**STARK DD – FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES (FSS) 2025-2026 APPLICATION**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO 2950 Whipple Ave. NW, Canton Ohio 44708**

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| FAMILY MEMBER **WITH** DISABILITY | FAMIL Y MEMBER **APPLYING** FOR FSS FUNDS |
| NAME (first, middle, last): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  CITY / STATE / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   |  |  | | --- | --- | | BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | SOCIAL SECURITY# \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |  | | | NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  RELATIONSHIP TO INDIVIDUAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| IS THE INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? **Please check Yes or No**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | IO WAIVER:  YES  NO | TDD WAIVER:  YES  NO | | LEVEL ONE WAIVER:  YES  NO | HOME CARE:  YES  NO | | SELF WAIVER:  YES  NO | OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | **Please check yes or No**  IS THE INDIVIDUAL PLACED WITH YOU AS A FOSTER CHILD?  YES  NO  IS THE INDIVIDUAL ADOPTED?  YES  NO  DOES THE FAMILY RECEIVE AN ADOPTION SUBSIDY FOR THE APPLICABLE CHILD?  YES  NO |
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| CO-PAYMENT SCHEDULE **– TAXABLE INCOME** not Gross Income **(**Indicate the reported **household** income for 2024. | PLEASE INDICATE WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING FSS FUNDED SERVICES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING (you may select more than one).  Based on your selection, Stark DD will send additional information/forms related to those specific service(s).   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Respite Care (in or out of home) | Adaptive Equipment | | Home Modification(s) | Special Diet | | Transportation (SARTA Passes) | Incontinence Supplies | | Counseling, Education Training, Therapy | Camps, horseback riding, dance, swim, ice skating, other recreation | | Other: | | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | TAXABLE INCOME | FAMILY % Copayment | | $27,258 or less | 0% | | $27,259 - $37,759 | 10% | | $37,760 - $48,260 | 30% | | $48,261 - $62,261 | 50% | | $62,262 - $79,762 | 75% | | $79,763 and over | 100% | |
| I certify the above information is true:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  APPLICANT SIGNATURE DATE INDIVIDUAL SIGNATURE (if over 18 years-old) DATE | |
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| **DETERMINATION: FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY.** | |
| APPLICATION APPROVED APPLICATION DENIED | ALLOCATION AMOUNT APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUPON MAIL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  FSS COORDINATOR INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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**GUIDELINES**

**ELIGIBILITY**: Individuals applying for FSS funds **must** be previously determined eligible for services from the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Stark DD). This eligibility is determined at age 3, 6 and 16. If you are unsure you are eligible for services from Stark DD Intake, please call 330-479-3582.

FSS funds are designated for individuals (children and adults) living at home with their families. The use of FSS funds are to be directly related to improving the living environment and/or facilitating the care of the individual. **Individuals *residing in an ICF/DD home/ facility* *are not eligible* for these funds**. **Further, individuals placed through *foster care, adopted individuals (receiving an adoption subsidy) and those who are enrolled on a HCBS waiver* or other similar funding source *are not eligible*.**

**ALLOCATION:** Stark DD’s FSS Program operates on a fiscal year beginning on July 1st of each year. The maximum annual allocation per eligible individual may vary each year based on the expected number of applicants. The maximum annual allocation per eligible individual is pro-rated throughout the year based on application received date. The specific allocation per family is based on the family’s reported taxable income from the prior year. See below:

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| **DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED:** | **MAXIMUM ALLOCATION PER FISCAL YEAR** |
| 7/1/2025 – 9/30/2025 | $750 |
| 10/1/2025 – 12/31/2025 | $570 |
| 1/1/2026 - 3/31/2026 | $380 |
| 4/1/2026 - 6/30/2026 | $190 |

**AVAILABLE SERVICES:**

1. Special Equipment / Modifications – Sensory items, therapy balls, communication devices, adaptive car seats and strollers, etc.
2. The purchase of typical toys/items is not supported under this program (e.g. non-adapted strollers, car seats, puzzles, games, etc.)
3. Special Dietary Items - Specialized formula, shakes, thickeners, etc., can be secured with FSS funds.
4. Incontinence Supplies – Disposable diapers, wipes, pads, plastic sheets, etc.
5. Recreation (Dance, Horseback Riding, Camps, Swim Lessons, Ice Skating, etc.)
6. Counseling, Training & Education, Therapy Services
7. Transportation (SARTA passes)-SARTA passes can be purchased with FSS funds.
8. Respite Care- Families can choose DODD certified providers or someone of their choosing. It is not required that the selected provider has provider certification. This service can occur within or outside the family home. Excluded is anyone who shares a residence with the individual or a parent of the child. **FSS Disclaimer Form is required to be completed, and submitted to FSS department prior to respite being provided. Private Respite Billing Form is then mailed to family after disclaimer form is reviewed/ approved.**