

Rose McGill Alumna Grants FAQs

GENERAL

Can you receive more than one kind of grant? In other words, does receiving a grant of one kind disqualify you from receiving another kind?

A Kappa is eligible to apply for any of our grants, and receiving one type of grant does not disqualify you from receiving another. For example, if you receive a Continuing Education Grant, you are still eligible for disaster relief or any other kind of grant for which you qualify. You cannot receive more than one disaster relief grant or one medical emergency grant for the same event. However, if you need additional assistance, you may apply for a Rose McGill Grant (confidential aid).

Who should I list as a reference (when required)?

You should list a person who is familiar with the situation that is causing your financial difficulty. They do not need to know the specifics of your finances and will not be asked about that. Your reference should not be a family member. It does not have to be a Kappa, although the fact that Kappas are familiar with the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation and Rose McGill is helpful. Please contact your reference to ask their permission and to let them know that someone will be calling them.

I am unsure if I should apply for assistance. I know that there must be many people who need help more than I do.

Of course, there are many people in desperate situations, and there will *always* be people who are more in need than you are. But that doesn't mean that you don't need help. Rose McGill is here for you. You do not need to be destitute to qualify for assistance. Most of our applicants just need a little help getting over a specific obstacle — job loss, divorce, illness, etc.

ROSE MCGILL GRANTS (CONFIDENTIAL AID)

What kind of documentation of my income and expenses do I need to provide?

Confidential aid grants are based on an assessment of need, which is based on your monthly income and expenses. Documents are needed to verify these. For income, a paystub is best. For expenses, a rent agreement or mortgage statement along with recent individual bills/statements for utilities, car payment, phone, cable, credit cards, etc., would be good. You do not need to list expenses that are paid through payroll deductions or your mortgage payment (e.g., homeowners insurance). Sometimes, it is easiest to provide a recent bank statement that shows your income and expenses. In this case, please black out your account number and/or social security number and make notes on it identifying the relevant expenses. If additional information is needed, someone will be in touch with you.

DISASTER RELIEF GRANT

What kinds of circumstances qualify for disaster relief?

Disaster relief was designed to help members who were the victims of natural disasters — hurricanes, tornados, wildfires, floods. These grants are intended to help with immediate expenses while members are working with insurance companies. There is a process for

qualifying additional specific events for disaster relief. In recent years, we have used this process to enable us to use disaster relief for victims of house fires and for members who suffered income loss due to the pandemic.

CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

I am in a master's degree program and will be taking courses for several semesters. Am I eligible for more than one continuing education grant?

Yes. You may receive more than one continuing education grant for a particular course of study. However, you are limited to one continuing education grant per fiscal year. The Foundation's fiscal year is July 1–June 30. Therefore, if you received a grant in August, you would not be eligible for another until the following August. If you received a grant in May, you may apply again in August since the grant is in a different fiscal year than the previous one.

OTHER GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Who sees my application?

Applications are reviewed by a dedicated committee of Kappa volunteers who will call and talk with you about your circumstances. They will also contact your reference (if relevant), review provided documentation, and verify your Kappa membership.

Do I have to be current on Kappa dues in order to apply?

No. However, you must be an initiated member who has not resigned.

How long does it take to process the applications?

Alumna disaster relief grants can be processed in as little as 48 hours. Other grants can take a week to 10 days once all the required documents are in hand.

Are there any deadlines to apply?

Only continuing education grants have deadlines of May 1, Aug. 1, and Dec. 1. All other grants are processed on a rolling basis as they are received.

Can I fill out an application for someone else?

Ideally, grant applications should be filled out by the individual member. We understand, however, that there can be extenuating circumstances that prevent someone from doing this for themselves. At the least, the member should be aware that an application is being submitted in their name.

My recent Form 1040 doesn't show what's happening now, so why is it relevant?

For the grants that request a Form 1040, we are trying to understand the bigger picture of your circumstances. When you provide your personal letter, you have the opportunity to help us understand what has changed. Please be sure to block out your social security number before submitting your documents.