



Sargood Foundation Travel Grants

Guidelines 2020/21

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WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST**

Background

The Sargood Foundation's vision is that all people living with spinal cord injury are provided with every opportunity to live life to the fullest.

In most circumstances, accommodation and care is covered by the insurers of guests attending Sargood on Collaroy. It has been noted that transport is not covered in some cases, and this can be an obstacle to those in financial hardship and can prevent a stay at Sargood from occurring at all.

The Sargood Foundation has made available funds to provide for a number of travel grants. These grants are available upon application to prospective guests requiring financial assistance who meet the eligibility criteria to assist with their travel to and from Sargood on Collaroy. Repeat applications will be awarded at the discretion of the Sargood Foundation – the intention is that travel funded by the Sargood Foundation would not be repeated within 5 years. The maximum grant payable is \$500

Objectives of the Sargood Foundation Travel Grants Program

Providing travel assistance to encourage those of limited means to visit Sargood on Collaroy and experience the increased confidence and independence that results from a stay

Eligibility Requirements

The recipient will be selected from applicants at the discretion of Sargood on Collaroy Clinical team on behalf of the Sargood Foundation, based on the following criteria:

- The needs of the applicant meet the primary purpose of Sargood on Collaroy, that is to support and promote access and inclusion for people with spinal cord injury.
- An Australian citizen or Permanent Resident
- This grant is only payable to those not covered by icare or other agencies who will cover transport costs or to those who have received not significant financial compensation
- Have not previously received any Sargood Foundation travel grant

Financial Hardship Criteria

As the intention of this grant is to provide benefit to those in need, applicants must please note:

- Preference will be given to applicants that can demonstrate financial hardship
- Applicants may be required to share on request supporting financial information that evidences that they do not have the financial capacity to self-fund this stay – such as tax return etc

Conditions of Grant

The Sargood Foundation require recipients to:

- Adhere to the terms and conditions of stay at Sargood on Collaroy
- Provide receipts where transport costs are claimed
- Not to exceed the amount agreed as transport costs
- Return forms/ receipts for payment within 1 month of stay
- Accept the decision of the grant awarding team

All best efforts will made to meet the dates requested by the applicant.

Travel arrangements to be completed by applicant

Each request will be assessed by the Sargood on Collaroy clinical team and priority given to those who are significantly disadvantaged by their disability. One travel grant, upto \$500 available per booking (in some cases additional grant or supplementary funding may be awarded by exception at the discretion of the Foundation). Limit of only one travel grant will be awarded to a guest over the lifetime of the program

Termination and Deferral

The grant is terminated under the following conditions:

- once the full value is paid to the recipient,
- if the recipient fails to meet the eligibility criteria
- if recipient fails to attend organised stay
- if there is any misconduct by the guest and accompanying partner before or during stay

The grant may be deferred due to illness or inability to travel at the discretion of the Sargood Foundation on proof of medical advice. Any claims beyond 3 months of the date of the stay will not be reimbursed

Payment of Grant

Payment dependant on presentation of relevant receipts as agreed within one month of stay to amount agreed with SoC Clinical Management

The Sargood Foundation will organise payment to guest on approval of receipts via bank transfer

There is no roll over of unspent funds

Timing

- Applications end 30th June 2021 or when funds all allocated.
- Stay to be organised at convenience of Recipient and completed before end June 2021
- Bookings subject to availability

Application

Application is via the enquiry form on the [Sargood on Collaroy](#) website - will include request for travel estimate and questions around reason for the application, current compensation arrangement, health care card (evidence may be required) and permission for the Sargood Foundation to seek testimonial content

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