



Erin's Star, Inc. was created by Cara Bean in honor of her 3 year old daughter, Erin Bean, who passed away as the result of a tragic drowning accident. One of the organization's main missions is to provide a tangible resource for Southern Maryland families to protect their autistic child in the event of wandering or elopement. Erin was undiagnosed autistic; she was on a waiting list for assessment and formal diagnosis. Unfortunately, the risk for wandering or elopement does not wait for a specialist to take action - it is already present. Erin's family believes that a wearable GPS tracking device would have drastically reduced the time spent searching for her, and possibly saved her life. For that reason, Erin's Star is pleased to offer wearable GPS tracking devices to Southern Maryland families to start safeguarding their child with autism immediately. Eligibility is not determined by diagnosis, but at a minimum with a referral for autism assessment.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Minor child (under the age of 18) with autism. Children without a formal diagnosis must have a referral for assessment from their pediatrician.
- Application must be completed by parent or legal guardian.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

A copy of the following documents must be provided to process this application. (**For security measures please black out your SSN on all documents**) INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS **WILL NOT** BE ACCEPTED.

- Driver's License and proof of current residency.
- Medical documentation of autism diagnosis from the child's most recent evaluation OR copy of physician's referral for an autism assessment.

### **MISSION FORWARD REQUIREMENTS**

The purpose of this grant is to protect Southern Maryland children with autism from the dangers of wandering or elopement. To further our mission, we respectfully ask that you help us promote autism awareness and childhood drowning prevention.

- Family will acknowledge and share Erin's Star content on social media outlets.
- Family will relay to Erin's Star any new (local, regional or national) resources they have found related to autism or drowning prevention. This information will be shared through Erin's Star website to educate the community.



## **DEVICE OPTIONS**

The technology industry has provided numerous options for wearable GPS tracking capabilities. The most popular for autistic children with sensory needs is AngleSense.

- Erin's Star is committed to covering the upfront cost to purchase the AngelSense device as well as a one (1) year annual service subscription.
- Families who cancel their service prior to the end of the subscription period should notify Erin's Star immediately and return the device.
- Subscription renewal is optional at the end of the first service year.
- Families must reapply for financial assistance for subsequent years of service. Erin's Star reserves the right to discontinue financial assistance after the first year of service.
- Erin's Star will consider providing financial assistance for other wearable GPS tracking devices. Please provide a letter describing the reason your child and/or family is better suited to another option.

## **SUBMISSION**

- Please send completed application and supporting documentation to [info@erinsstar.org](mailto:info@erinsstar.org) with the subject: GPS tracking device application
- All personal and medical information contained in the scholarship application will remain confidential and be destroyed after processing.

Please print

Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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GPS Tracking Device Application  
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**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN BELOW:**

I hereby certify that the information in this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that it is my responsibility to notify Erin's Star, Inc. in writing of any change in the information supplied on this application, as it may affect my eligibility for assistance. I understand that every part of this application must be completed and that I must provide adequate proof of my child's autism diagnosis or referral in order for my application to be processed. I understand that incomplete applications cannot be processed. Should my application be approved I will sign a waiver agreeing to hold harmless Erin's Star, Inc. from any and all liability associated with the wearable GPS tracking device.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Printed Name of Applicant

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