



## JETT GIVING FUND

# Emergency Fund

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q. What is the Emergency Fund?**

A: Jett Foundation established the Emergency Fund an arm of its Jett Giving Fund program in 2020 to provide individuals and families affected by Duchenne muscular dystrophy with much-needed emergency financial assistance. Our goal is to help families quickly and is flexible to address each family's need, whether it be groceries, housing assistance, utility expenses or other unforeseen costs.

### **Q. Who is eligible for the Emergency Fund?**

A: Individuals or families affected by Duchenne muscular dystrophy residing in the United States are eligible to apply to the Emergency Fund.

### **Q: What type of assistance does the Emergency Fund cover?**

A: The Emergency Fund can help with food insecurity, mortgage or rent assistance, utilities, or other immediate needs that apply to the applicant per program guidelines.

### **Q. What does the Emergency Fund NOT cover?**

A: The Emergency Fund cannot help with van conversions, vehicle purchases, home modification, or other construction projects.

### **Q. Can the Emergency Fund help with repairs or needed parts for mobility products or accessibility equipment (i.e. ramp, lifts, transfer seats, driving aids, etc.)?**

A: The focus of the Emergency Fund is on immediate pressing needs, such as food insecurity, mortgage/rent

payment or utility assistance. If there is a repair that is needed, please contact us to discuss your situation so we can point you in the right direction as to where to apply for assistance through Jett Foundation.

### **Q: If I have already been accepted into one of our other Jett Giving Fund opportunities, can I apply to the Emergency Fund for additional emergency assistance?**

A: Yes, recipients of other Jett Giving Fund programs can apply for the Emergency Fund. Please note, however, the Emergency Fund is only available to an individual or family once per year.

### **Q. How do I apply?**

A: Visit [jettfoundation.org/jett-giving-fund](https://jettfoundation.org/jett-giving-fund) during the open application period to complete the application.

### **Q: When is the application open and available online?**

A: Emergency Fund's online application will be available January 15, 2021. Applications are reviewed and rewarded on a rolling basis.

### **Q: Can I mail the application to you? Is there a paper copy of the application available?**

A: No, Jett Foundation only accepts applications that are completed electronically through our website during the open application period.

## Q. What documentation do I need to apply?

For your application to be considered complete, you must answer all of the questions on the application, and submit the following with your application:

- **Diagnosis:** Proof of diagnosis (physician's letter, genetic report, etc.);
- **Examples of Hardship:** Based on you/your family's request, please provide documentation to support your request for support. Examples of documentation may include one or more of the following:
  - **Unemployed:** An unemployment verification letter.
  - **Income Verification:** The most recent IRS 1040 form.
  - **Mortgage or Rent:** A copy of the most current mortgage or rent invoice.
  - **Utilities:** The most recent invoice from the vendor(s).

The applicant and their family are responsible for ensuring that the application is complete and submitted with the necessary documentation. Only applications that are complete (including required attached information) will be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you are having trouble with the application or have questions, please email [jettemergency@jettfoundation.org](mailto:jettemergency@jettfoundation.org) and someone will contact you within 2 business days.

## Q. How are acceptance decisions made and what is the criteria?

A. Emergency Fund grant decisions are made by a committee whose representatives include Jett Foundation staff, community members and select board members. The committee reviews the applications using the criteria below:

- Individuals or family reside in the United States.
- Individuals have a documented case of Duchenne muscular dystrophy.
- Individual or caregiver has submitted completed application.
- Individual (must include the proper documentation and must articulate why there is a significant and immediate need for emergency assistance.

Please note that individuals or families that are not employed and are within 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines will receive top priority in the review process. It is also important to note that the criteria above is a baseline for application review; Jett Foundation reserves the right to award funds as determined by the Committee.

## Q: How will I know if I am accepted?

A: Determination announcements will be sent via email within two weeks from submission to all applicants.

## Q: How will I know if I am denied?

A: Determination announcements will be sent via email within two weeks from submission to all applicants.

## Q: Will Emergency Fund payments be made to me?

A: No, all Emergency Fund payments will be made directly to a third-party business vendor indicated in supporting documentation provided in application..

## Q: Are there exceptions to the award deadline?

A: Jett Foundation reserves the right to extend an award deadline. Should this happen, Jett will communicate accordingly.

## Q: If I am not selected as an Emergency Fund recipient, can I reapply again?

A: Yes, eligible applicants may apply once each calendar year.

## Q: If I am not selected as an Emergency Fund recipient can I apply to other Jett Foundation assistance funds?

A: Yes, you can apply for other Jett Giving Fund programs.

## Q: Where does the Emergency Fund receive its funding?

A: We are a public charity and rely on the generosity of our individual and corporate donors for support. To become one of many generous individuals and corporate sponsors that make this program possible, please email [maura@jettfoundation.org](mailto:maura@jettfoundation.org).