



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation?

A. The Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity that grants financial assistance to children and families of children suffering from rare diseases and disorders.

Q. Who is Thomas Patrick Morrison?

A. Thomas Patrick Morrison was born on October 23, 2005, and passed into eternal rest on January 20, 2006, just three days shy of his three month birthday. Tests made available only after Thomas passed away revealed that he died as a result of mpv17 deletion, which is a mitochondrial depletion disorder.

Q. What types of financial assistance are available from the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation?

A. The Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation provides one-time grants to cover the cost of necessary treatments, procedures, and therapies, as well as living-quarter expenses and accommodations for affected children. In certain circumstances, the Foundation will also pay the transportation and lodging expenses of the family of an affected child, particularly during the period of a child's hospitalization.

Q. What are the age requirements in order to be eligible to receive financial assistance from the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation?

A. In order to receive funds from the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation, the affected individual must be 17 years of age or younger.

Q. What are the medical requirements in order to be eligible to receive financial assistance from the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation?

A. The affected individual must suffer from a rare disease or disorder, as determined by the Foundation's Grants Review Committee. The Grants Review Committee consists of a neonatologist and a primary care physician, in addition to a health care administrator and representatives of the Foundation's Board of Directors. Detailed medical information must be submitted to the Grants Review Committee in the prescribed form, and be verified by a treating physician.

Q. What are the financial requirements in order to be eligible to receive assistance from the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation?

A. Financial assistance is only available if insurance and other financial assistance programs do not cover the goods or services for which financial assistance is requested, and the affected family demonstrates financial need.

Q. Are there any other limitations on the award of financial assistance by the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation?

A. Due to its limited resources, the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation currently limits grants of financial assistance to families residing in New York State, with preference given to families residing in the Capital Region, including the counties of Albany, Columbia, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady.

Q. How do I apply for financial assistance from the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation?

A. In order to receive financial assistance from the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation, the parent or guardian of an affected child must submit a properly-completed application to the Foundation. Applications may be obtained by calling or emailing the Foundation.

Q. How can I make a contribution to the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation?

A. Please visit the [Support Us](#) page on our website (www.tpmfoundation.org) for information as to how you can make a contribution to the Foundation or participate in one of our fundraisers.

Q. Are contributions to the Foundation tax deductible?

A. Yes. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity. Contributions are deductible to the full extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and State tax laws.

Q. What is the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation Golf Classic?

A. The Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation conducts one major fundraiser each year – the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation Golf Classic. The event, which has been held each September since 2006, annually attracts 125 golfers and over 175 participants, and includes dinner, a silent auction, and an awards ceremony. The Golf Classic is presented with the generous support of our sponsors, including media sponsor WNYT News Channel 13.

Q. What else can I do to assist the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation?

A. The Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation is funded entirely through cash and in-kind contributions from our corporate partners and individuals like you. Our family of donors has conducted several events in addition to the Golf Classic, in order to raise funds for affected families. Such events include private birthday gift donations, fashion shows, Holiday cookie exchanges, and memorial funds set up in honor of a deceased loved one. The Foundation greatly appreciates all financial contributions and other assistance from individuals and businesses interested in assisting the families we serve. We invite you to please contact us today with your creative fundraising idea or to find out how we can become a part of your family and events.