



Bertelsen Award Guidelines

DREAM is a nonprofit family support group. The mission of DREAM is to increase the acceptance, understanding, and quality of life of individuals with Down syndrome in Montana through support, education, and advocacy. We want to ensure that all people with Down syndrome have happy and productive lives and are fully included in the community.

In support of our mission statement our goals include:

- Providing support and information for families having a child with Down syndrome. *(New Parent Packet & Support group meetings)*
- Promoting awareness, understanding, and acceptance of individuals with Down syndrome in the community. *(Annual Bozeman Buddy Walk)*
- Providing medical and therapeutic equipment for individuals with Down syndrome. *(Grant program)*
- Providing funding for medical expenses for individuals with Down syndrome. *(Grant program)*
- Supporting continuing education and recreational opportunities for individuals with Down syndrome. *(The Bertelsen Award)*
- Promoting research to enhance the quality of life for individuals with Down syndrome. *(7% of Buddy Walk proceeds to National Down Syndrome Society)*

As is evident in our goals above, we realize that individuals with Down syndrome often seek educational and recreational opportunities through tutors and classes offered in their communities. The Bertelsen Award was developed to assist families and/or individuals with these costs.

1. Eligibility:

- a. Person for whom the funding is designated must have Down syndrome.
- b. Montana residents are eligible to apply for funding. Parents, guardians or caregivers may assist with the application.
- c. Eligible expenses include any continuing education classes or arranged tutoring/educational sessions that nurture physical, intellectual, or spiritual growth. For example, art classes, life skills education, recreational/exercise instruction, technology instruction, and similar endeavors are all eligible. Related expenses, such as equipment necessary to complete the education, will be considered as well.

2. Amount/Limit:

- a. Approximately \$300-500 per applicant. The exact amount will be determined based on Buddy Walk donations each year.
- b. Funding will be based on need, availability of funds, and first come, first serve basis. Please email us (see below) to find out if funds are available.
- c. Payment will be either reimbursement with proof of payment or paid directly to the provider of the service or item being purchased.

3. Application process and deadlines:

- a. Applicants must fill out the Bertelsen Award application form, which includes documentation of all expected expenses.
- b. Applications should be mailed to:
 - DREAM
 - PO Box 6051
 - Bozeman, MT 59771
- c. Applications will be reviewed by the DREAM board of directors three times per year (the third Sundays of October, January, and April) and a board member will contact you after the meeting.
- d. DREAM reserves the right to change the terms of this grant program at any time.

Please contact one of the board members listed on the “Contacts” portion of our website if you have any questions.