



Grants for Individuals

For those with spinal cord injuries:

NTAF's Spinal Cord Injury Program

<http://www.ntafund.org/services/catastrophic-injury-patients/>

1-800-642-8399

National Transplant Assistance Fund works with the families and friends of spinal cord injured people to help them fundraise for future medical expenses. Funds raised are sent to NTAf and held for that SCI patient. Bills are then paid directly to vendors for things like adapted vans, home modifications, home care and medical bills. The person with SCI must have a social network that is willing to do the fundraising for them. Because NTAf is a 501 c (3) charitable organization, working with them provides funds for uninsured health care without affecting income or benefit eligibility.

Cindy Donald Dreams of Recovery Foundation

<http://www.dreamsofrecovery.org/>

5805 State Bridge Road

Suite G402

Duluth, Georgia 30097

678-292-6701

gives individuals with spinal cord injuries and/or brain injuries grants for medical equipment and grants to participate in therapy

Darrell Gwynn Foundation: Patient Assistance Funds

<http://darrellgwynnfoundation.org/paralyzed-assistance-fund.htm>

Phone: 954-792-7223

The Fund assists patients at Craig Hospital in Colorado with vehicle modifications, bath equipment, minor home modifications, and other items that are to improve the quality of life of the patient.

David Lytle Memorial Foundation

<http://www.thedavidlytlememorialfoundation.org/>

117 Public Square

Medina, OH 44256

Phone: 216-635-9511

Funds raised are used to provide support with such items as wheelchairs, walkers and other devices.

Focus on Independence program from the Maloney Vision Institute

<http://www.maloneyvision.com/why/focusonindependence.html>

Offers to perform free LASIK eye surgery to quadriplegics who don't have the dexterity to put on glasses or insert contacts. For more information, call the Maloney Vision Institute 877-EYESIGHT or e-mail us at focus@maloneyvision.com

Gridiron Heroes SCI Organization

<http://www.gridironheroes.org>

1-888-9HEROES

1664 Royal Palm

Schertz, TX 78154

Provides help to those with SCI sustained during high school football games

HeadNorth Foundation

www.headnorth.org

<http://www.headnorth.org/thrive-program>

San Diego, CA

858.350.3193

Response TWO financial assistance helps to purchase necessary equipment and services to promote an active and productive lifestyle. Grant funding can be used toward wheelchairs, exercise equipment, computers, car and home modifications and physical therapy. Grants are awarded to legal resident of greater San Diego County. Applicants can re-apply after one full year has passed from their original application date. Response TWO Grants are given on a quarterly basis.

<http://josephgrohfoundation.org/>

Joseph S. Groh Foundation

Phone: 214-998-9749

Dedicated to providing financial support to employees, former employees, family members of employees and former employees of the construction and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) industries who have suffered permanent spinal cord injuries or other permanent and life altering disabilities.

Mike Utley Foundation's Rehabilitation Scholarships

http://www.mikeutley.org/t-AboutUs-Grants.aspx?skinid=8&VM=_AboutUs_Grants

Awarded to the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan. Qualifying recipients will receive one month of physical therapy, personal training, dietary assessments and follow up, biofeedback sessions and a one month membership to the Brasza fitness center. For more info:

Paula Dennison

Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan

(313) 745-6199

Email: Pdenison@dmc.org

Obie Harrington-Howes Foundation

<http://www.ohhf.org/>

Darien, CT

888-265-5859

The Foundation helps Connecticut residents with spinal cord injuries and disease cover non-reimbursable medical expenses.

<http://www.ppcf.org/page.asp?id=58&catid=8&prodid=10>

Pikes Peak Community Foundation: Grace Fund

730 N. Nevada Ave.

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Phone: 719.389.1251

The Grace Fund is awarded to people with SCI, MS or ALS for such uses as transportation, mobility items, rehab, medicine, counseling, home health care and more.

<http://www.scihope.org/>

SCI Hope Fund

Applicants must be current or former patients of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indianapolis. Please see website for other criteria.

SCORE (Spinal Cord Opportunities for Rehabilitation Endowment)

www.scorefund.org

questions@scorefund.org

P.O. Box 25155

Los Angeles, CA 90025

323-655-8298

Gives grants to relieve the financial burden associated with SCI. Preference is given to young people who are injured while participating in athletics.

Travis Roy Foundation

<http://www.travisroyfoundation.org>

617-239-0100

111 Huntington Ave.

Prudential Center 19th Floor

Boston, MA 02199-7613

Administrator@travisroyfoundation.org

Since 1997, they have paid out over \$240,000 in grants to 54 individuals across the country with spinal cord injuries. The funds are for items like: modifying vans, purchasing wheelchairs, ramps, computers, and other adaptive equipment.

<http://www.wheelstowardhope.com/Home.html>

Wheels Toward Hope

PO Box 251

Montgomeryville, PA 18936

215-368-2680

Karen Piotrowicz
kpiotro@yahoo.com

From their website: "...Formed to help the paraplegic community in and around the Bucks County Pennsylvania area. Our fundraisers and donations are designed to help those in need. We do not require that you belong to any particular religious affiliation or financially support our organization in any way. We do ask that you return one good deed with another and perform an act of kindness. This way, the cycle of compassion and goodwill continues indefinitely."

For those with multiple sclerosis:

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation

www.msfocus.org

1-888-673-6287

support@msfocus.org

6350 North Andrews Avenue

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309-2130

Brighter Tomorrow Grant Program provides individuals with MS goods or services up to \$1,000.00 for car repairs, computers, home modifications, exercise classes, etc.

<http://www.ppcf.org/page.asp?id=58&catid=8&prodid=10>

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For those with ALS, Friedreich's ataxia, and some types of muscular dystrophy:

Muscular Dystrophy Association

<http://www.mdaua.org/news/020528communication.html>

1-800-FIGHT-MD (344-4863)

mda@mdausa.org

3300 E. Sunrise Drive

Tucson, AZ 85718

MDA will give up to \$2,000 for communication technology for those whose neuromuscular disorder has robbed them of the ability to speak.

For those with syringomyelia:

American Syringomyelia Association Project (ASAP)

www.asap.org

1-800-ASAP-282

Info@ASAP.org

Address: PO Box 1586

Longview, TX 75606-1586

Bobby Jones Open grants of up to \$1,000.00 are available for ASAP members to assist with the purchase of medical equipment (assistive devices, braces, wheelchairs, walkers, etc.). Call 1-800-ASAP-282 for more info.

For those with post-polio syndrome:

Post-Polio Health

<http://www.post-polio.org/>

314-534-0475

ventinfo@post-polio.org

Has \$1,000 (\$500 maximum per person) available to assist ventilator users in purchasing scooters or orthotics (leg, arm and back bracing and custom-made or modified shoes).

Educational Scholarship Program to assist PVA members

Paralyzed Veterans of America Scholarship Program

http://www.pva.org/site/PageServer?pagename=memb_scholar

1-800-424-8200

Assists PVA members and their immediate families in obtaining a post-secondary education from accredited colleges in the United States. For the upcoming 2006-2007 year, PVA is offering ten \$1,000 grants. www.pva.org and click on PVA Scholarships or call Trish Armstrong at 800-424-8200 x619 Trishr@pva.org

For the disabled (not condition or disease specific):

The Abilities Fund

<http://www.abilitiesfund.org/>

Has an Iowa, Nebraska and DC office.

Phone: 641-56-2173 (Iowa office)

Phone: 402/296-2146 (Nebraska office)

Phone & Fax: 571-431-7761 (Washington DC office)

info@abilitiesfund.org

Does not loan money directly, but supports business ownership for people with disabilities through training and advisory services.

Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation

www.andriveroflife.org

8899 Beverly Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90048

Email: info@andriveroflife.org

Offers financial support to single mothers of children with life-threatening medical crises. Referrals come through pre-selected pediatric medical facilities.

Be Extraordinary program of InvoTek

<http://www.invotek.org/giving/about-be-extraordinary/>

InvoTek develops technology and computers for people with disabilities. People with a disability contact InvoTek and tell them what they want to accomplish -- go to school, work, manage their family's finances, etc. If InvoTek accepts them in this program, there is a section of their website called "People who need funding" where people can donate to their cause.

Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation

<http://www.brpf.org/>

P.O. Box 1388

Waukesha, WI 53187-1388

Phone: 262-547-2083

Email: info@brpf.org

Funds a charitable grant to an individual as well as one \$1000 scholarship to be awarded to two different individuals with neurological disabilities, or the child of that person, for post high school education.

ChairScholars

<http://chairscholars.org/>

provides scholarships for college or vocational training to low-income students with severe physical disabilities - allowing them the opportunity to pursue their dreams. ChairScholars has three scholarship programs; the [National Scholarship Program](#), the [Florida Scholarship Program](#) and the [New York Metropolitan Area Program](#).

Challenged Athletes Foundation

http://www.challengedathletes.org/programs/access_for_athletes.htm

9591 Waples Street

San Diego, CA 92121

Phone: 858-866-0959

Stepping in where medical treatment, rehabilitation and health insurance ends, Access for Athletes provides such equipment as adaptive sports wheelchairs, handcycles, and mono skis. After being awarded grants for new adaptive sports equipment, prosthetics and/or training and competition expenses, participants in the program can pursue a full and active life that includes sports. See website for application.

<http://cfafund.org/>

College Football Assistance Fund

1333 North Buffalo Drive
Suite 250
Las Vegas, NV 89128
Marques Fitch
702-277-7510
702-586-4157 fax

A non-profit organization dedicated to the support of football players who have sustained serious injuries through college football. Assistance will be provided to ease the burden of medical costs associated with injuries such as joint replacement, spine treatment, neurological care and other related expenses.

Fighting Back Scholarship Program

<http://www.fightingbacksp.org/>

221 S. Valley Forge Rd.
Devon, PA 19333
610-688-8868

Provides financial assistance for post-rehabilitative exercise to individuals who have suffered a life changing illness or injury.

First Hand Foundation

<https://applications.cerner.com/firsthand/>

<http://www.firsthandfoundation.org>

2800 Rockcreek Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64117
816.201.1569

In 1995, Cerner Corporation, a leading supplier of healthcare information technology, founded the First Hand Foundation. A nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, First Hand assists individual children with health-related needs when insurance and other financial resources have been exhausted.

<http://www.friendsofman.org>

Friends of Man

P.O. Box 937
Littleton, CO 80160-0937
303-798-2342

Friends of Man helps people of all ages with a large variety of needs:

- Mobility Equipment: (prostheses, wheelchairs, van lifts, and modifications, ramps, home modifications)
- Medical Equipment and Procedures
- Hearing Aids, Dentures, Glasses
- Basic Needs: Clothing for Children, Food
- Short-term Daycare, Prescriptions, Cobra/Health Insurance

Referring Professionals (health care and social workers, clergy, counselors, etc.) submit applications on behalf of people in need of assistance. (Applications are accepted only

from referring professionals.) Because Friends of Man is an all-volunteer organization, our Application MUST be filled out by an agency on behalf of the applicant.

Gia Nicole Angel Foundation

<http://www.giafoundation.com/>

c/o Amy Nidell

1461 Golden Dr.

Dresher, PA 19025

215-429-9996

Families of children with a physical disability can fill out an application to assist with the purchase of a specific item. Preference is given to lower income and single parent families.

Harry Gregg Foundation

<http://www.crotchedmountain.org/crotchedmountain/html/hgreggfoundation.htm>

gives grants to **individuals in New Hampshire** for:

- costs of medical, dental, vision, hearing, or therapy treatments not covered by insurance or other programs
- special equipment, services or supplies
- modifications to living area, workplace or vehicle
- respite services and recreational activities
- vocational, educational or driver training

Kate Zee Memorial Scholarship

www.disabilitytravel.com/windmills.htm

1-800-846-4537

Donations and contributions should be sent to:

Travelquill, Inc.

c/o Accessible Journeys, Inc.

35 West Sellers Avenue

Ridley Park, PA 19078

Prior to her death Kate established a scholarship fund within her corporation to provide free travel opportunities to disabled travelers who would otherwise never have an opportunity to see the world. The proceeds from her book sales as well as donations and contributions will fund this travel scholarship.

<http://lexcare.org/index.html>

Lex-Care, Inc.

P.O. Box 1328

Lexington, KY 40588

Phone: 859-699-9859

Lex-Care is a non-profit organization that helps **Kentucky residents** in need of transportation, diapers, etc. Lex-Care maintains a fund to assist people with financial and material needs when no other source is available. The fund is supported solely by private

contributions. To receive support, the referral must come from a social worker. The fund specifically does not help pay for drugs.

Lions Club International Fund

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/index.php>

630-571-5466

Helps the disabled with vocational programs.

Medicare Rights Center

www.medicarerights.org

http://www.medicareinteractive.org/page2.php?topic=counselor&page=script&slide_id=1351

1-888-RX-LINCS

Lists national and state drug assistance programs.

Mobility Unlimited

<http://www.mobilityunlimited.org/>

For disabled adults in Oregon who have exhausted other resources. Call Susie @ Mobility Unlimited hotline (877) 516-0605.

Modest Needs

<http://www.modestneeds.org/>

212-463-7042

questions@modestneeds.org

Gives small one-time grants to individuals who do not qualify for public assistance but are financially needy. Grants go for car repairs, utility bills, etc. and should be for under \$1,000. The average grant is \$300.

M.O.R.G.A.N. Project

www.themorganproject.org

3830 S. Hwy. A-1-A

Suite C4, #153

Melbourne Beach, FL 32951

Support for parents of special needs children including equipment and grants.

National Eye Institute: Financial Aid for Eye Care

<http://www.nei.nih.gov/health/financialaid.asp>

Provides a list of other organizations that provide eye care or eyeglasses.

Needy Meds

www.needymeds.org

Information about programs that help with the cost of medicines.

Non Profit Expert.com: Individual Assistance

<http://www.nonprofitexpert.com/assistance.htm>

Lists some sources of individual funding.

Passion 4 Kids

<http://www.passion4kids.com/>

204 N. El Camino Real, Suite E-736

Encinitas, CA 92024

Phone: 760-518-2780

Email: info@passion4kids.com

A non-profit organization that helps families with children in desperate situations. To apply for assistance for your child, please email them with your request.

Road 2 Recovery

<http://www.road2recovery.com/home.asp>

Provides financial assistance to AMA licensed professional motocross/supercross individuals who sustain career-ending injuries and can't support themselves. Please contact them for more details.

Self-Reliant Loans and Grants program (for NJ residents only)

(877) 762-7000

application@njcitizenaction.org

New Jersey Citizen Action Loan Counseling Service

24 Commerce Street, Suite 504

Newark, NJ 07102

A new loan and grant program for people with disabilities. PNC Bank and New Jersey Citizen Action developed this new loan to help low to moderate-income **NJ residents** with disabilities purchase equipment or home modifications to increase their independence. 100 grants of \$1,000 each are available on a first come, first served basis. Loan amounts from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Swim With Mike: Physically Challenged Athletes Scholarship Fund

<http://swimwithmike.org/>

University of Southern California

3501 Watt Way

Heritage Hall MC 203A

Los Angeles, CA 90089

Phone: 213-740-4155

Provides college scholarships to students who were/are athletes and sustained a life changing injury or illness. Please see website for more details under "Apply".

Through the Looking Glass

www.lookingglass.org

1-800-644-2666

1-800-804-1616 TTY

2198 Sixth Street Suite 100

Berkley, CA 94710-2204

Offers college scholarships to high school seniors or graduates who have at least one parent who is disabled. Please see website for details.

Tinia Q. Cade Foundation

<http://www.cadefoundation.org/page.php?id=4>

provides up to \$10,000 per funded family to help with costs of domestic adoption and medical fertility treatment. The only restrictions for applying are

- 1) You MUST have a diagnosis of infertility from your doctor
- 2) You MUST be a legal permanent US resident

UCP—Bellows Fund

http://www.ucp.org/ucp_general.cfm/1/11365

1-800-872-5827

info@ucp.org

Each UCP affiliate gives out money from this fund for assistive technology (wheelchairs, environmental controls, lifts, computers—does not cover cars) to those with disabilities in financial need.

Wheel to Walk Foundation

<http://www.wheeltowalk.com>

503-257-1401

info@wheeltowalk.com

P.O. Box 20146

Portland, OR 97294

Helps children obtain products and services denied by their insurance companies. The foundation distributes funds directly to providers. Previous purchases include gait trainers, forearm crutches, wheelchairs, speech therapy sessions, etc.

The following books and videos are available for free loan from the PRC library. For more information, please see www.paralysis.org and click the Lending Library tab.

Books

Financial Aid for the Disabled and Their Families 2010-2012 (Scholarships, Fellowships, Loans, Grants-in-Aid, Awards). El Dorado Hills, CA: Reference Service Press, 2010. <http://www.rspfunding.com/>

Foundation Grants to Individuals. New York: The Foundation Center, 2010. (19th ed.). <http://fdncenter.org/>

Grants for People with Disabilities. New York: The Foundation Center, 2007. (2008 ed). Grant Guides #10.

<http://fdncenter.org/>

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