



# Charitable Grants Fact Sheet

## **Who is eligible for assistance?**

1. Must be a Missouri resident.
2. Have a Social Security verifiable disability.
3. Meet income guidelines listed below. Yearly gross household income cannot exceed the 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines:

Persons in Household	Maximum Income	Persons in Household	Maximum Income
1	\$12,490	5	\$30,170
2	\$16,910	6	\$34,590
3	\$21,330	7	\$39,010
4	\$25,750	8	\$43,430

4. Have no other available funding source that should pay for the items(s) or services requested such as, but not limited to, Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, or a special needs trust with MSNT or another trust organization.

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

The maximum grant amount available is \$1500. Grant decisions are based on the amount specified on the estimate/treatment plan.

## **What types of grants are available?**

**General Charitable Grants:** These funds are available to supplement basic needs by providing goods and services that are not covered by insurance, public benefits or available through other community programs. Requests may include, but are not limited to:

- Assistive devices such as lifts, grab bars, ramps and other safety equipment
- Rehabilitation training, services or devices
- Educational or specialized recreational assistance
- Communication devices such as hearing aids, adapted telephones, or communication boards
- Specialized transportation

**Urgent Care Grants:** Funds are available only for urgent medical and dental needs which require immediate intervention.

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

Grants will not be awarded for goods purchased or services performed prior to grant award, vehicle purchases, food, rent/mortgage payments and household expenses such as taxes, insurance, utilities and moving. Applicants may only receive one grant per 12-month period.

## **How are grants paid?**

General and Urgent Care grant payments will be in the form of a check. Payment will be made only to the vendor or service provider listed on the authorization form after authorized services have been completed or when the item is ready for purchase.

### What is the application process?

Persons meeting eligibility may submit applications directly. An agency representative, such as case managers, social workers and other advocates, may assist in completing the application and submit on behalf of an eligible applicant. Applicants must complete the form called Charitable Grant Program Application which can be printed from the MSNT website at [midwestspecialneedstrust.org/charitable-program/apply](http://midwestspecialneedstrust.org/charitable-program/apply). To be considered for a grant, applications must be complete and accurate. The following documentation must be sent with the application:

- A current copy of the applicant's SSI and/or SSDI award letter from Social Security stating the monthly income and proving disability.
- Proof of income for everyone else living in the home.
- An estimate or a current treatment plan from a vendor showing the cost of the service or item(s) requested. Estimates must include the exact cost as well as the name and contact information for the provider. If the request is for dental care, a treatment plan from a dental provider must be enclosed with the application. Home modification estimates must be from a licensed contractor, and applicant must provide proof of home ownership or a letter of approval from landlord.
- A letter of recommendation from a licensed professional is required for all medical equipment, exercise equipment, communication devices, lift chairs, and monitoring systems. For hearing aid and eye glasses requests please provide a copy of the evaluation.

**Applications may be mailed to MSNT, P.O. Box 7629, Columbia, MO 65205, or emailed to [grants@midwestspecialneedstrust.org](mailto:grants@midwestspecialneedstrust.org).** We ***do not*** accept applications by fax. Deadlines for General Grants are: March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31. Applications must be received by 4:30 pm on or before the deadline date. There are no deadlines for Urgent Grants.

### When are grants awarded?

**General Grants** are awarded by the Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis.

<b>General Grant Deadline</b>	<b>Grant Decisions Made<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>MSNT written notice of grant approval or denial sent by</b>
March 31	Early May <sup>1</sup>	May 31
June 30	Early August <sup>1</sup>	August 31
September 30	Early November <sup>1</sup>	November 30
December 31	Early February <sup>1</sup>	February 28

**Urgent Grant** awards are made twice each month.

### How will applicants be notified of awards?

All applicants and agency representatives, both approved and denied, will receive notification in writing by mail following the review. ***Award decisions will not be shared by phone.***

MSNT grant award and denial decisions are final. MSNT reserves the right to verify information submitted in the grant application and reject any application that contains false, incomplete, or fraudulent information, and reject an applicant or agency representative who have provided false or fraudulent information in prior applications or has misused the grant funds for purposes other than those awarded.

**Please don't hesitate to call our office at 573-256-5055 with any questions you have.**

<sup>1</sup>Board meeting dates are subject to change