Kansas Deaf-Blind Fund Questions & Answers(cont.)

Can a student who has severe multiple disabilities access the fund?

Yes. Students with severe multiple disabilities can access the fund beginning January 1 of the fiscal year. The applications will be put in a pending file and processed on a first serve basis until the monies are expended or encumbered.

Whom do I contact if I have questions about the funding application?

Contact either Joan Houghton, EdD or Cynthia Penrod at 785.296.7454, email: cpenrod@ksde.org, or contact the toll free number 1.800.203.9462.

DEAF-BLIND FUND CALENDAR

July 1	Applications are reviewed and approved.
May 15	Application window is open.
June 1	Reimbursement forms are due.
June 15	Reimbursement forms window closes.

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Who can access the state Deaf-Blind Fund?

Any infant, toddler, child, or young adult who is between the ages of birth through 21 years of age and is certified deaf-blind and / or with severe multiple disabilities based on the December 1 child count data may access to the fund until the fund is depleted.

What is the maximum amount of funding that can be requested for a student?

The maximum amount of funding that can be requested for a student is up to $3,000.00 per fiscal year. The fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30.

Can students who are receiving homebound services or are being home schooled access the fund?

Students who are receiving homebound or are home schooled can access the fund **only if** they are receiving these services through their local education agencies.

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What students have priority status accessing the fund?

The following categories of students are considered priority candidates for funding:

- students who have current deaf-blind certification
- children; birth through 2 years
- students who have exited or will be exiting a state hospital to their neighborhood schools
- students who have a documented hearing loss and a suspected vision loss who are in need of an evaluation
- students who have a documented vision loss and a suspected hearing loss who are in need of an evaluation

When is the earliest date a funding application can be submitted if a student is certified deaf-blind?

The earliest date that an application can be submitted is May 15 or after for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The application will be date stamped and placed in a pending file. Applications are reviewed on a first come first serve basis beginning July 1 of each fiscal year.

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Who initiates a student's Deaf-Blind Fund application?

All funding applications must be initiated and processed by the student's local education agency and signed by the Special Education Director or designee.

What are the priority areas for funding?

- Assistive/Instructional Technology
- Consultation
- Evaluation

What happens to the equipment purchased with Deaf-Blind Fund money when a student moves?

If the student moves to another district in Kansas, the equipment would follow the student to the receiving local education agency.

If the student ages out, moves out of state, or graduates the equipment remains in the possession of the local education agency unless the equipment is personalized for the student's needs (e.g., glasses, hearing aids, AFO's, mouth switch, etc.).