

Autism Society Bayou Mini-Grant Application

(updated July 16, 2017)

Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by November 30, 2017

NOTE: To be eligible for an Autism Society Bayou Mini-Grant, you **must** be a member of Autism Society Bayou or become a member. Proposals should be in the \$100-\$500 range, but in no case can any single application request exceed \$1000. The Mini-Grant Committee reserves the right to reduce the funding level based on funds available in the budget for that program. By submitting this application, you indicate that you have read and understood, and have agreed to the Mini-Grant Guidelines published on the Autism Society Bayou website, www.bayouautism.org

1. In a separate attachment, or piece of paper, in 200 words or less, describe the purpose of the funds you are requesting from Autism Society Bayou, how much money you are requesting, and how the funds will be spent.
2. What good outcomes or benefits (and for what populations) do you expect if your project is funded?
3. How will you measure or show success? (data collection, graphs, video, or photos, etc.)
4. Give timeline and duration of project.
5. What experience qualifies you for the proposed project?
6. Are you presently a member of Autism Society Bayou? Yes ____ or No, but I agree to join Autism Society Bayou ____
7. My contact information is (Name, Phone Numbers, daytime and evening; home mailing address and preferred email address):
8. The mailing address of my Parish/District Office and/or School is:
9. My Principal or Supervisor supports this application and a letter from this person is attached.
10. Names and address of 1 to 3 persons who will support this project.

Submit application with required documentation via email to: bayouautism@yahoo.com or via postal mail to: Autism Society Bayou, PO Box 551, Amelia, LA 70340. Contact Autism Society Bayou at email address above if you have any questions or concerns.

The Mission of Autism Society Bayou is to promote and advocate for the general welfare of persons with autism, to support the families of individuals with autism spectrum disorders and to raise awareness of all aspects of autism which affect the families. Like our national organization, The Autism Society, Autism Society Bayou works toward "improving the lives of all affected by autism."

Autism Society Bayou Mini-Grants Guidelines

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Autism Society Bayou offers Mini-Grants to area educators and professionals to provide supplemental funding to schools employing innovative and creative methods for teaching children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

1. Mini-Grants are available to educators and professionals in the five (5) parishes served by Autism Society Bayou who work with at least one student diagnosed with an ASD. The five (5) parishes included are: Assumption, Lafourche, St. Mary, Terrebonne and Lower St. Martin.
2. Each applicant must be a member of Autism Society Bayou or become a member of Autism Society Bayou. There is no fee for membership. To become a member, a membership application must be submitted. Membership applications are available on the Autism Society Bayou website, www.bayouautism.org
3. Successful Mini-Grant applicants typically request \$100 to \$500 per proposal, with no single application (from one individual or group) to exceed \$1000. Group submissions are acceptable. The Autism Society Bayou Mini-Grant Committee reserves the right to reduce the funding amount dependent on the quality of the proposal and monies available.
4. Proposal must specify one or more methods of assessing, measuring, or in some way evaluating the success of the project if funded.
5. Examples of requests that are not eligible for funding include, but are not limited to: rehabilitation treatment supplies; continuing education/training; payments for medical testing or rehabilitation services such as ABA, speech therapy, physical or occupational therapy.
6. The Mini-Grant Committee of at least 5 to 7 members, consisting of parents and professionals, will review the Mini-Grant applications.
7. There are no restrictions on the number of times an applicant (or group) may apply. However, if applicant has previously received a Mini-Grant from Autism Society Bayou, they must have provided evidence of the effectiveness of their project funding in order to be eligible to apply for additional funding.
8. The Mini-Grant submission deadline is **November 30, 2017**. Approved applicants will be notified by **December 9, 2017**. Mini-Grants will be awarded **December 16, 2017** at the annual Christmas party.
9. Any award checks will be made payable to the school/clinic for the recipient/applicant's use.
10. Applicants must agree to provide evidence of the effectiveness of their project if funding is received. Acceptable evidence may consist of pictures, videos, documentation logs, improved test scores, or other data showing improvements or benefits attributable to the project. Applicants agree to be available for public presentation of their findings if requested by Autism Society Bayou. The evidence of effectiveness must be returned to Autism Society Bayou by **June 16, 2018** for any recipient to be eligible to apply for additional funding in the next grant cycle.
11. Mini-Grant recipients will be recognized via Autism Society Bayou's website and Facebook page.