

# Midwest Special Needs Trust

## Charitable Trust Grants Fact Sheet

### Who is eligible for assistance?

Missouri residents who are US citizens are eligible to apply for a grant based on the following:

1. Have a disability defined as mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, whether the impairment is congenital or acquired by accident, injury or disease, where the impairment is verified by medical findings.
2. Meet income guidelines established by the Midwest Special Needs Trust or receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Household income<sup>1</sup> must not exceed the following:

Persons in Household	Maximum Income	Persons in Household	Maximum Income
1	\$10,890	5	\$26,170
2	14,710	6	29,990
3	18,530	7	33,810
4	22,350	8	37,630

3. Have no other available funding source, such as but not limited to Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, or a special needs trust with MSNT or another trust organization.
4. Must be a US citizen.

### How much can an individual apply to receive?

The maximum grant amount available for an individual is \$1000. Individuals may receive only one grant award in a 12 month period from Midwest Special Needs Trust Charitable Trust (MSNT-CT).

### How can grant funds be used?

**General Charitable Grants:** *The funds are available to supplement basic needs by providing goods and services that are either beyond the financial means of the individual or that cannot be purchased using existing sources of income.* Applications for practical items and support that augment basic needs and improve the quality of life of the individual will receive top priority for funding. Requests for funds may include, but are not limited to:

- Medical and dental care or equipment not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance
- Rehabilitation training, services, or devices not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance and not available to the applicant through the state's vocational rehabilitation services
- Supplemental education assistance
- Personal goods and services or equipment needed to enhance comfort and quality of life
- Transportation expenses for the individual applicant or for friends and relatives to visit the applicant

**Urgent Care Grants:** Funds are available only for urgent medical and health needs with require immediate intervention. Grants may be used for:

- Medical treatment (physician services, treatment and prescriptions)
- Dental care and treatment
- Durable medical goods and equipment or equipment repair

<sup>1</sup> Federal Poverty Guidelines updated each year

### ***What other limitations are in place for grant awards?***

General and urgent care grant assistance will be limited to goods and services that will not disqualify the recipient for public benefits.<sup>2</sup> **Grants will not be awarded for goods purchased or services performed prior to the application or notification of award.** General and Urgent Care grant payments will be made only to the vendor or service provider and will be based on actual cost not to exceed the amount specified in the award notification.

### ***What is the application process?***

Persons meeting eligibility criteria may submit applications directly. An agency representative, such as case managers and advocates, may assist in completing the application process and submit applications on behalf of an eligible applicant. Applicants must complete the form called Charitable Trust Grant Programs Application for Assistance which may be requested by phone or can be printed from the MSNT website at <http://midwestspecialneedstrust.org/charProgGrants/default.htm> To be considered for funding, applications must be complete and accurate. Income verification and proof of qualifying disability are also required to complete an application. The application must also be accompanied by an estimate or treatment plan for the requested goods or services from the vendor or service provider.

Applications may be mailed, faxed or delivered to the MSNT office in Columbia. Applications must be received in the MSNT office by 4:30 pm on the deadline date. Applications that arrive after the deadline will be reviewed the following funding cycle.

### ***How often are grants awarded?***

**General Charitable Grants:** Grant applications are reviewed each quarter by the MSNT Board of Trustees. Quarterly deadlines for submitting applications are March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

**Urgent Care Grants:** Grant applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and applications are reviewed by staff and awarded twice each month.

### ***When will applicants be notified of awards?***

Written award notices will be sent to applicants following review. All applicants, both approved and denied, will receive notification.

### ***How many applications may be submitted by a single representative (case manager or advocate)?***

Each representative or sponsor is allowed a maximum of three applications per review period.

### ***What criteria will be used to review applications for assistance?***

Applications will be rated on the basis of demonstrated need as described in the application. The clarity of the presentation and completeness of the application may affect funding decisions. The Board will consider, at a minimum, the following criteria:

1. Goods and/or services requested are clearly defined and meet guidelines provided above.
2. Applicant's situation substantiates the need for the requested item or support.
3. Requested item or support will not jeopardize individual's benefits.
4. Applicant's income meets financial guidelines.
5. Availability of CT funds.

The decision of the board is final. MSNT reserves the right to verify information submitted in the grant application. MSNT reserves the right to reject any application that contains false, incomplete, or fraudulent information or if the applicant or sponsor has provided false or fraudulent information in prior applications or has misused the grant funds for purposes other than those awarded.

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<sup>2</sup> Rental/housing assistance, utility assistance and grocery expenses cannot be funded.