



Adaptive Sports Equipment Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

General Information and Eligibility

How does this grant process work?

After the grant deadline, we meet as a Grants Committee of the Board of the Kelly Brush Foundation to review applications and determine awards based on available funds. Often, grant awards will only cover part of the cost of a certain piece of equipment. In all cases, the Kelly Brush Foundation **only provides funding directly to the vendor**, not the individual applicant.

Who can apply for a grant?

Only individuals residing in the U.S. that have an eligible spinal cord injury or condition, spina bifida, or transverse myelitis may apply. We do not provide grants to programs, teams, or other organizations.

What equipment can I apply for?

You may apply for any piece of sports or recreational equipment that helps you get active that is specifically designed to be used by individuals with a disability. Our most common pieces of granted equipment include:

- handcycles (road and offroad), monoskis (alpine and nordic), and sport chairs (tennis, basketball, rugby, etc.).

We have also provided grants for:

- hockey, off-road recreational chairs, golf, canoeing/kayaking, scuba diving, equestrian, bowling, and other activities.

What equipment can I *NOT* apply for?

You cannot apply for:

- non-adaptive equipment, such as standard bicycles, skis and bindings, or other sports equipment widely used in able-bodied sports,
- accessory upgrades, such as wheels or handcycle components,
- accessories such as water bottle holders, cycling computers, helmets, etc.,
- transfer aids such as lifts, transfer seats, etc., or
- indoor training equipment, cycling trainers, or gym equipment.

There may be other items we don't provide grant funding for, but this list should give you an idea of what we do and don't cover. There is more information on Page 4 of the Guidelines and Requirements document.



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Where can I find vendors of adaptive sports equipment to get quotes?

Please refer to our resources page (<http://kellybrushfoundation.org/resources/>) for a list of common vendors that we work with. The vendors on this list are **not the only vendors** you may use, however. We recommend you contact your local adaptive sports program to see if there are any local vendors that can help you get properly fit for equipment.

If I am awarded a grant, how do I receive my piece of equipment?

If you receive a grant, you will have until the deadline to take advantage of the grant. In your award letter, we will ask you to inform 1 of the 2 vendors from which you provided quotes that you are ready to purchase the equipment, tell them the amount of your grant, and have them invoice the Kelly Brush Foundation for that amount. We will then pay the vendor directly. There will be more information in the grant award letter.

If I am awarded a grant, but it's not the full amount I applied for, what do I do?

Because of the high demand, we often give partial grants. In fact, our average grant size is around \$2,500. If you receive a partial grant, you have a few options:

- make up the remaining cost yourself, if possible,
- work with a vendor to purchase a less expensive piece of equipment,
- start an online crowdfunding campaign with our partners at RallyMe.com, which we'll help you set up.

If you receive a partial grant, we won't provide our funding to the vendor until you have provided any remaining amount or the vendor commits to delivering the equipment as soon as we provide our funding.

If I am awarded a grant, what requirements are there afterward?

We ask that you:

- send us pictures of you receiving and using the equipment,
- fill out a questionnaire 2 months and 1 year after receiving your equipment, and
- stay in touch generally.

We want to see how you're doing!

I have applied for a grant before, can I reapply?

If you are denied a grant application or receive a Try It First grant, you may apply the following cycle. If you receive a grant award, you cannot apply for another 4 cycles.



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My Grant Application

There is only 1 manufacturer that makes and sells the equipment I am applying for, how can I provide 2 quotes?

If this is the case, please indicate that there is a single vendor on the application form in the space for naming the second vendor.

Can I fill it out the application for my minor child, a friend, or another person?

The *applicant must fill out all sections* of this grant application his/herself. Exceptions include the guardian of child under the age of 13 or the caregiver of an individual whose paralysis limits typing ability. Regardless, all applicants will be responsible for knowledge of the eligibility rules and procedures as well as all responses on the application form, and must indicate his/her consent to have the application submitted.

What if something happens that changes the accuracy of one of my responses after I submit my application?

You must keep us updated on any changes to your application, including (i) any adaptive sports equipment that you obtain between when you apply and when your application is considered, (ii) any changes to the status of other grant applications, or (iii) any changes to residence or contact information. If you are awarded a grant and would like to change what equipment you purchase, please send us your intentions and a brief description of why, and we will consider your planned change.

What makes a good application?

We want to get to know you, why you want to be active, and what being active means to you. We also want to know exactly why you are applying for the specific piece of equipment listed on the application (for example, if you're applying for a handcycle, we want to know why you're applying for a Top End Force G rather than a Force 3 or XLT). We want to see that you have experience trying the equipment and that you've had the discussion with the vendor why that piece of equipment is right for you.

Financial Information

What financial information do I need to submit?

You need to submit financial information of your entire household, including spouses or parents. If you and/or your household do not file federal or state tax returns, please send some form of income verification such as SSI Benefit Verification Letters or documentation of another annuity payment or independent wealth. If none of these apply, we will need an explanation of income and/or wealth. We keep the information strictly confidential and destroy it after the grant cycle.