



Muscular Dystrophy New Zealand

The Bradley Jenkin Memorial Fund

INFORMATION SHEET

Purpose

The purpose of this fund is to provide discretionary grants for individuals with a neuromuscular condition to access opportunities and specialised resources that enable them to achieve freedom. By a resolution in council, it was decided that in recognition of the years of unpaid service and commitment made by Trevor and Joy Jenkin, and in keeping with the generous spirit of giving by their late son Bradley, who sadly passed away from complications of DMD aged 17, that henceforth the discretionary fund will now be renamed.

It is our great pleasure to be able to make this gesture for Trevor and Joy, not only as an enduring legacy for their hard work and sacrifice, but because Bradley's enthusiasm, humour, and kind-hearted thirst for life embodied the MDANZ vision.

Who can apply?

Individuals diagnosed with a neuromuscular condition (*covered by the MDANZ) and who are registered as General or Life members of the MDANZ are eligible to apply.

A parent or guardian can apply on behalf of Rangatahi and Tamariki members.

How much can I apply for?

Grant applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Grants will not exceed \$500.00 per year, per individual member.

What can I apply for?

We want our members to experience greater freedom in life. On the application form, you will need to tell us how the resource or opportunity will enhance your life and help you achieve more freedom.

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Examples of grant applications that might be considered under this fund are;

- Specialised sports equipment
- Contribution towards the costs of a Mobility Dog being placed with you
- Travel to attend an international forum for a rare condition
- Participation in a sporting event
- Career development (eg university or course fees)

What can't I apply for?

MDANZ will **not** consider applications for items or activities which currently meet government funding criteria. For example, if you are eligible to receive equipment from the Ministry of Health, the MDA will not fund it. Where relevant, the MDANZ may request a letter to show that government funding has been declined.

Funding for therapies and treatments of an ongoing nature will not be considered at this stage due to the "one off" nature of the grant. MDANZ will continue to advocate for better provision of therapies by health and education services.

MDANZ will also **not** consider grants for an activity or resource that has not been proven as beneficial to people with neuromuscular conditions, that has a risk of causing harm, or that is inconsistent with best practice guidelines.

How to Apply

Send your completed application form along with a quote and supporting documents;

By email to: info@mda.org.nz

How will the decision be made?

All applications will be considered by a representative panel. The panel will be led by the MDANZ National Executive Chairperson and will include one representative from National Council and one representative from each of the Branch Committees.

The panel will meet four times per year. Retrospective applications that fall within 3 months of the closing date will be considered. The panel will use a set of guidelines to evaluate all applications. These guidelines are available on the MDANZ website.

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Closing dates for each funding round will be:

31st January

30th April

31st July

31st October

Closing dates may be extended at the discretion of the National Executive Chairperson

When will I know the outcome of my application?

Applicants will be informed of the outcome within four weeks from the closing date of the funding round.

How do I purchase or pay for the item or activity?

The item or activity should be purchased using one of the following processes;

1. Member supplies a copy of the invoice and receipt to MDANZ to show they have purchased the item. MDANZ reimburses the agreed amount to the member.
2. The member arranges for the supplier to send an invoice to MDANZ directly, and MDANZ pays for the item.

What else do I need to consider?

The amount MDANZ can give is subject to available funding and there is no guarantee of funding towards ongoing costs year after year.

Successful applications will be promoted by MDANZ through the In Touch magazine and other media. As a successful applicant you will need to agree to have your story and photo included in MDANZ media.

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