



DIRECT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mobility Aids, Home Health Care Devices and Adaptive Equipment For Persons with Arthritis

The Kansas Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation helps individuals within its service area acquire equipment and personal care items that will enable them to take control of their arthritis. The Chapter also awards scholarships for health and wellness programs based on financial need. Assistance is not available to cover the cost of prescription drugs, doctor bills or medical treatments.

This program is open to anyone living in the 103 counties served by the Kansas Chapter. Residents of Johnson and Wyandotte counties should contact the Arthritis Foundation office for Western Missouri.

Persons Served: Anyone who has been diagnosed with arthritis or a related disease.

Income Criteria: Maximum annual income of \$28,710* (individual), or \$38,490 for a family of four.

Maximum Grant: \$500, or 50 percent of the acquisition cost or fee, whichever is less.

Examples of Items Covered:

- Mobility aids (wheel chairs, motorized scooters, walkers, quad canes, crutches, etc.)
- Health care items (bath seats, transfer benches, toilet seat risers, bed rails, orthotics, etc.)
- Aids for daily living (lift chairs, hospital beds, ramps, van lifts, computers, etc.)
- Wellness activities (scholarships for exercise/aquatics, self-help classes, etc.)
- Other needs (considered on an individual basis)

Steps in Receiving Assistance:

- Request an application for the “Direct Assistance Program” from the Arthritis Foundation office, 1999 N. Amidon Ave., Suite 105, Wichita, KS 67203-2122. Provide all the information requested
- Mail the application to the Chapter, along with (1) a written diagnosis of arthritis from a physician, (2) a doctor’s orders for the item for which funding is being requested, and (3) a price quote from the provider of the item.
- Explore other sources for funding (insurance, Medicare, Medicaid). The Arthritis Foundation will only contribute up to 50% of the uncovered acquisition cost.
- Applications are reviewed monthly by a panel of medical professionals and Chapter volunteers. It may take up to 60 days for a decision.
- Payments are made to the supplier upon presentation of an invoice. Applicants do not receive funds directly from the Foundation.

* = Financial eligibility cap set at 300% of the U.S. poverty level, as established by the Dept. of Health and Human Services

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