

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

# Kelley Therapeutic Shoe Fund Grant Application

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The Therapeutic Shoe Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation was established by Jane Kelley to fund therapeutic shoes to eligible elderly and/or disabled Berkshire men and women. To be eligible, applicants a) must need shoe adjustments to prevent pressure areas caused by foot deformities, for instance, and must be advised by healthcare providers that they would benefit from receiving therapeutic shoes; and b) should be able to demonstrate that financial assistance is needed to obtain the shoes. Applicants should verify that their therapeutic shoes would not be covered by insurance.

Individuals who have received support from the Fund may reapply no fewer than two years from the date of their previous grant.

To facilitate verification of applicants' needs, medical and nursing professionals are invited to complete applications on behalf of eligible individuals.

Name of Agency or Healthcare Professional \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person at Agency or Healthcare Center \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (with extension) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's address \_\_\_\_\_

What is the medical reason that the applicant needs therapeutic shoes? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is the applicant a full-time resident of Berkshire County? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why does the applicant not have insurance coverage for therapeutic shoes? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why does the applicant need financial assistance to get the shoes? \_\_\_\_\_

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Estimated Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount applicant can contribute to the cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions:**

Please contact Caitlin Healy, Grants & Scholarships Operations Manager, at 413-229-0370 or via email at [grants@berkshiretaconic.org](mailto:grants@berkshiretaconic.org).

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Examples of therapeutic shoe vendors in the area:

Adaptive Prosthetics & Orthotics, LLC, Pittsfield, MA	413.443.4431
Adaptive Prosthetics & Orthotics, LLC, Bennington, VT	413.278.2239
Barrington Outfitters, Great Barrington	413.528.0021
Orthotics & Prosthetics Labs, Springfield, MA	413.737.2404
Hanger Clinic: Prosthetics & Orthotics, Albany, NY	518.435.0840
General Orthopedics, Colonie, NY	518-869-0021

We suggest the following procedure:

1. Obtain a referral for therapeutic shoes from your doctor or registered nurse.
2. Complete and submit this application form. Include a copy of the referral.
3. If your application is successful, make an appointment with a vendor for a shoe fitting. Let us know in advance about your appointment and we will let the vendor know about your grant.

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**This application must be endorsed below by a doctor or registered nurse.**

It is my professional judgment that the applicant is need of therapeutic shoes for the following reason(s):

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_