



**In order to serve area families with the greatest need,
Fred's Footsteps follows these guidelines for reviewing applications and
determining funding to families.**

- There must be a demonstrated and direct relationship between the child's illness/injury and the family's current financial needs, otherwise not related to previous debt and/or other issues.
- The child must be seriously or chronically ill at the time of the request and receiving medical treatment, but not necessarily hospitalization.
- One of the primary caregivers must be employed or have an established work history with any recent change in work status as due to the child's illness/injury.
- The child must be younger than the age of 18. Please contact program manager to discuss any exceptions.
- The family must live in one of the following counties:
 - **NJ**- Atlantic, Cape May, Ocean, Cumberland, Salem, Camden, Gloucester, Burlington, Mercer
 - **PA** - Lancaster, Northampton, Berks, Chester, Lehigh, Bucks, Philadelphia, Delaware, Montgomery
 - **DE** - New Castle.
- If applying for a home renovation, equipment, or an accessible vehicle:
 - A minimum of two estimates must be submitted with the request
 - If the request is for a project/van that is over \$10,000, a detailed explanation for how the remainder will be funded must be included.
- Please note: Fred's Footsteps does not pay credit card bills, student loans, personal loans, or medical bills.
- All applications *must* be completed and submitted by a hospital social worker unless otherwise approved in advance by Fred's Footsteps.
 - Applications submitted by social work interns must be cosigned by their supervising social worker

Please understand that even if it appears that an applicant meets the basic guidelines for assistance, our resources are limited and therefore we can only award funding to families who best meet our mission.