



**Sargood Foundation Travel Grants**  
Guidelines 2019

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## **Background**

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The Sargood Foundation's vision is that all people living with spinal cord injury are provided with every opportunity to live life to the fullest.

In most circumstances, accommodation and care is covered by the insurers of guests attending Sargood on Collaroy. It has been noted that transport is not covered in some cases, and this can be an obstacle to those in financial hardship and can prevent a stay at Sargood from occurring at all.

The Sargood Foundation has made available \$12,000 to provide for 24 x \$500 travel grants. These grants are available upon application to prospective guests requiring financial assistance who meet the eligibility criteria to assist with their travel to and from Sargood on Collaroy.

## **Objectives of the Sargood Foundation Travel Grants Program**

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Providing travel assistance to encourage those of limited means to visit Sargood on Collaroy and experience the increased confidence and independence that results from a stay

## **Eligibility Requirements**

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The recipient will be selected from applicants at the discretion of Sargood on Collaroy Clinical team on behalf of the Sargood Foundation, based on the following criteria:

- The needs of the applicant meet the primary purpose of Sargood on Collaroy, that is to support and promote access and inclusion for people with spinal cord injury.
- An Australian citizen or Permanent Resident
- This grant is only payable to those not covered by icare or other agencies who will cover transport costs or to those who have received not significant financial compensation
- Have not previously received any Sargood Foundation travel grant

## **Financial Hardship Criteria**

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As the intention of this grant is to provide benefit to those in need, applicants must please note:

- Preference will be given to applicants that can demonstrate financial hardship
- Applicants may be required to share on request supporting financial information that evidences that they do not have the financial capacity to self-fund this stay – such as tax return etc

## **Conditions of Grant**

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The Sargood Foundation require recipients to:

- Adhere to the terms and conditions of stay at Sargood on Collaroy
- Provide receipts where transport costs are claimed
- Not to exceed the amount agreed as transport costs
- Return forms etc in timely manner
- Accept the decision of the grant awarding team

All best efforts will made to meet the dates requested by the applicant.

Travel arrangements to be completed by applicant

Each request will be assessed by the Sargood on Collaroy clinical team and priority given to those who are significantly disadvantaged by their disability. One travel grant available per booking (in some cases additional grant or supplementary funding may be awarded by exception at the discretion of the Foundation). Limit of only one travel grant will be awarded to a guest over the lifetime of the program

### **Termination and Deferral**

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The grant is terminated under the following conditions:

- once the full value is paid to the recipient,
- if the recipient fails to meet the eligibility criteria
- if recipient fails to attend organised stay
- if there is any misconduct by the guest and accompanying partner before or during stay

The grant may be deferred due to illness or inability to travel at the discretion of the Sargood Foundation on proof of medical advice

### **Payment of Grant**

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Payment dependant on presentation of relevant receipts as agreed on arrival – Sargood on Collaroy will reimburse or organise direct payment of taxi's if needed

There is no roll over of unspent funds

### **Timing**

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- Applications open July 9<sup>th</sup> 2019
- Applications end 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 or when funds all allocated.
- Applications to be reviewed and recipients notified by Sargood on Collaroy team within 4 weeks of initial application
- Stay to be organised at convenience of Recipient and completed before end June 2020
- Bookings subject to availability

### **Application**

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Application is via the enquiry form on the [Sargood on Collaroy](#) website - will include request for travel estimate and questions around reason for the application, current compensation arrangement, health care card (evidence may be required) and permission for the Sargood Foundation to seek testimonial content

### **Enquiries and further information**

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