



Active Fund Application - FAQ

Thank you for looking into the Active Fund! In order to help you best understand the application process, please be sure to thoroughly read our guidelines.

Our guidelines include detailed information on:

- Eligibility (Applicant and Equipment)
- Rules
- Instructions, including detailed instructions of what is required from each document

You can access our guidelines here:

<https://kellybrushfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-The-Active-Fund-Guidelines-SMApply.pdf>

What are the deadlines and timelines of the application process?

Application Open, Close, and Notification dates are listed on page 1 of the [guidelines](#). Our office operates on EST, so the application will close at 5 PM EST on the date of the application deadline.

When and how will I receive a decision?

All decisions will be sent via email on the date titled “Notification” on page 1 of [guidelines](#).

All decisions will be sent via email from our grants@kellybrushfoundation.org email address (be sure to add us to your contacts to be sure we don't go to spam!)

There are three possible decisions an applicant may receive:

- Award (either full or partial)
- “Try It First” Grant – an award of \$500 to go towards program or rental fees at an
- adaptive sports program to gain experience with the equipment applied for
- Denial

What do you require for medical documentation?

All document requirements are outlined on page 4 of our [guidelines](#):

- A letter on the letterhead of a treating physician or primary care provider stating the cause and nature of your paralysis, including level of injury, whether it is complete or incomplete, and when it occurred.
- We do not accept full medical histories, physical reports, Paralympic classifications, photos of injuries, or any other form of medical documentation.



Additionally,

- The documentation needs to clearly state that you have a spinal cord injury.
- This information helps us as we paint the picture of you as an athlete in reference to the equipment you are applying for, so please feel welcome to include ASIA classification and/or if the injury is complete vs incomplete, weakness or paralysis, bowel/bladder dysfunction, the need for a wheelchair or mobility device, etc.

Can programs apply for this grant?

Our Active Fund grant is intended for Individuals with paralysis caused by spinal cord injury who reside in the US. Programs are not eligible for the Active Fund.

What are eligible equipment asks?

The Active Fund is intended for any piece of sports or recreation equipment specifically designed for people with disabilities that allow an applicant to be active. We give preference to equipment that provides some fitness benefit. We do, however, consider applications for power equipment where the applicant can persuasively explain why that type of equipment is the best and most appropriate piece of equipment for him/her to live an active lifestyle.

Please check out page 2 of the [guidelines](#) for more specifics on equipment eligibility.

Car modifications (such as hand controls) and Home modifications are **NOT** eligible for the Active Fund.

What can be expected for a grant amount?

Please note that meeting eligibility requirements is not a guarantee of a grant award. While there is no minimum or maximum award, please note that grants rarely exceed \$5,000, and the average grant is generally around \$3,500.

There is only 1 vendor that sells the equipment I am applying for. What should I do?

If only 1 vendor sells the equipment, you may submit only 1 quote. For more information on what is required for a Vendor Quote, please check out page 5 of the [guidelines](#).

I'm trying to access the application but I keep getting an error message.

We recommend that you try clearing your cookies. If that does not work, try using a different browser (we recommend Google Chrome). Last resort, try using a different device. If all else fails, let us know!

For any unresolved questions, please reach out to grants@kellybrushfoundation.org