



Sargood Foundation Travel Grants
Guidelines 202324

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Summary

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. The maximum grant payable on presentation of receipts is \$500, however a larger grant may be considered at the discretion of the SoC team and the Sargood Foundation

Available only to residents of Australia living with SCI, preference will be given to applicants that can demonstrate financial hardship and the limit of financial assistance to any one individual will be one travel grant in a 2-year period, as available funds need to be shared equitably among all eligible guests

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.

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

The Sargood Foundation Travel Grant Funding

This grant is not transferable, nor cash:

- Up to \$500 towards travel costs to and from Sargood on Collaroy is available on application
- A larger grant may be considered at the discretion of the SoC team and the Sargood Foundation where there is a genuine and evidenced need

Conditions of Sargood Foundation Travel Grant

- 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.
- Available only to Australian permanent residents only who live with Spinal Cord Injury
- 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
- As the intention of this grant is to provide benefit to those in need, applicants must please note that preference will be given to applicants that can demonstrate financial hardship
- Travel arrangements to be completed by applicant
- Guests will be invited to contribute what they can afford to, towards their travel costs
- Available dates will be offered by Sargood on Collaroy, keeping guest preference of dates in mind
- All financial assistance is granted at the discretion of the Sargood Foundation and available funding. No appeal or correspondence will be entered into.
- The limit of financial assistance to any one individual will be one travel grant in a 2 year period as available funds need to be shared equitably among all eligible guests

Recipients 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:

- 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
- Complete travel before June 30th 2024

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

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 received later than one month after the date of the stay will not be reimbursed

Payment of Grant

- Payment dependant on email of relevant receipts to susan@sargood.org.au 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 to guest nominated bank account (to supply Account name, BSB and Account number)
- There is no roll over of unspent funds

Timing

- Applications end 30th June 2024 or when funds all allocated.
- Stay to be organised at convenience of Recipient and completed before end June 2023
- 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

Enquiries and further information

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