

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

PLEASE READ THE NOTES BELOW CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM.

Your application can not be considered until we receive your completed form and all the required supporting information. The information you provide will be treated as confidential and in line with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Please provide as much detail as possible to help us fully understand your circumstances and enable us to recommend the most appropriate support option for you.

CAN WE HELP YOU?

We will only consider applications from people who satisfy the following criteria:

- Must be in need and any assistance given must be beneficial to the individual
- Have worked for an NHS ambulance service or a CQC-registered independent/private ambulance service for at least 12 months (can be currently serving or retired)
- A UK resident who has worked within the UK, UK dependencies or Gibraltar. Apart from the dependencies and Gibraltar, support is not offered to overseas applicants or their dependents. Overseas work is not included within the minimum 12 months service requirement
- No more than £4,000 in savings
- Are receiving, have applied for or will be applying for any statutory benefits which you may be entitled to

We will also consider applications from:

- Spouses, widowed partners, dependent children and other dependents of a deceased ambulance staff member
- Student paramedics in exceptional circumstances such as sudden illness or crisis. TASC cannot 'top up' bursaries or usual student expenses

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, PLEASE COMPLETE ALL THE SECTIONS.

Please pay particular attention to the following sections and provide as much detail as possible:

Work history – section 3

As we are a trade charity for the ambulance service, your application for assistance is based on your or your spouse/partner's work within the ambulance service.

Income and expenditure – section 5

If you are applying for physical or psychological support, you do not need to complete this section or provide bank statements.

Reason for application – section 7

Please provide as much detail as possible about your circumstances and what help you are looking for. It would also be helpful if you could outline how support from TASC will improve your situation and what changes you have made already so that the situation does not occur again.

If you are applying for financial support:

- You must complete all the sections and provide at least two months of payslips and bank statements for everyone in the household
- If your application for financial assistance is to purchase equipment or services, you will need to provide details of the supplier and a quote for the item/service
- If your application is for specialist equipment, please enclose an assessment from an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist indicating the equipment is suited to your needs as well as a written quote from the company that will be supplying the equipment

Letter of support

If you are applying for physical support, your application will not be processed until we have received a letter of support on headed paper from a professional who is aware of your circumstances. This person could be your Manager, GP, Support Worker, Social Worker or Advice Worker.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION FORM

Please return your completed application form to:

Support Services
TASC, The Ambulance Staff Charity
12 Ensign Business Centre, Westwood Way
Coventry, CV4 8JA

Alternatively, email your completed form to support@theasc.org.uk

If you have any queries or require assistance to complete the form, please call the Support Services Team on 0800 1032 999.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

When an application is received it will be assessed in chronological order by our Support Services Team. If there are any problems with your application, a member of the team will contact you.

Once all the information has been gathered, a Grant Application Report will be prepared with recommendations for your support. The report will then be considered by TASC's Approval Panel who will make and authorise a decision. Once a decision has been approved, a member of our Support Services Team will be in touch with you about the outcome.

Are all the members of your household in good health?

Yes

No

If "No", please provide details below.

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SECTION 3 - EMPLOYMENT

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

	EMPLOYER	DATES FROM/TO	POSITION HELD
You			
Your partner			

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

	EMPLOYER	DATES FROM/TO	POSITION HELD

Are you a member of a trade union?

Yes

No

If "yes", which trade union are you a member of?

What is your trade union membership number?

Did you cease work due to:

Retirement

Ill health

Other

SECTION 4 – ARMED FORCES SERVICE

Have you or your partner served in HM Forces?

Yes

No

If "Yes", what branch did you serve in?

SECTION 5 – INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

PLEASE PROVIDE DETAIL OF YOUR MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENDITURE TO GIVE US A CLEAR PICTURE OF YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION.

INCOME

	YOU	YOUR PARTNER
Earnings		
State pension		
Occupational pension		
Working tax credit		
Child tax credit		
Pensioner's tax credit		
Maintenance/child support (from ex-partner)		
Universal credit		
Income support		
Child benefit		
Employment support allowance/incapacity benefit		
Job seeker's allowance		
Statutory sick pay		
DLA care component		
DLA Mobility		
Surrendered for mobility car?	Yes	No
Personal independent payment		
Attendance allowance		
Carer's allowance		

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	YOU	YOUR PARTNER
Other income		
Housing benefit		
Council tax reduction		
Other benefit or income		
Total		
Joint total		

EXPENDITURE

	YOU	YOUR PARTNER
Rent (what you pay)		
Mortgage		
Council tax		
Gas		
Electricity		
Water		
Telephone – landline		
Telephone – mobile		
TV, internet, cable and satellite packages		
TV licence		
Food and housekeeping (for how many)		
Clothing		
Prescriptions, medical items and healthcare		
Car running costs (petrol, tax and insurance)		
Travel fares (bus, train and taxi)		
Child care costs		
House insurance		
Life insurance		
Any other expenditure		
Total		
Joint total		

SAVINGS

Do you or your partner have any capital, savings or investments?

Yes

No

If "Yes", please provide details of all your accounts below and provide a copy of your last two months statements as supporting evidence.

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT

LIABILITIES

Please include details of debts, HP, loans and credit cards below.

PURPOSE OF LOAN	NAME OF LENDER/CREDITOR	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	MONTHLY PAYMENT

SECTION 6 - ACCOMMODATION

Home owner

Private tenant

Housing association

Local authority tenant

Sheltered accommodation

Residential/nursing home

If you're a homeowner:

- What is the approx. value of your property?
- What is your outstanding mortgage?
- How many years are left on your mortgage?

SECTION 7 - REASON FOR APPLICATION

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED.

PLEASE ENCLOSE QUOTES FOR GOODS, SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT.

SECTION 8 - OTHER CHARITIES

Please provide details of any other charities you have applied, what you've applied for and their response.

CHARITY	APPLIED FOR	RESPONSE

SECTION 9 - STATUTORY FUNDING

Have you applied for any assistance from your local authority or government? Yes No

If "Yes", please provide details below.

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SECTION 10 - NEXT OF KIN

First name	
Surname	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone	
Relationship	

I give permission for TASC to discuss my application with the person above.

Signature

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT TASC?

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OTHER AGENCIES

If you have received assistance from another agency with this application form, please provide their details below.

Agency name	
Case worker	
Telephone	

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

How we treat and process your data with regards to your application for support is covered by GDPR (EU) 2016/17.

DECLARATION

THE PERSON APPLYING FOR SUPPORT MUST SIGN THIS FORM.

I agree that the details I have provided in the application form and supporting information may be held in the manual and computer files of TASC.

TASC may discuss your case with your GP, Social Worker or any other charity or body who may be helpful with your application. We will not contact or share your information, including your employer without your permission. I agree that the persons contacted may disclose information to TASC.

I declare the details in this application are a true and accurate statement of my circumstances.

Signature	
Date	