

Please read the below and tick the box to confirm your agreement before accessing the application form.

The Elifar Foundation is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and the administration and governance of the charity must comply with the operating guidelines set out by the Commission.

All the fund-raising and administration that is carried out by and on behalf of this charity is done almost entirely by volunteers. All of the funds come from private, or company donations and the charity has no access to government or local authority funds. Our resources are limited, and we would expect applicants to consider other sources of funding including crowd-funding where possible in addition to their application to The Elifar Foundation.

We expect the application form to be fully completed and submitted along with any required supporting documentation. We do not have the resources to engage in correspondence to obtain missing information. Any applications that are not fully completed will not be assessed.

We fully appreciate the often difficult and stressful circumstances applicants; their carers and healthcare professionals may experience however we reserve the right to operate a zero-tolerance approach in the event of rude or abusive language or behaviour towards any of the personnel involved in running the charity.

The Trustees will assess all applications that meet the charity's funding criteria and will allocate grants fairly based on the availability of funds. There is no automatic entitlement to funding and the decision of the Trustees is final.

I have read and understand the conditions stated above



Grant Application Form Guidance and Terms

The Elifar Foundation Ltd

Grant Application Form and Instructions for Completion

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1. Who can apply

1.1 The Elifar Foundation (EF) will consider applications by, or on behalf of, individual children or young adults (28 years and under) with any form of physical or learning disability

1.2 EF can only accept applications from UK based individuals

1.3 EF are unable to help with funding for groups, schools, organisations or other charities

1.4 EF will consider applications for partial funding of an item of equipment

2. Types of funding available

- EF WILL consider funding for items listed below:
 - Manual and powered wheelchairs
 - Hoists
 - Sensory equipment and room padding
 - Specialised
 - Seating
 - Beds
 - Car seats
 - Buggies
 - Trikes
 - Communication aids and software

If there are items of specialist equipment that are not listed above which you would like EF to consider funding, please contact us at info@elifarfoundation.org.uk

- EF are UNABLE to assist with the following:
 - Items or works for which Statutory Funding is available
 - Building or garden works
 - Ordinary computers/laptops/ipads
 - Ordinary domestic items (e.g. furniture, flooring, white goods)
 - Clothing
 - Ordinary or specialized holidays
 - Therapies
 - Guide dogs
 - Mobility scooters

EF are unable to fund equipment which has already been ordered/purchased or refund any deposits already paid

EF are unable to offer financial assistance where it is deemed that the beneficiary or the beneficiary's family are capable of funding the equipment from their own resources

3. Information to help you with your application

3.1 Applications must be submitted on our Grant Application Form – Appendix 1

- The form can be completed electronically or printed and completed by hand (please use BLACK ink)
- ALL sections of the Application Form should be completed
- The form can be completed and submitted by the person in need, a parent/carer or a healthcare professional. In the event of completion by a care professional please ensure the letter of medical support (see 3.2) is written by a different healthcare professional
- EF will confirm receipt of your application and supporting documentation via email

3.2 Medical support

- EF will ask you to provide contact details of a healthcare professional – Doctor, Specialist Nurse, Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist – who we may contact during the processing of your application
- Applications are required to include a letter from a healthcare professional explaining the relevant medical diagnosis. The letter must be dated within the 6 months prior to the application date, be signed by hand or electronically and be written on official letterhead
- Applications are required to include a letter of support from a healthcare professional which should clearly explain and directly support the need for the specific item of equipment for which funding is requested explaining how it will benefit the beneficiary. The letter of support must be dated within the 6 months prior to the application date and must be signed by hand or electronically

NOTE : it is acceptable for one letter to cover both the medical diagnosis and provide support for the equipment requested

3.3 Financial evidence

- EF will ask you to provide financial evidence to support your application including bank statements, P60s or benefit confirmation notices

3.4 Funding from other Charities

- Where you have secured partial funding from another charity or through your own fund-raising EF will require evidence of the amounts pledged or raised

3.5 Quotes for equipment

- EF require ONE quote for items of equipment costing £3,000 or less and TWO quotes, from different suppliers, for items of equipment costing over £3,000 including VAT where applicable, delivery and any other charges
- Supplier quotes should be in the name of the beneficiary/carer and should include a description of the equipment, supplier details including Company and VAT registration number and itemised costings

3.6 Signing the application form

- Please ensure the application form is signed and dated. The form should be signed by the beneficiary, a parent/carer or healthcare professional on behalf of the beneficiary

3.7 Check list

- Please review the check list at the end of the application form – Appendix 2. EF cannot accept incomplete or unsigned forms or applications where the supporting documentation is missing
- We strongly advise you to test equipment before making an application to ensure that it will meet your needs including on a day-to-day practical level, convenient to handle, fits in your car, through your front door etc

3.8 Submitting the application form and supporting documents

- Completed application forms can be submitted by email (preferred method) – with pdf attachments (not jpegs) - or by post. If sending by post please retain a copy of your completed application form for your records
- Where submitting by email please print the signature page (Part 12), sign and scan the page before sending as an email attachment
- Where submitting by post please DO NOT use recorded delivery as collection from the post office causes delays. Ensure the correct postage is paid as EF cannot accept underpaid items
- Please send photocopies of all supporting documentation as EF are unable to return original documents
- Email address: info@elifarfoundation.org.uk
- Postal address:

STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL
FAO: Ms K Woodham
Macdonald & Company
50 Great Marlborough Street
London, W1F 7JS

4. Awarding a grant

EF will consider all fully completed applications

- 4.1 In the event of a grant being awarded EF will write to you to confirm the award. Equipment must not be ordered until you have received this award letter
- 4.2 EF may make a pledge to provide partial funding towards the full cost of an item of equipment. EF will write to you to confirm the amount of this pledge and advise the expiry date of the offer. This is to give you time to secure funding from other sources for the balance of the cost
- 4.3 Where you are able to make a personal contribution, EF will require this payment be made to the supplier before the release of funds
- 4.4 Where EF declines an application, we will send an email advising you of this decision

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact Shirley McGuire at info@elifarfoundation.org.uk

5. Terms and Conditions

5.1 Grants awarded by EF are discretionary and subject to available funding. There is no entitlement to a grant and all cases are assessed on an individual basis. The Trustee's decision is final

5.2 Grants will only be awarded to applicants/beneficiaries normally resident in the UK

5.3 In the event of an offer of a grant from EF being made to the beneficiary, or applicant on behalf of the beneficiary, it will be on the understanding that you have read and agreed these Terms and Conditions and the information set out in Sections 3 and 4 above

5.4 EF reserves the right to withhold the grant if it finds that any form of deliberately false or misleading information has been provided to EF at any time during the application process or any relevant information has not been disclosed

5.5 EF reserves the right to request information from the people named in the application and to make a personal visit to the beneficiary's main residence during the application process or once the equipment has been purchased

5.6. In the event of EF making a partial contribution towards the cost of equipment the charity will not be held liable for any non-payment of the balance due to the supplier

5.7 Any part of the grant that is not required for the purpose for which it was approved is to be refunded to EF

5.8 Any equipment purchased with the aid of a grant from EF should be retained and used for the agreed purpose. If used for another purpose, this must be reported to EF who reserve the right to require repayment of the value of the asset

5.9 All contractual arrangements will be between the applicant and the supplier of equipment. The applicant acknowledges that EF cannot accept liability for the quality or fitness for purpose of any equipment and any liability arising in respect of such equipment shall be a liability of the manufacturer or supplier providing or delivering the equipment

5.10 EF will pay the supplier direct on receipt of an invoice and confirmation from the supplier of receipt of other funds where applicable. The applicant must ensure that the beneficiary/applicant is shown as the customer on the invoice. EF cannot accept invoices where EF is shown as the customer

5.11 Where equipment is purchased on the internet, the applicant will be required to pay for the goods and EF will re-imburse the applicant on receipt of suitable proof of payment and/or evidence of delivery of the goods.

5.12 You agree to inform EF when the goods have been delivered

5.13 You agree that the financial support you have received from EF will be acknowledged in all publications concerning the equipment as well as in presentations and interviews (see Part 9)

Appendix 1 – Grant Application Form

For office use only

Ref.Number		Date	
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Part 1 - Beneficiary Details

Title						
Surname						
Forenames						
Address including Postcode						
Landline Number		Mobile Number				
Email address						
NHS Number						
Date of Birth		Age		Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Marital Status						
Does the beneficiary reside with the family	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>				
If No, or part time, give details and address:						
Contact Name				Phone Number		

Please tell us who lives at home		
Mother (Please tick)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Full Name	Age	Occupation
Father (Please tick)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Full Name	Age	Occupation
Siblings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Name(s) and age(s) of siblings		
Family residential status		
Owner <input type="checkbox"/>	Tenant <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)

Part 2 – Beneficiary’s Applicant – if the beneficiary is unable to apply themselves please provide details of the person applying on their behalf

Title			
Surname			
Forenames			
Address including Postcode			
Landline Number		Mobile Number	
Email address			
Job Title	Provide professional qualifications if acting in a professional capacity		
Relationship to Beneficiary			

Beneficiary's Doctor

Name of GP	
Surgery	
Address including Postcode	
Phone Number	
Email address	

Part 3 - Brief Description of the Beneficiary

Please give details of the beneficiary's medical condition/disability and date of diagnosis. EF require you to submit a healthcare professional's diagnosis letter and a letter of support for the equipment requested with your application form

Part 4 - How much money are you requesting and what is the grant to be used for?

EF require you to submit ONE quote for equipment costing £3,000 or less and TWO quotes from different suppliers for equipment costing over £3,000

Grant amount requested (£)

Description of equipment required:

Part 5 - This section to be completed by the beneficiary if possible, alternatively to be completed by the beneficiary's applicant

How does your medical condition/disability affect your daily life without the correct equipment?

What difference would the new equipment make to your and your family's life?

Part 6 - Household income and Savings

Include earned income, investment income and any pensions for all members of the household. Do not include any State Benefits in this total

Please tick as appropriate

Total Annual Gross Income Before Tax		Total Savings	
Under £10,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	Under £1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
£10,000 to £15,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£1,000 to £10,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
£15,001 to £25,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£10,001 to £20,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
£25,001 to £35,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	£20,001 to £30,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
£35,001 to £55,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over £30,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over £55,000 (amount)	£		

If any member of the household receives income from State Benefits, e.g. P.I.P, income support, housing benefit, carer's allowance, give details including annual amounts received

You are required to submit copies of benefit statements for the last financial year

Part 7 - Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

If the beneficiary receives DLA tick the rate of DLA awarded

Care Component	Mobility Component	Beneficiary is not getting DLA
High rate care <input type="checkbox"/>	High rate mobility <input type="checkbox"/>	Have not applied <input type="checkbox"/>
Middle rate care <input type="checkbox"/>	Low rate mobility <input type="checkbox"/>	Waiting for decision <input type="checkbox"/>
Low rate care <input type="checkbox"/>		Have been refused <input type="checkbox"/>

You are required to submit copies of DLA award statements for the last financial year

Part 8 – Other funding

Give details of other charities you have applied to for funding for this equipment. If you have been offered partial funding, submit a copy of the offer letter with your application

	Charity Name	Amount
Charity 1 Date and details of offer received (if applicable)		£
Charity 2 Date and details of offer received (if applicable)		£
Charity 3 Date and details of offer received (if applicable)		£

Is there any statutory financial assistance for this item?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, how much?	£	
What, if any, contribution can you make towards the cost of this item?	£	
Has there been any fundraising e.g. crowd-funding for this item? If yes, give details and amount raised to date	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you in a position to consider initiating crowd-funding	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you received help from EF before?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please provide details:		

Part 9 – How you can help us

If your application is successful, EF may request a photograph of the beneficiary and the equipment. This can help us with our future fundraising. How we use the photograph is up to you, please choose from the options below

Please tick ONE box below

No Access. The photo and details are to be used for internal purposes only	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limited Access. The photo may be used anonymously on our website, on social media and in printed publications. Names and location will be changed and an outline of the beneficiary's need will be given	<input type="checkbox"/>
Optimum Access. The photo along with the beneficiary's name, age and outline of need may be used on our website, on social media and in printed publications	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 10 – Data Protection

- The confidentiality of your personal information is of paramount concern to EF. EF abides by the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK's General Data Protection Regulation in the collection, processing, holding and transmitting of your personal information
- EF's Data Protection Notice can be found on the charity's website www.elifarfoundation.org.uk
- EF will use the information you have provided in this application form to process your application and monitor quality
- The only exception is if you have given EF permission to use some of your information, as indicated in Part 9 of this application form, for fundraising purposes on the website, on social media and in printed publications

Part 11 – Other Policies

- EF's Policies regarding Equal Opportunities, Complaints and ICT Acceptable Usage are available on the website www.elifarfoundation.org.uk

Part 12 – Signature of beneficiary or beneficiary’s applicant

EF intend to rely on the information contained within this application so, for your own benefit and protection, please check your application carefully before signing and submitting the application. If you do not understand any points please ask us for clarification info@elifarfoundation.org.uk

By signing this application form the beneficiary or the beneficiary’s applicant confirms their agreement to the Terms and Conditions set out in Section 5 (page 6) of this form and the information in the instructions set out in Sections 3 and 4 (pages 4 and 5) of this form

By signing this application form the beneficiary’s applicant confirms that they are authorised by the beneficiary to give consent to the processing of the personal data supplied in this application form

Signature	<p>.....</p>	
Full Name in Block Capitals		Date
Please tick ONE box below:		
Beneficiary <input type="checkbox"/>	Beneficiary’s Applicant <input type="checkbox"/>	

Information about submitting your completed application form is given in Section 3.8 (page 5) of the guidance notes

Appendix 2 – Checklist

Supporting documentation

Please ensure you submit all required supporting documentation with your application

If you are submitting your application electronically please attach scanned copies of supporting documents. Please save scanned copies as pdf files (not jpegs)

If you are sending a paper copy of your application by post please send **photocopies** of supporting documents – EF cannot return originals

Signing the application form

It is a requirement that your application form is signed by hand. If you are submitting your application electronically please print Part 12 (page 15), sign by hand and scan this page before submitting

Supporting Documentation	
<p>Letter(s) of support from healthcare professional(s) dated within the 6 months prior to the application date and signed by hand or electronically</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter of confirmation of the relevant medical diagnosis Letter explaining, and directly supporting, the need for the specific item of equipment for which funding is requested outlining how it will benefit the beneficiary <p>NOTE : it is acceptable for one letter to cover both the medical diagnosis and provide support for the equipment requested</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Letter(s) confirming entitlement to state benefits e.g. income support, housing benefit, carer's allowance dated within the last 12 months</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Disability Living Allowance confirmation letter dated within the last 12 months</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Evidence to support other funding for the equipment</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Quote(s) for equipment –The quote must give a description of the equipment (make, model, including cost, delivery, any other charges and VAT where applicable) and details of the company including the VAT registration number</p> <p>Two quotes are required for items of equipment over £3,000</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Signature page : Part 12 (page 15) printed, signed by hand and scanned if form is submitted electronically</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>