



## Grant Application Process

A step-by-step guide to applying for a Neuro-Adaptive Athletes Foundation grant.

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### Review Eligibility

Confirm that you have a permanent neurological or spinal cord condition that affects your physical abilities. NAAF supports athletes of all ages and skill levels who are pursuing adaptive sport at any level — recreational, competitive, or elite. There is no income cap, but financial need is a priority consideration in grant decisions.

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### Gather Your Documents

Download the NAAF Grant Application Checklist from [adaptiveathletes.org](http://adaptiveathletes.org) and begin collecting your required materials. This includes medical verification (first-time applicants only), financial documents, a photo of you in sport, and letters of recommendation as required for your grant type. Give references ample time to write strong, detailed letters.

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### Complete the Application

Access the NAAF Grant Application Portal at [adaptiveathletes.org](http://adaptiveathletes.org). Fill out all sections of the application form completely and accurately. Upload all supporting documents directly through the portal. Review your application carefully before submitting — incomplete applications may delay review.

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### Application Review

Your application is reviewed by the NAAF Board of Directors. Each application is evaluated based on financial need, mission alignment, and the impact that support will have on the athlete's ability to participate and progress in adaptive sport. All applications are reviewed with equal care.

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### Decision & Notification

You will be notified by email of the board's decision. Award decisions are communicated within 60 days of the close of the application cycle. All applicants receive a response regardless of outcome. If you are not selected, you are welcome to apply in a future cycle.

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### Award Fulfillment

Awarded applicants will receive instructions for completing their grant. Equipment grants are coordinated directly with vendors on your behalf. Event and competition grants are disbursed prior to the relevant event dates. NAAF will be in touch to guide you through the fulfillment process.

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### Follow-Up Report

Grant recipients are asked to provide a brief follow-up report and a photo after using their award. This helps NAAF share your story with our donor community and demonstrates the real-world impact of the foundation's support. We love hearing from our athletes.

## Ready to Apply?

Visit [adaptiveathletes.org](http://adaptiveathletes.org) to access the grant portal, download forms, and find answers to frequently asked questions.