SMAS Patient Assistance
The Alecia Boggs Memorial
Grant Application

Please be aware that personal information is being asked of you. All personal information will remain confidential. Failure to provide all requested documentation will result in an immediate denial.

Superior Mesenteric Artery Syndrome Research Awareness and Support, Inc. ("SMASRAS") provides up to $750 grants to assist anyone with Superior Mesenteric Artery Syndrome including a Parent or Guardian with an SMAS Patient in their care.

This Grant can be used to cover rent or mortgage payments, utility bills, money for groceries, and funeral expenses. (All bills, including rent and mortgage, will be paid directly).

Please be aware that being awarded this grant makes you ineligible for the SMAS Medical Grant. (Subject to change)

GRANT APPLICATION

Superior Mesenteric Artery Syndrome Research Awareness and Support, Inc. ("SMASRAS") provides up to $500 grants to assist anyone with Superior Mesenteric Artery Syndrome including a Parent or Guardian. **Please call 214-675-7938 or email staci.smas.npo@gmail.com for questions**

To apply for funds, do you meet these criteria?

Do you reside in the United States? _____YES _____ NO

Do you, or a child in your care, have a diagnosis of Superior Mesenteric Artery Syndrome (SMAS)?

_____YES _____ NO

Date diagnosis received: _____

Are you able to provide documentation to support your diagnosis?

_____YES _____ NO

If so, return with grant application

Are you currently receiving treatment for SMAS under the care of a physician?

_____YES _____ NO

Physician Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

By applying and/or receiving a grant I also agree to share nonprofit fundraisers with friends and family. I understand this is my way of "giving back" and ensuring that the nonprofit continues to have funds to assist other SMAS patients. _____YES _____ NO (Declining will not impact board's decision regarding grant approval)

Biographical Details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Cell Number: _____

How did you hear about us/who referred you to us? _____

DOB: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

Employment Background

If a minor, guardians must fill out employment information

1. Are you working? _____yes _____no (skip to 2)

   Indicate name of your current employer (if not currently employed, indicate last employer): _____

   Address: _____

   Phone Number: _____

2. Are you currently in school? _____yes _____no

3. Are you married? _____yes _____no

   If married, indicate name of spouse's current employer (if spouse not currently employed, indicate spouse's last employer: _____

   Address: _____

   Phone Number: _____

4. What is your annual household income?

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***Please provide proof of income (SSDI/SSI, Tax Returns, Last 2 Pay Stubs)**

How many individuals are in the household? _____

Do you receive any other assistance?

_____YES _____ NO

If yes, please explain_____

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Grants will be used for:

$_____ Rent/Mortgage
$_____ Utility Bills
$_____ Groceries
$_____ Funeral Expenses

Please explain what funds will be used for and provide documentation/Payee Information

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TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTING: $_____
SMASRAS does not provide treatment; we provide funds. Funds will be paid directly to all billing services.

Please use this page and any additional pages to provide further information that you feel will assist your application.

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Read and Agree to Terms:

By signing below, I have read and agree to the General Grant Terms and Conditions found at: www.smasyndrome.org

Print Applicant Name: _____

_____ _____

Applicant Signature Date

If Applicant is a minor:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

HIPAA AUTHORIZATION

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, _____(Name), understand that the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") limits who can see my protected medical information. I intend for any agent named in this release to be treated as I would be treated with respect to my rights regarding the use and disclosure of my individually identifiable health information and other medical records. This release applies to any information governed by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), 42 U.S.C. 1320d and 45 C.F.R. 160-164. I am executing this authorization because there may be certain healthcare information that is necessary for my medical providers to share with my agent under my healthcare power of attorney or with my partner if I am incapacitated.

AUTHORIZATION

I, _____ (Name), authorize the disclosure of any information governed by HIPAA to be provided to the authorized person identified below:
Name: _SMAS Patient Assistance_____
Address: PO BOX 555 Bonham, TX_____ Telephone: __903-227-0778

Accordingly, I hereby authorize any physician, health-care professional, dentist, health plan, hospital, clinic, laboratory, pharmacy or other covered health-care provider, any insurance company, any medical information bureau, or other health-care clearinghouse that has provided treatment or services to me, or that has paid for or is seeking payment from me for such services, to give, disclose and release to the above-referenced authorized person without restriction, all of my individually identifiable health information and medical records regarding any past, present, or future medical or mental health condition of any kind, including all information relating to the diagnosis and treatment of extremely personal/highly sensitive conditions including but not limited to HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, mental illness, or substance abuse. The authority given to the authorized person shall supersede any prior agreement that I may have made with my healthcare providers to restrict access to or disclosure of my individually identifiable health information. The authority given herein expires only if I revoke this HIPAA Release in writing and deliver it to my healthcare provider. There are no exceptions to my right to revoke this HIPAA Release. This authorization is not affected by my subsequent incapacity or disability.

Print Applicant Name: _____

_____ _____
Applicant Signature Date

If Applicant is a minor:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Patient Advocate Form

Instructions:

1. Complete the form if you wish for SMAS Patient Assistance to act as your Patient Advocate
2. Make sure to give your health care provider a copy
3. Keep a copy in a safe place
4. Take this form with you if you are admitted to the hospital
5. Provide written documentation to smasras@gmail.com or PO BOX 555 to rescind permission

Patient's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

My Advocate(s):

Name: Staci Gruber Signature: Staci Gruber

Phone: 214-675-7938

Name: Tara Williams Signature: Tara Williams

Phone: 214-697-7451

My Patient Advocate needs to be able to: (Check as many as apply):

- ☐ Be present, in person or on phone, when the doctor or provider speaks with me
- ☐ Be present, in the room or on phone, after an exam to write down information and instructions
- ☐ Ask questions about my health care and test results
- ☐ Get information on my behalf
- ☐ Access my medical health records

To complete the application process please:

1. Fill out the entire application.
2. Include medical records showing SMAS diagnosis
3. Sign the application.
4. Include copies of paystubs or SSDI/SSI and a copy of your most recent federal income tax return. If you did not file, please just state why and submit with application.
5. Provide bills including payment instructions
6. Return entire application via mail:

   SMAS Patient Assistance
   Attn: Grant Department
   PO BOX 555
   Bonham, TX 75418

   *To speed up process, email application to staci.smas.npo@gmail.com
7. In order to keep applications anonymous we request that you leave your name off the return address section of the envelope. You can instead use "SMAS Applicant."
8. Once you have mailed in your application please email staci.smas.npo@gmail.com stating that your application has been mailed. This is important because any communication regarding your application will be done through email only.

Please be aware that failure to fill out the entire application or failure to include all documentation needed could result in a delayed review and decision.

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