Individual & Family Support Program Application Portal User Guide FY 2020



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Before You Begin

Before you submit an application for this program, please verify that you or the individual you are submitting the application for is currently on the Developmental Disability (DD) Waiver Waiting List. You can verify this information by contacting your support coordinator/case manager at your local Community Services Board (CSB). To find your local CSB please visit http://www.mylifemycommunityvirginia.org/.

If at any point you need help completing the application or you have questions, please contact My Life, My Community/Senior Navigator at (844) 603-9248.

For Non-English Speakers

To see the application in another language, use the "Translate our site into" function in the bottom right corner of https://ifsponline.dbhds.virginia.gov/. Using the drop-down arrow, select the language you need. You do not need to change this back to English before saving your draft or submitting the application for review.



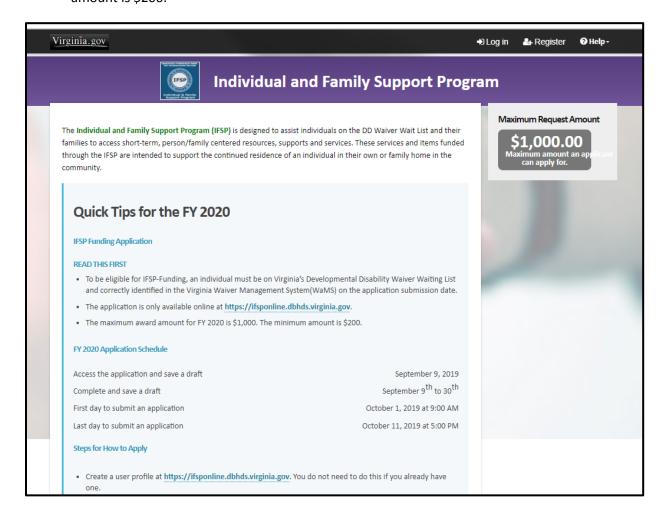
Spanish: Para ver la aplicación en otro idioma, use la función "Traducir nuestro sitio en" en la esquina inferior derecha de la página web.
Usando la flecha desplegable, seleccione el idioma que necesita. No es necesario que vuelva a cambiarlo a inglés antes de guardar el borrador o enviar la solicitud para su revisión.

French: Pour voir l'application dans une autre langue, utilisez la fonction «Traduire notre site dans» dans le coin inférieur droit de la page Web. À l'aide de la flèche déroulante, sélectionnez la langue dont vous avez besoin. Vous n'avez pas besoin de changer cela en anglais avant de sauvegarder votre brouillon ou de soumettre la candidature pour révision.

Vietnamese: Để xem ứng dụng bằng ngôn ngữ khác, hãy sử dụng chức năng "Dịch trang web của chúng tôi vào" ở góc dưới cùng bên phải của trang web. Sử dụng mũi tên thả xuống, chọn ngôn ngữ bạn cần. Bạn không cần phải thay đổi điều này về tiếng Anh trước khi lưu bản nháp của bạn hoặc gửi đơn đăng ký để xem xét.

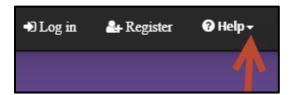
Step #1- Accessing the IFSP Application Portal

- > The IFSP online application portal works best using the latest version of all common web browsers. The application portal is also optimized for mobile devices including tablets and smart phones.
- > Type or copy/paste the following link into your browser: https://ifsponline.dbhds.virginia.gov/.
- The webpage you see will look like the one pictured below.
- The maximum amount of funds you may request for the program is \$1,000. The minimum amount is \$200.

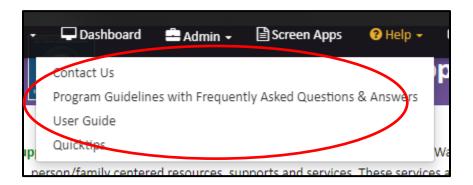


Getting Help

If at any point you need help, select the down arrow next to the word "Help" listed in the top bar of the web page as shown below.



A drop-down list with several links will appear. You may select any of the options to open the webpage you need.



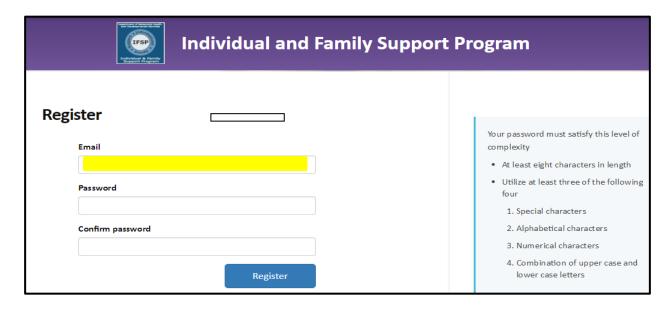
Step #2- Registering to Fill Out an Application

Click the link in the top right corner of the page that says "**Register**". See the picture below as a guide. This will begin the registration process for submitting an online application.



After you click "Register", you will see the screen in the picture below. Please register using the information for the Responsible Party. The Responsible Party is the person submitting an application for an individual who is on the DD Waiver Waiting List and who will be responsible for the received funds.

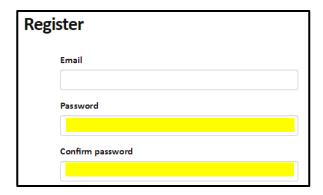
NOTE: You only need to register **ONCE** to log in to the IFSP Application Portal. If you have previously registered, you should use that same login. One person may submit applications for multiple individuals using the same login information. If you forgot your login information or no longer have access to the previously registered email address, please either reset your password or register using any email address that you regularly check.



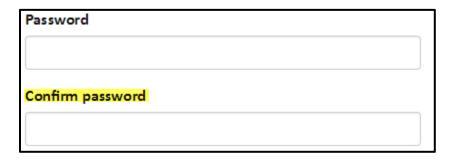
You will need a valid email address. Please make sure this is an email address that you check regularly. Type your email address in the "Email" field, highlighted in yellow. Check to make sure you have typed it correctly since this is the email address that the IFSP staff will use to send all communication about your application(s). See the picture below as a guide. This email address

will be used and stored in the IFSP Application Portal to allow you to access the online Application Portal.

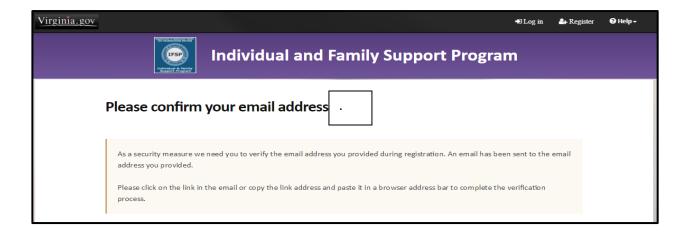
- After you type in your email address, create a password for accessing the Application Portal. Your password needs to meet all of the following requirements:
 - o At least eight characters in length
 - Utilize at least three of the following four:
 - Special characters,
 - Alphabetical characters,
 - Numerical characters, and
 - Combination of upper case and lower case letters.



- ➤ The requirements for your password are also listed on the right side of the webpage for quick reference.
- Once you have created your password, you will need to re-enter the same password into the field titled "Confirm Password".



After you have created a password and entered an email address, you will see a confirmation screen. The message will say that you will receive an email with instructions on how to confirm your email address.



Confirming Your Account

- Confirming your email is the last step of the registration process. Go to your email mailbox. Look for a message from "IFSP- (do not reply)" with the subject line of "Confirm Your Account". The email will look like the example below.
- Included in this message is a link titled "here". Click the link to confirm your email address and complete your registration. The red arrow in the image below shows where the link is.

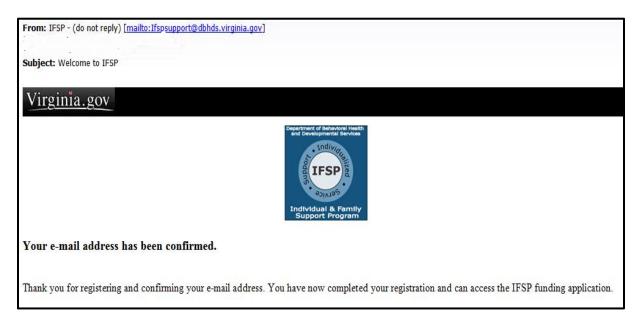


➤ Once you click the "here" link, you will see another pop-up to let you know that this process is completed and you are now able to log in to the portal using your email address and password.

See the example below:



After you follow the steps to confirm your email address, you will also get a "Welcome to IFSP" email letting you know that you have successfully registered. A sample message is pictured below.



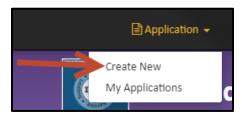
You are now registered in the system. To log in to the IFSP Application Portal use the email address and password you just created.

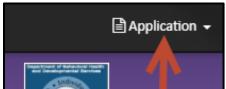


Step #3- Creating and Drafting a New Application

NOTE: For security purposes, the application portal will <u>time-out after 30 minutes of inactivity</u>. Be sure to save draft applications so you do not lose what you have entered. If you think you will need more time, you may want to print an application.

After logging in, select "Application" located on the top black ribbon of the main page. When you click the word "Application", a drop-down list will appear. Choose "Create New" application. See images below.





NOTE: For returning users who have saved an application: Click "**My Application**" to view any applications that you have already saved.

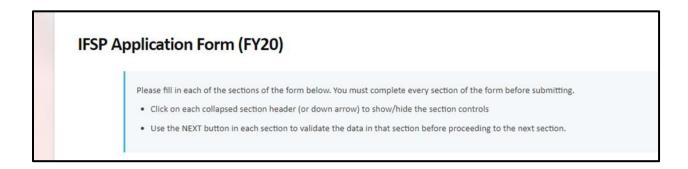
After you click "Create New", a new IFSP application will appear. See the image below for an example.



When you see this screen, you may begin to fill out your new application.

Part I- Applicant Information

There are five parts of the IFSP application that need to be filled out and a program agreement that must be completed to successfully submit an IFSP-Funding Application. The first part asks for information about the individual who is currently on the DD Waiver Waiting List.



- When you click on the bolded "APPLICANT INFORMATION", the section will open for you to begin entering the information about the individual who is on the DD Waiver Waiting List.
- Fill out each of the fields listed on the page. Remember, the information you are entering is about the **individual on the DD Waiver Waiting List**. Enter the individual's first, middle, and last name. Be sure to type each entry into the corresponding field correctly (upper case first letter, spelling) and as it was entered on the DD Waiver Waiting List. This is how the Applicant's name will be listed and saved within the IFSP Application Portal for future reference.

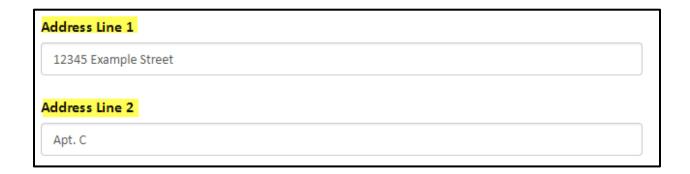


Next, type the Applicant's date of birth, Social Security Number, and gender. **Be sure to use the same format as the example below**.



NOTE: The system will not accept answers that are not formatted correctly.

Next, type the Applicant's street number and name in the "Address Line 1" field. If there is an apartment or suite number, enter this information in the "Address Line 2" field.



Next, type the Applicant's zip code in the "Zip Code" field. Next, type the Applicant's city in the "City" field.

Zip Code City 23228 Richmond

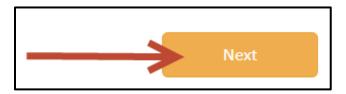
NOTE: The Applicant's zip code and city needs to be entered manually into each field and will NOT automatically populate the city when the zip code is entered. Please double-check to make sure both the zip code and city are correct.

Enter a "Home Phone" number and/or a "Mobile Phone" number for the Applicant. An example is pictured below. Do not use any dashes between the numbers.

NOTE: The responsible party is who the IFSP will contact if there are questions about the application.



> Review all of the information you have entered on this page to make sure it is correct, and then select the "Next" button in the bottom right corner.



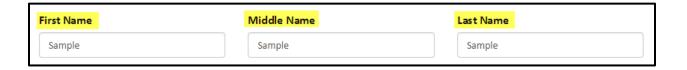
NOTE: You will be able to make changes to this and any of the other sections before you submit the final version of your application. See "**Editing Your Application**" for instructions on how to do this.

Part II- Responsible Party

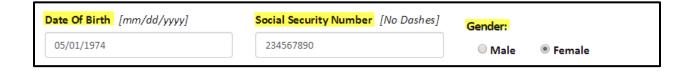
This section is about the person who is responsible for receiving the Applicant's IFSP funds and purchasing the requested items/services.



Fill out each of the fields listed on the page. You will need the Responsible Party's first, middle, and last name. Be sure to type each entry into the corresponding field correctly (upper case first letter, spelling). This is how the person's name will be listed and saved.



Fill out the Responsible Party's date of birth, Social Security Number, and gender. Be sure to use the format in the example below.



Fill out the Responsible Party's street number and name in the "Address Line 1" field. If there is an apartment or suite number, enter this information in the "Address Line 2" field.

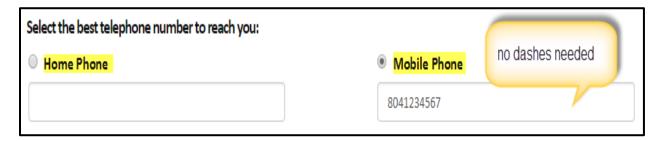


> Type the Responsible Party's zip code in the "Zip Code" field. Next, type the Applicant's city in the "City" field.



NOTE: The Applicant's zip code and city needs to be entered manually into each field and will NOT automatically populate the city when the zip code is entered.

Enter a "Home Phone" number and/or a "Mobile Phone" number for the Responsible Party. Choose which phone number is best for contacting the Responsible Party in case the IFSP staff has questions, and then check the corresponding box. An example is pictured below. Do not use any dashes between the numbers.

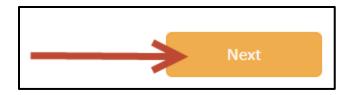


➤ Next, enter an email address for the Responsible Party in the "Email Address for Correspondence" field. You will be asked to enter the information twice to confirm the email address.



NOTE: Enter in the email address that you want IFSP staff to communicate and send any messages, questions, or answers to about this application. All communication will be sent through email, so be sure you use an email address you check regularly. Please review it carefully to ensure that you have typed it in correctly.

> Review all of the information you have entered on this page to make sure it is correct, and then select the "Next" button in the bottom right corner.

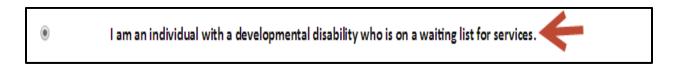


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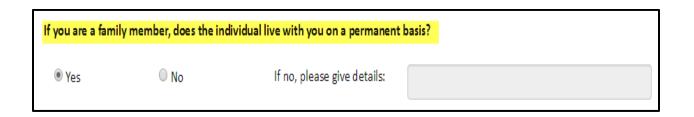
Part III- Relationship Information

The next section is also about the Responsible Party.

If the Responsible Party is the **SAME PERSON** as the Applicant, then you will need to check the first box as seen below.



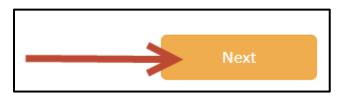
- ➤ If the Responsible Party is **NOT THE SAME PERSON** as the Applicant, then you will need to check the second box as seen below:
- I am a family member of a child or individual with a developmental disability who is on a waiting list for services
 - The next question is about whether or not the Responsible Party lives with the Applicant. The Responsible Party does not have to live with the Applicant but a description needs to be provided if they do not live in the same household.



➤ Use the section shown below to describe the relationship the Responsible Party has with the Applicant.

If you listed yourself above as a family member, what is your relationship to the individual for which you are applying?				
Mother	O Father	O Principal Caregiver		
Stepmother	Stepfather	Legal Guardian		
○ Wife	O Husband	N/A(Not Applicable)		
Grandmother	Grandfather	Other		
Sister	O Brother			

> Review all of the information you have entered on this page to make sure it is correct, and then select the "Next" button in the bottom right corner.



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Part IV- Assistance and Resources

This section helps the IFSP staff understand the assistance and financial resources the Applicant currently uses. This information will help DBHDS collect data on ways to better assist individuals on the DD Waiver Waiting List.

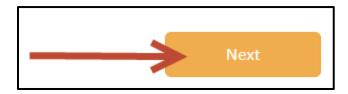
> On the "Assistance and Resources" page, select the best answer that describes how you learned about IFSP.

How did you hear about the Individual and Family Support Program?				
Case Manager/Support Coordinator	Oconsumer Directed Services Facilitator			
Center for Independent Living	List serve			
Parent/Advocacy Group	 Website 			
DBHDS Website	Other			

Next, select any assistance the Applicant is currently receiving. Check all that apply.

Are you currently receiving other financial assistance Select all that apply.	?
☐ Private Insurance	☐ Special Education Services (Part B)
☐ TriCare Military Insurance	\square Local Community Service Board Family Support Funding
☐ Medicare	☐ EDCD Waiver
☐ Medicaid	☐ Tech Waiver
☐ Insurance Settlement	☐ Employment
☐ Center for Independent Living	□ None
☐ Comprehensive Services Funding (FAPT)	☐ Other
☐ Early Intervention Services (Part C)	

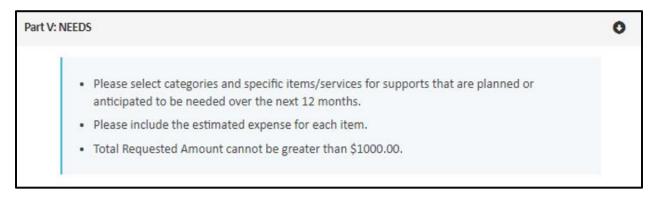
Review all of the information you have entered on this page to make sure it is correct, and then select the "Next" button in the bottom right corner.



NOTE: You will be able to make changes to this and any of the other sections before you submit the final version of your application. See "**Editing Your Application**" for instructions on how to do this.

Part V- Needs

Use this section to describe what the Applicant needs the IFSP funds for.

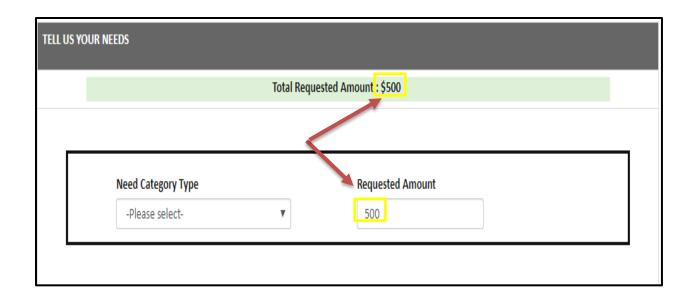


To see a complete listing of eligible needs that may be supported with IFSP-Funding, please see the IFSP Program Guidelines.

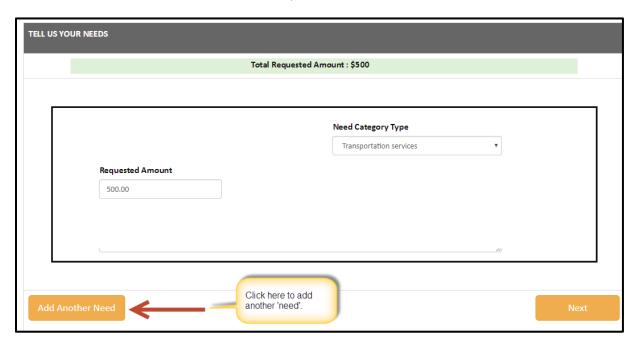
Select the drop-down menu titled "**Needs**" to find the item that the Applicant will purchase with IFSP funds. Then select the item in the drop-down menu.



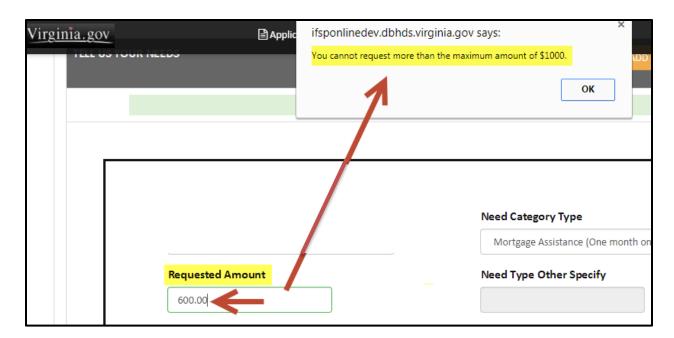
- Once you have selected the "Need Category Type", enter the approximate cost of the item in the "Requested Amount" field.
- > The amount you enter into the "Requested Amount" field will automatically be added to the number listed in the "Total Requested Amount" ribbon of this section, as shown in the next picture.



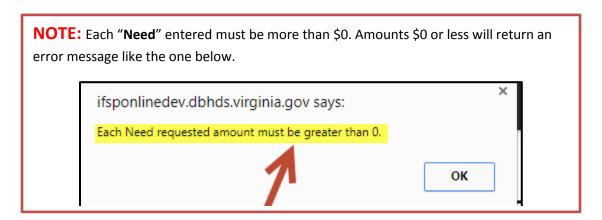
➤ If the Applicant is requesting more than one item, click on the "Add Another Need" button on the bottom left side of the section, as pictured below.



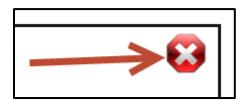
NOTE: The total minimum amount you may request is \$200. The maximum amount you may request is \$1,000 If the amount you are entering into the "**Requested Amount**" field is more than the total allowed amount for the program, you will get a pop-up message/alert letting you know that you are going over the annual funding limit.



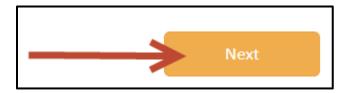
> To change a request that is more than the annual limit, click "OK" on the pop-up message. The "Requested Amount" field will remove the amount you entered and allow you to enter a new amount that is within the maximum amount allowed for this program.



In the event you ever need to delete a "**Need**" that you have entered, just click on the "**X**" that is located next to the specific need section, as seen below:



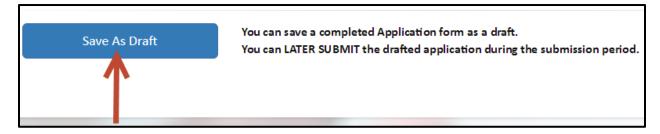
> Review all of the information you have entered on this page to make sure it is correct, and then select the "Next" button in the bottom right corner.



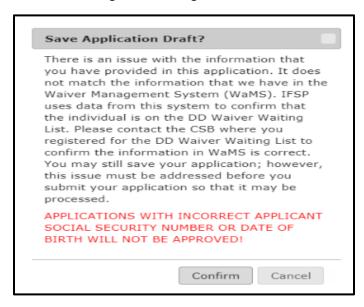
NOTE: You will be able to make changes to this and any of the other sections before you submit the final version of your application. See "**Editing Your Application**" for instructions on how to do this.

Saving a Draft of Your Application

If you are only saving a draft of your application, click the "Save As Draft" button as seen below.

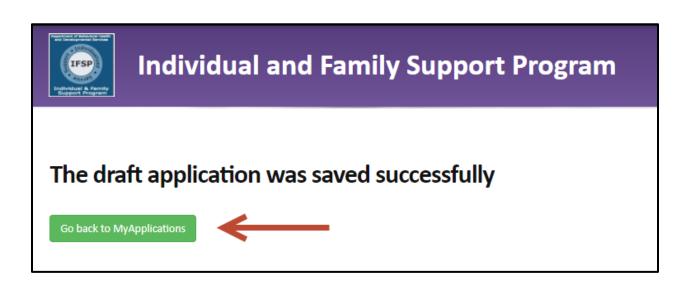


- This will save a draft of the application you just finished. You will be able to go back and edit your draft any time before you submit. Remember, you will not be able to submit a draft before the submission period opens. Once a draft is submitted, you cannot make changes to it. Please contact ifspsupport@dbhds/virginia.gov if you have any questions or concerns.
- When you save a draft application, the IFSP Portal automatically checks Virginia's DD Waiver Waiting List to verify that the applicant is on the list. If there is an issue with the information, you will receive the following error message.



If you receive this message, it is critical that you contact your local CSB to verify the information that you provided on the IFSP application is listed the same way in Waiver Management System (WaMS).

- If you have accidentally mistyped your information, please go back and correct your application. After you have made edits, the system will check the information again when you select "Save As Draft".
- Once you have saved your drafted application, you will receive the confirmation message pictured below.



➤ If you select the option to "Go Back to My Applications", you will be returned to the list of your saved applications in the IFSP Application Portal.

Delegating an Application for Someone Else to Submit

Starting in FY 2020, Responsible Parties can designate someone to submit a saved draft of an application on their behalf. This functionality may be useful to case managers who work with applicants during the "Save Draft" period. This will allow the case manager to log in to the system to submit a saved draft for the applicant on the first day of submission.

The delegate must have a registered login in the IFSP Portal. Please be sure to check with the person who you are delegating to submit your application to make sure he or she has an IFSP login.

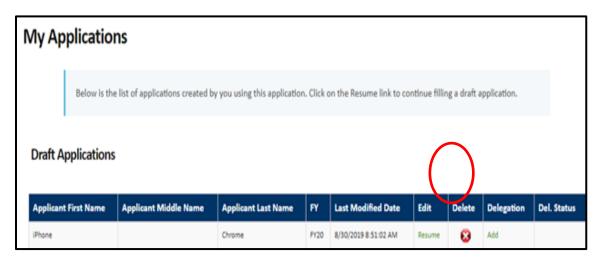
You may only have one delegate per application. Also, once you delegate an application, you must remove the delegation if you change your mind and decide to submit the application yourself. This section will explain how to delegate an application, confirm a delegation, and remove a delegate.

NOTE: Applicants will not be able to delegate an application once the submission period begins.

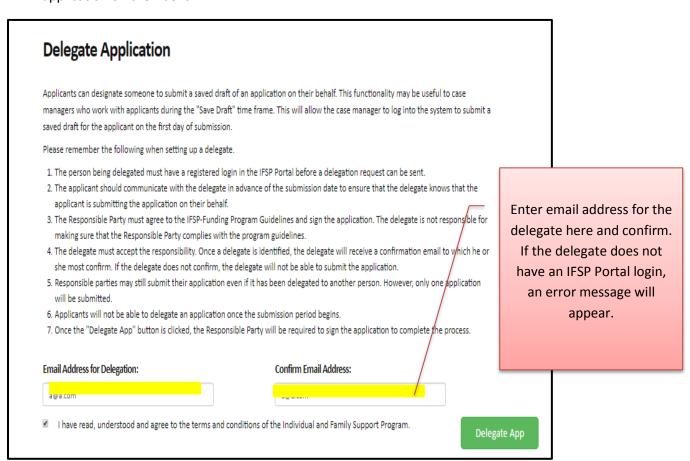
To delegate a draft application select "Application" from the menu on the ribbon at the top of the page. Click the "My Applications" option in the drop-down menu as shown in the image below.



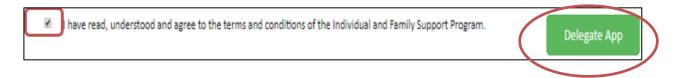
➤ Once on the "My Applications" page, you will see a list of your saved applications. Under the "Delegation" column, click on the green "Add" button for the application that you want to delegate. The picture below is an example.



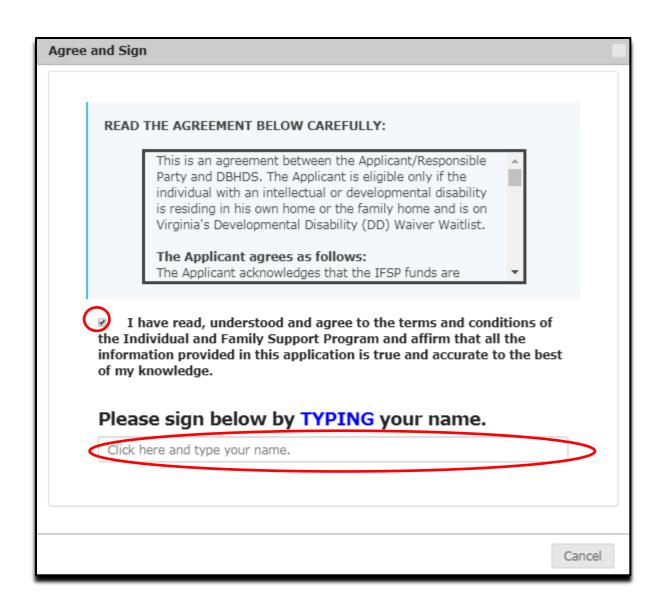
When you have selected the application that you would like to delegate, review the message. Be sure to confirm in advance that the person who will be the delegate has a valid email address in the IFSP system and he/she knows you want them to submit the application on their behalf.



- Enter the email address of the person who you are delegating to submit your application. If you have more than one application, you must delegate each application if you want to have someone else submit them.
- After you enter the email address and confirm, be sure to check the box to indicate that you agree to comply with the IFSP Program Guidelines, and click the "**Delegate App**" button. The box below shows the check box.

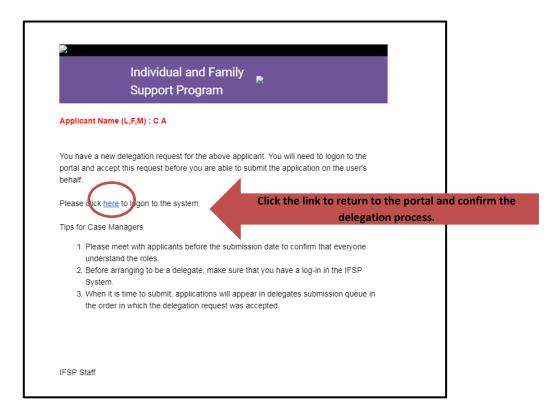


- Once the Delegate App button is selected, you will be asked to sign the application by typing your name in the signature box.
- > The delegate now has the ability to submit the application on your behalf. When the delegate does submit the application, both the delegate and the Responsible Party will receive the email confirmaion that the application has been submitted.
- Click the box to indicate that you agree to follow the program rules. Once the box is clicked, you will see a field that allows you to sign the application by typing your name.

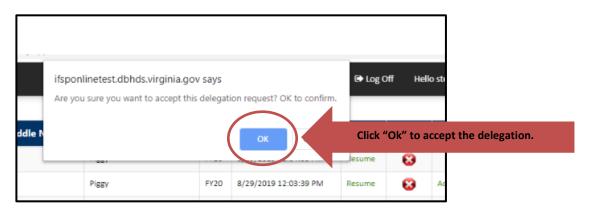


Accepting Delegation of an Application

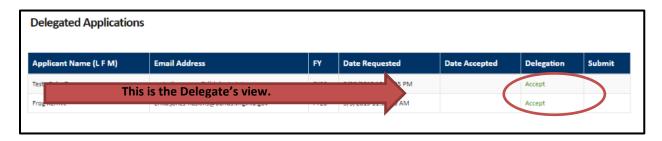
- ➤ If you delegate an application for someone else to submit for you, they must accept the delegation responsibility. Once you delegate an application, the delegate will receive a confirmation email with a link to the IFSP Portal. The delegate will need to log in to the portal to accept the delegation in order to complete the process.
- > Below is an example of the confirmation email with the link that the delegate will receive.



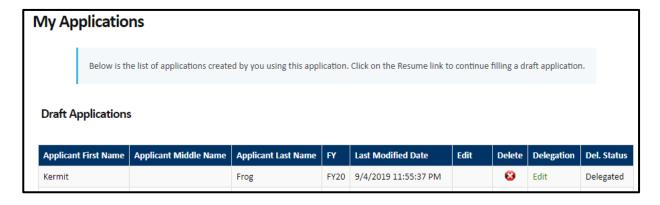
The link will take you to the IFSP Portal and the Delegate will need to log in to the system. Once logged in, the delegate will see the following pop-up message.



Once the Delegate accepts the responsibility, the status will change and the delegation status will show as "Accepted" in the Delegates view under "My Applications".



The Responsible Party will see the following when reviewing applications under "My Applications". The delegated application will show as "Delegated" under the "Del. Status".



➤ When it is time to submit, applications will appear in the Delegate's submission queue in the order in which the delegation request was accepted. Delegates can review instructions under "Submit An Application" for instructions on how to submit.

Removing a Delegation to Edit an Application

Once you create a delegation you cannot edit your application unless you remove the delegation.

To remove a delegation, log into the portal and select "My Applications".



- Once on the "My Applications" page, you will see a list of your delegated applications. Under the "Delegation" column, click on the green "Edit" button for the application that you want to edit.
- You will see the "Edit Application Delegation" screen. Click the "Delete Delegation" button to remove the delegation. The button is circled below.
- Once the delegation is removed you may edit your application and save any changes. If you want to restore the delegation, please repeat the directions for delegating an application.



➤ When a delegation is removed, the following is the confirmation message that will be sent to the delegate.

Individual and Family Support Program

Applicant Name (L,F,M): C A

The delegation request for the above applicant has been removed. You no longer have the ability to submit this application. The applicant will need to create a new delegation request in order for the application to be delegated again.

Tips for Case Managers

- Please meet with applicants before the submission date to confirm that everyone understand the roles.
- Before arranging to be a delegate, make sure that you have a log-in in the IFSP System.
- When it is time to submit, applications will appear in delegates submission queue in the order in which the delegation request was accepted.

Editing a Draft of Your Application

> To edit a draft application, select "Application" from the menu on the ribbon at the top of the page. Click the "My Applications" option in drop-down menu as shown in the image below.



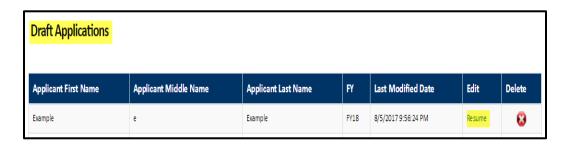
Once on the "My Applications" page, you will see a list of your saved applications. Under the "Edit" column, click on the green "Resume" button for the application that you want to edit. The picture below is an example.



When you are in the application that you would like to edit, choose the section you need to change and follow the steps for completing that section and make the necessary changes.

Viewing and Deleting Saved Drafts

- > To view a draft application select "Application" from the menu on the ribbon at the top of the page. Click the "My Applications" option in drop-down menu as shown in the image below.
- To delete a draft application, click the red "X" under the table column titled "Delete". This action will permanently remove this draft.
- > To edit a draft application, click the green "Resume" button under the table column titled "Edit". This action will allow you to return the draft and make any needed edits.



Printing a Copy of Your Application

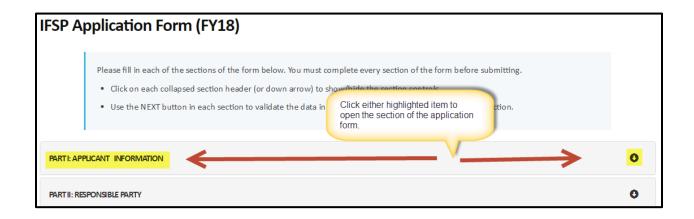
> To print a copy of your application, select "Application" on the ribbon at the top of the page and choose the "My Applications" option in the drop-down menu as shown in the picture below.



Once on the "My Applications" page, you will see the list of your saved draft applications. Go to the Edit column and click on the green "Resume" button as shown in the image below.



➤ Either click the section title or down arrow as seen below. Once the page is displayed, rightclick your computer mouse and choose "**Print**"; do this for any section you would like to print.

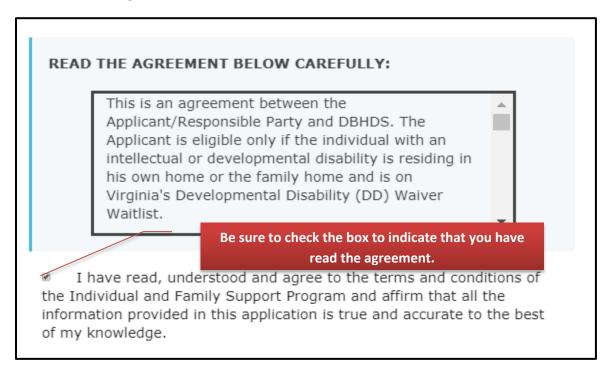


Program Agreement

This is the last section of the IFSP application. You will need to acknowledge that you have read and understood the program requirements and to agree to the program rules. This is the final step to complete before submitting your application. This will appear as a pop-up screen.

IMPORTANT If you are only completing a draft of your application, you will NOT SEE this section. The pop-up is only visible when you either 1) submit an application or 2) delegate the application to a person already registered in the IFSP System.

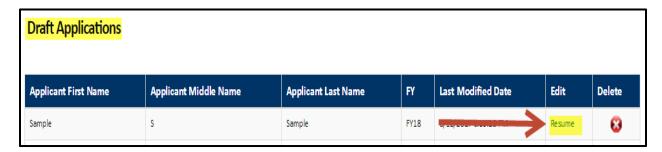
Read the agreement and click the box.



Step #4- Submitting Your Application

NOTE: The "**Submit**" function will not be available on the application until the submission period opens.

When the IFSP submission period opens, go to your saved application(s) and select the "Resume" button as seen in the image below.



- Review each section carefully to ensure you have entered everything correctly and completely.
- Read and check the acknowledgement box in the "Program Agreement" section of the application. Once checked, the signature box will appear.

NOTE: The signature field will not appear until you check the "**Program Agreement**" box.

- In the box, please type your name to sign the document.
- ${\it f W}$ I have read, understood and agree to the terms and conditions of the Individual and Family Support Program and affirm that all the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Please sign below by typing your name before submitting the application.

➤ Once completed, click the "**Submit**" button to submit the application.



- You will receive an email confirming that we have received your submitted application. The message will have your Application ID number. Please keep this number on file to use as a reference for your records and future communication.
- ➤ All applications submitted for review will be listed in the "Signed and Submitted Applications" section of the "My Application" page of the Application Portal. An example of a submitted application is pictured below.

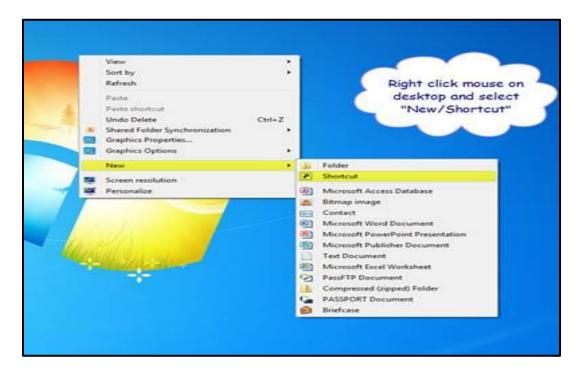
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➤ Just like the drafted and saved applications, you will be able to view your submitted applications. However, you will **NOT** be able to make changes to the request once you have submitted it for review and approval.

Saving the IFSP Online Website to Your Desktop

The following steps will help you save the IFSP Application Portal website to your computer desktop.

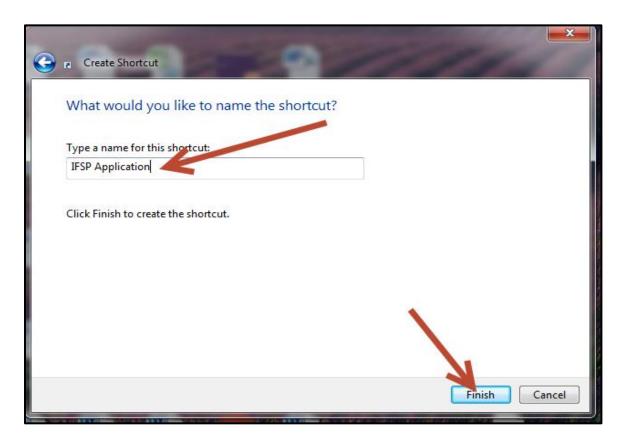
Right click your mouse on your desktop and select "New" then "Shortcut" from the drop-down list.



Copy and paste the IFSP link https://ifsponline.dbhds.virginia.gov/ and click "Next".



> Enter a shortcut name (ex. IFSP Application Portal) and click "Finish".



➤ Check your desktop to verify that the newly created "Shortcut" appears. You can now double-click this "Shortcut" whenever you want to go to the IFSP Application Portal website.