

The Knapman Fund

Application pack

Do you need driving
lessons? A new laptop?
Receive a grant of up
to **£500**



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What is the Knapman Fund?



The *Knapman Fund* is a grant for young care-leavers in England and Wales.

It provides grants of **up to £500** to anyone who has **been in or left care aged 16-25**.



The Knapman Fund has been created in memory of **Trisha Knapman**, who worked for **NYAS** for 35 years. She was the charity's first and longest serving employee, and she passionately supported the work of NYAS until she passed away in 2021.

Supporting care-experienced children and young people was close to Trisha's heart, and the *Knapman Fund* aims to help young people like **you**.





Who can apply?



Grant applications will be accepted from care leavers, aged 16-25, who have been supported by NYAS.

To help us to consider your application we need enough information to make a properly informed decision. We ask that you complete all sections of the application form as fully as possible, including telling us a little about your time in care. You can ask your NYAS worker or get an adult you trust to help you with the application.

What can you apply for?

Grant applications will be accepted from anyone who has been in or left care aged 16 – 25 and supported by NYAS.

The **maximum single award is currently £500** to ensure that we can support as many young people as possible throughout the year.

Applications will be considered under one of the following headings:



Household goods
(Furniture, furnishings)



Training, enterprise, employment
(Courses, travel costs, clothing)



Emergency living expenses
(Rent deposit, council tax, food, clothes, toiletries)



Exceptional medical needs
(Therapy, therapeutic activities)



Education
(Equipment, books, term-time top up, courses)



Other support
(Driving lessons, passport, rent)

Grants are given for use by the applicant only.



Even if you have had a leaving care grant, or financial support from any other Local Authority department, you can still apply to the Knapman Fund if you have less money than you need to buy essential household items, or pay for something that will contribute to your educational and personal development, that cannot be funded by any other means.

How will the grant be decided and how will I be paid?



A panel of NYAS personnel and a care-experienced young person will meet to make decisions on applications. The *Knapman Fund* panel will meet four times a year to decide on outstanding applications and review awards already made.

Non-urgent requests for payment will be dealt within the three-month limit; however, it is recognised that many requests will by their nature require a much more rapid decision making and payment process. It is anticipated therefore that many decisions will be made more rapidly.

The Knapman Fund panel will decide with you how the money is to be paid but this is unlikely to be in the form of a cash payment. Where possible we will make a payment straight to the supplier or to another nominated third party. If you request another payment method, such a request will be considered according to individual circumstances.

The relevant paperwork (invoices, receipts etc.) will need to be provided to keep our accounts up to date.



Confidentiality

All personal information submitted by yourself and your referee will be held by NYAS in complete confidence and made available only as necessary for the administration of this grant.

Monitoring and Evaluation

You will be asked to give consent on the application form to take part in a simple follow-up questionnaire to enable us to evaluate the outcome of this grant and the difference it has made to your life, although this is not a condition of the grant.

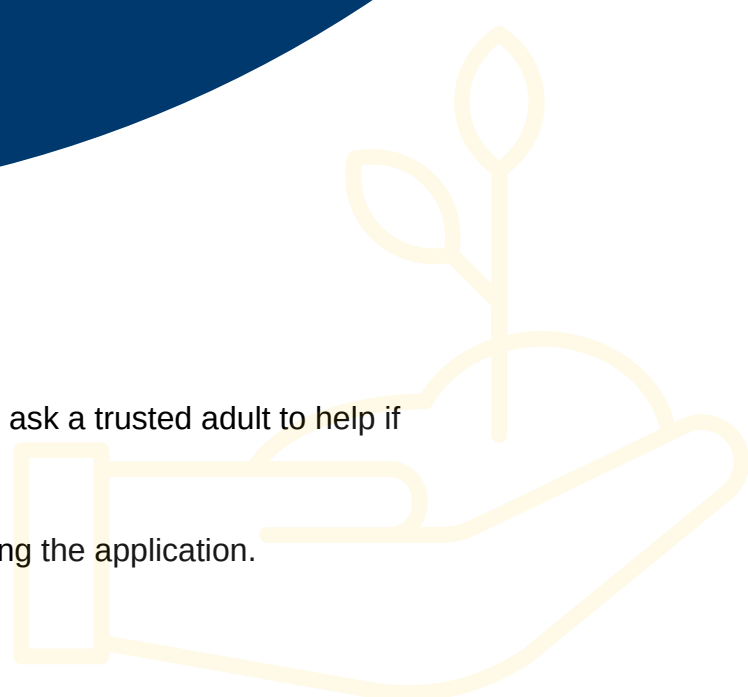
We will monitor outcomes of all the grants we make in order to help us evaluate our effectiveness and improve our service for care leavers in the future.



How to apply

Please complete the online application form and ask a trusted adult to help if you need additional support.

Please read the guidance notes before completing the application.



Deadline for grants 2022/23

Application deadlines

11th March 2022
10th June 2022
9th September 2022
5th December 2022

Grant awarded

w/c 4th April 2022
w/c 4th July 2022
w/c 3rd October 2022
w/c 9th January 2023

Apply online here

Or speak to your NYAS contact

The Knapman Fund

Questions?

**NYAS is here to help.
You can contact us on:**

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