

Julia Farr Association

The Julia Farr Association is a social profit, non-government organisation working to assist people living with disability to get a fair go at everything life has to offer. We administer trust funds designed to assist people living with disability in South Australia.

General Purpose Distribution Fund

This fund is available to assist people living with disability who are on low income to access items that will improve their quality of life. Grants of up to \$3,000 per applicant per financial year are available for one of more of the following purposes:

- Minor essential items of personal need (where a person is assessed to be financially unable to acquire such items); **or**
- Services of a temporary nature when other funding is not available; **or**
- Activities that enhance quality of life.

Previous applicants have used grants to purchase electrical equipment, kitchen equipment, computers etc.

Grants cannot be used for:

- Medical equipment
- Vehicle purchase or maintenance
- Improvements to rental properties that you can not take with you when you move home
- Retrospective costs
- Items that we would expect to be funded by NDIS, for NDIS participants.

If applying for a technology item e.g. an iPad, an automatic door opener, a communication device or other specialist equipment designed to make your life easier, an agency called Stretchy Tech is available to help you decide what could work best for you.

Stretchy Tech only charges for this service if your grant application is successful, and the costs can be included in that grant application. You do not have to use Stretchy Tech and using Stretchy Tech does not guarantee your application will be successful.

To find out more visit <https://stretchytech.org.au/> or contact them at admin@stretchy.org.au or by calling 1300 043 837.

Guidelines

Am I eligible?

The eligibility criteria respect the original purpose of the funds as specified by the donor. To be eligible you must:

- Be a person aged over 18 years living with physical disability, acquired brain injury or degenerative neurological disorder; and
- Live in South Australia; and
- Receive a disability support pension or equivalent.

When can I apply?

- Applications are accepted at any time and funds are distributed bi-monthly.

How we make decisions about grant applications

It is important to us that we make the very best use of the limited funds we have available. A committee of people living with disability help us to decide this.

In coming to a decision about your grant application, some of the things we consider are:

- Are you on a low income
- Will the grant give you more control over your life
- Will the grant be used in ways that are about living an ordinary valued life
- How much are you asking for
- Have you included enough information to show how you will spend the grant, including how much the item will cost, and that you have found a fair price
- If the grant is a part-payment for an item that costs more than the grant amount, where is the remaining money to pay for the item coming from
- Will you be able to show that you have used the grant properly to pay for what you asked for
- Can we easily see how the item will help you

Trustee decisions are guided by:

- The trust funds available
- The nature of any previous grants we have awarded you
- The role of government/public funds in the provision of relevant items and services
- Who will own/consume the item/service, and whether the item or service will remain with you. For example, we are unlikely to support a grant for an air conditioning unit for a rental property, if the air conditioning unit will stay in the property when you move out

We hope this information helps you when making a grant application. If you have any questions regarding the form or application process, please email us at grants@juliafarr.org.au or **phone: (08) 8373 8388**

Application ID: _____
JFA Office Use Only

Application Form

General Purpose Distribution Fund

Please complete this form in full to apply for the General Purpose Distribution Fund, and return it using the contact details at the end of the form. By completing this form you consent to the disclosure of all details in this application to any relevant external body/trust chosen to distribute funds through this process.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Date of completing this Application Form: _____

Do you live with a physical disability, acquired brain injury, or degenerative neurological disorder?

Yes No

If 'Yes' please provide details: _____

Do you receive/are you eligible for a Disability Support Pension or equivalent? Yes No

If 'yes' please provide your CRN number: _____

Have you received funds from JFA in the past five years? Yes No

If 'Yes' please state the most recent year received and the amount: _____

Are you currently, or likely to be, a participant in the NDIS? Yes No

If yes to the previous question, have you applied for this item through the NDIS? Yes No

If you said yes to the previous question, please detail why the NDIS did not provide funding for this item: _____

If you said no to the previous question, can you tell us why you haven't applied to the NDIS for funding for this item? _____

Application Form

Application Form: General Purpose Distribution Fund continued ...

Title of application (for example, name of item applying for): _____

Description (please include details and attach **2 comparable quotes** for items requested):

_____ Amount requested \$ _____

What is preventing you from paying for this item?

If applying for technology, would you like Stretchy Tech to contact you to arrange an assessment?

Yes No

Please explain how you will benefit if you were awarded this grant?:

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If you are completing this form on behalf of the applicant, please provide the following information.

Name of person completing this form if not the applicant: _____

Relationship to the applicant (e.g. family member, paid worker): _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please send this completed application form to

JFA General Purpose Distribution Fund

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Email: grants@juliafarr.org.au