

APPLYING FOR GRANTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING CARE

APPLICANT INFORMATION GUIDE

The Aid Fund makes grants to Christian Scientists who are relying on Christian Science for healing and receiving Christian Science nursing care, but are unable to pay for part or all of the costs of receiving that Christian Science nursing care.

Eligibility for Assistance

In order to receive a grant the applicant must complete the short **Application for Assistance (AF2)** form to assess their eligibility for a grant. The form is available on our website, www.csaidfund.org.uk, or from a Christian Science House, a Christian Science nurse, or by telephoning the Secretary.

There are 4 simple questions about personal finances, with yes/no responses required, as well as space for additional information. If you are unsure whether you are eligible for a grant or would like the Trustees to consider your application because of special circumstances, please provide as much additional information as you can as to why you might qualify, and then contact the Secretary.

The Financial Assistance form only needs to be completed with the initial application, or when your financial circumstances change.

Grants

Once it is confirmed that you are eligible for assistance, you should complete the **Application for a Grant (AF3)** form. This form details the amount you are applying for as a grant, after deducting the amount you are able to pay and any charges that are outside the parameters set by the trustees of The Aid Fund.

Grants can be applied for irrespective of whether you have already paid an invoice.

The amount contracted for Christian Science nursing in the UK is between the individual and the Christian Science House, Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service, or individual Christian Science nurse, depending on the care you are receiving. The Aid Fund does not get involved with this aspect of the financial arrangement, but the trustees have determined certain limits that The Aid Fund is able to grant for Christian Science nursing care. These limits have been set by the Trustees after giving due consideration to The Aid Fund's finances and the demand for assistance.

Where the Christian Science nursing care has been received at a Christian Science House or through one of the Visiting Christian Science Nursing Services, they will usually administer the process on behalf of The Aid Fund, including providing all necessary paperwork for completion.

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SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR GRANTS

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING RECEIVED IN A CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HOUSE (CSH)	
Christian Science nursing (general applicant)	Weeks 0-10: 100%
	Weeks 11-26: 50%
	Over 26 weeks – subject to specific trustee review (contact Secretary)
Christian Science nursing (where the applicant is/has been a Journal-listed Christian Science practitioner or a Christian Science nurse)	Weeks 0-26: 100% Over 26 weeks – subject to specific trustee review (contact Secretary)
Rest and Study	0%
Assisted Living	0%

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING RECEIVED IN THE HOME	
Christian Science nursing	Max. hourly rate: £35/hour
	Max. daily rate: £280/24 hrs
On-call overnight duty	£50/night
If the applicant requires care for a considerable period of time and/or if the travel cost is a significant part of the cost, then the secretary of The Aid Fund should be contacted as soon as this becomes apparent.	
If the applicant (or their proxy) is not in a position to complete the claim for the first few visits, The Aid Fund may reimburse up to £1,000 in advance of receiving the grant paperwork.	

This summary must be read in conjunction with the guidance notes.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING CARE RECEIVED IN A CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HOUSE (CSH)

Grants may be made for Christian Science nursing care provided by a Journal-listed Christian Science Nursing Facility (also known as a Christian Science House) in the UK.

The amount applied for as a grant must be supported by an invoice for Christian Science nursing care made out to the applicant. Where an applicant has made a payment towards the cost of their care, this will usually be applied to reduce the amount applied for as a grant. If there are charges invoiced that The Aid Fund is unable to reimburse, the applicant's payment should go to defray these costs first, and any balance of funds remaining should then be used to reduce the amount applied for as a grant.

WHAT CAN BE APPLIED FOR FROM THE AID FUND

The Aid Fund will contribute 100%, for up to 10 weeks, of the unpaid balance of any invoice for Christian Science nursing care received in a CSH.

The Aid Fund is expectant of healing and all grants beyond 10 weeks are made at the discretion of the Trustees. For those requiring assistance for between 11 and 26 weeks, grants may be made for up to 50% of the unpaid balance, and beyond 26 weeks is considered on a case by case basis.

Items used in the normal course of Christian Science nursing care, including materials for cleansing and bandaging can be included in an application for a grant.

In most instances, the application for a grant for Christian Science nursing care received at a CSH will be made by the administrator of the CSH on behalf of the applicant.

WHAT CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN A GRANT

Items used in the normal course of Christian Science nursing care, including materials for cleansing and bandaging can be included in an application for a grant, however, personal costs such as hairdressing, telephone calls, food for visitors, etc cannot.

Journal-Listed Christian Science Nurses and Practitioners

Where an individual is currently or has been listed in the Christian Science Journal as a Christian Science practitioner or a Christian Science nurse, and is in good standing with The Mother Church, then claims may be made at **100% for up to 26 weeks**.

If assistance is required for **more than 26 weeks** this is at the discretion of the Trustees. Such assistance can be recommended by the CSH on the applicant's behalf.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSING CARE RECEIVED IN AN APPLICANT'S HOME

Grants for Christian Science nursing care received in the home may be made for care provided by a Journal-listed Christian Science nurse or by a Journal-listed Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service (VCSNS).

Where an applicant has engaged a Journal-listed Christian Science nurse, without going through a VCSNS, the contract for services is between the applicant and the Christian Science nurse. The Christian Science nurse will invoice the applicant directly for their services and the applicant may apply for a grant directly to The Aid Fund. All applications for grants must be supported by an invoice issued by the Christian Science nurse, showing the dates and number of hours care provided.

Where Christian Science nursing care is provided by a VCSNS, a statement of costs for Christian Science nursing care may be made out to the applicant. Applications for grants to meet the cost of a VCSNS will be administered by one of the CSHs.

WHAT CAN BE APPLIED FOR FROM THE AID FUND

Where an applicant has made a payment towards the cost of care in their own home, this will usually be applied to reduce the amount applied for as a grant. If there are charges that The Aid Fund is unable to reimburse, the applicant's payment should go to defray these costs first, and any balance of funds remaining should then be used to reduce the amount applied for as a grant.

The Aid Fund will contribute the following amounts towards any unpaid balance, if the applicant is eligible for a grant:

Christian Science nursing fees

The cost of Christian Science nursing care is subject to a maximum daily rate of £280 per 24-hour period and can be claimed as follows:

- Maximum hourly rate of £35.00 per hour or part thereof
- When a Christian Science nurse has been required to be on overnight on-call duty, this can be granted at £50.00 per night. Specific Christian Science nursing given during that time may be granted at £35 per hour.

Any invoiced amount in excess of £280 per 24-hour period will not be able to be the subject of a grant from The Aid Fund and the applicant should consider how else these costs may be paid.

Travel

Where Christian Science nursing has been received in the home, grants may also be available for the cost of travel and travel time. Please contact the Secretary for details.

Other

Items used in the normal course of Christian Science nursing care, including materials for cleansing and bandaging can also be included in an application for a grant.

WHAT CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN A GRANT

Higher rates for care, including penalty rates for care received on evenings, weekends, public holiday, etc, will not be considered by The Aid Fund, and are a matter between the applicant and the service provider. Personal care costs such as hairdressing, telephone calls, food, etc cannot.