotional support and will be given other resources.
- We are not able to financially assist families whose pregnancies have been medically terminated; however they can still submit a request for emotional support and will be given other resources.

Note: Each family will be called by the TEARS office to confirm need. If you would like to expedite the process a family member may call the TEARS office while they are in your office or from home and leave a message either via email or phone confirming their need. **If you have additional questions: Call us at 253-200-0944 or email at office@thetearsfoundation.org**