COVID-19 Young Futures Fund

Eligibility criteria

If you wish to apply for financial support through the COVID-19 Young Futures Fund please read the following guidance carefully. If you have any questions about an application, please call our Meningitis Now Helpline on 0808 80 10 388 or email helpline@meningitisnow.org. We will consider any application that relates to the education, learning and development needs of a child or young person who has been affected by meningitis, and whose needs have been further/additionally impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

Criteria

We can only accept applications if the following criteria has been met:

- The child or young person is between 0-25 years of age.
- The child or young person has had meningitis (meningitis and/or meningococcal septicaemia) themselves or has an immediate* family member who has had a disease experience (this includes those who have lost siblings or family members).
- The child or young person must be living in the UK.
- If the beneficiary is under 18, the application must be completed on behalf of the individual by a parent / carer.
- Written confirmation of the diagnosis or death certificate must be included with the application form, if not held on file by Meningitis Now.
- You have provided a recent quotation for the item/equipment/service that you require, which must relate to supporting the ongoing education, learning or development needs of the child or young person.

*Immediate family member includes parents, step-parents, siblings, partners, grandparents

Note: No additional supporting evidence is required.
No means testing required.

What we will fund

Items/equipment and services that support the education, learning and development of children and young people. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Tablets, computers and laptops
- Desks/chairs/workstations
- Outdoor play and leisure equipment
- Gym equipment
- Sensory toys and equipment
- Games consoles, games and books, puzzles
- Online courses, training, tuition
- Baking equipment
- Arts & crafts
What we will NOT fund
Meningitis Now is not able to provide funding for the following items*:

- Reimbursement for Items previously purchased
- Specialist items/equipment that require an assessment by a health/education professional e.g. hearing aids
- Mobile phones
- Clothing, bedding and household furniture
- Medical or therapeutic treatment
- Purchase of animals and pets
- Payments in cash
- Hot tubs/spas/swimming pools
- Items where a statutory agency (local authority/health service) should, or has, assessed a need and has a responsibility to provide the item

*This is not an exhaustive list, and decisions will be made at the discretion of the panel.