

Caregiver Grants

Dear Applicant,

We at Road Scholar acknowledge the weighty responsibility carried by you and all adults who serve as family caregivers for ill or disabled relatives. The warm, welcoming and friendly nature of our learning adventures can provide a much-needed respite from the emotional and physical demands inherent in your caregiver service. We're committed to helping you offset the financial burden of caregiving to attend a Road Scholar program. Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we are able to do just that by awarding Caregiver Grants.

You're an eligible caregiver if ...

- You are the primary unpaid caregiver providing daily care and support for an ill or disabled family member (spouse, parent, adult child, partner or sibling).
- You are facing financial barriers preventing you from participating in a Road Scholar program; and
- You live in the United States and are 50 years of age or older.
- You are also eligible if your loved one is receiving home care, in a skilled nursing or healthcare facility OR
- You have lost a loved one within the past two years who was in any of the above situations.

If you meet the caregiver status requirements, we encourage you to submit an application. Pick an eligible Road Scholar learning adventure in the United States or Canada you'd like to attend and use the personal statement section of the application to tell us why it inspires you and how the financial and personal responsibilities of serving as a caregiver make it difficult for you to attend without a Caregiver Grant. This is your chance to tell us about yourself and what the opportunity to go on a program would mean to you.

We recommend that you submit your application at least 3 months prior to your selected program start date. If your application is approved, we'll award you a Caregiver Grant toward the cost of the program. **Please read the sections on the back for important information about the application requirements and what to expect if your application is approved.**

We're so glad you want to experience the joys of lifelong learning with Road Scholar. We can't wait for you to join us.

Sincerely,



James Moses
Road Scholar President



THE BASICS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CAREGIVER GRANTS

Who can apply for a Caregiver Grant?

We accept Caregiver Grant applications from anyone who meets all of the following criteria:

- At least 50 years of age
- Lives in the United States
- Meets the eligibility requirements.
- Has not taken a Road Scholar program in the last two years and is not currently enrolled in any additional Road Scholar programs.

Which programs are eligible for Caregiver Grants?

You can apply for a Caregiver Grant toward the cost of any program that meets all of the following criteria:

- It costs NO MORE than \$2,500.
- It takes place in the United States or Canada. Please note that deposit requirements vary by program.
- Your application must include the program number and date of a specific program that costs \$2,500 or less.

What happens if your application is approved?

Here's how the grant works:

- The grant is applied toward the cost of the program you selected in your application.
- The amount of the Caregiver Grant will be up to \$2,000, based on the program cost and the required deposit.
- We ask that you pay the applicable deposit, to ensure your spot on the program.

What happens if you send in an incomplete application?

To make sure your application is reviewed, please use the checklist at the end of the application. Incomplete applications cannot be reviewed. We will not be able to notify you if your application is incomplete.

What if your plans change?

We know that in rare instances a grant recipient may have to adjust their travel plans. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Your program deposit is non-refundable and is used to cover our costs if you have to cancel your program or transfer to another.
- If you cancel your enrollment in the program, the Caregiver Grant becomes void.
- If Road Scholar cancels your program, the Caregiver Grant can be transferred to another program without fees.
- If after enrollment you decide to transfer to another eligible program, the Caregiver Grant may be transferred along with the enrollment. The corresponding transfer fees will apply.
- Your Caregiver Grant can't be transferred to another person.

Is there anything the Caregiver Grant doesn't cover?

The Caregiver Grant is applied to the cost of the program only. It does not cover ...

- The cost of transportation to and from a program.
- Any additional material costs or expenses.

What are you expected to do when you return from your program?

When you get back from your adventure, we ask that you do a few things for us.

- Complete an evaluation after the program.
- Write a thank-you letter to the donor(s) who funded your Caregiver Grant.
- Post an online review and photos. We can help you with this if you need.
- Allow Road Scholar to use your personal statement and thank-you letter when we report to donors and tell others about our Financial Assistance Program.

These terms, conditions and eligibility are subject to change without notice.

Please save this page for future reference after submitting the attached application.

Caregiver Grant Application

INSTRUCTORS

Please read these instructions carefully before applying for a Caregiver Grant.

Please complete one application per person. In order to be reviewed by the Caregiver Grant Committee, all parts of the application must be complete, including the program number and date for which you are applying. Please answer the questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. Your answers will be used to determine eligibility, and incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

We cannot review an application for a program with a start date of less than 6 weeks or an enrollment that has already been paid in full. The review of an application takes 4-6 weeks once it has been received by the committee; applications are reviewed in the order that they are received and cannot be expedited. Therefore, please ensure that you are submitting this application early enough to allow time to enroll and make your travel arrangements after you receive your award letter. We recommend that you apply at least 3 months prior to your selected program start date.

If you have any questions regarding Caregiver Grants, you may contact us by emailing scholarships@roadscholar.org.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

How did you learn about Road Scholar?

INFORMATION OF PERSON FOR WHOM YOU PROVIDE CARE

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Nature of illness or disability: _____

How long have you been this person's caregiver? _____

- My loved one lives/d with me My loved one lives/d at a different address

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Please provide the following information about the program for which you want to register:

Program Name: _____

Program Number: _____ Program Date: _____

Double or Single Occupancy: _____ Total Program Cost (Must be under \$2,500): _____

Deposit Amount: _____ (Please do not send your deposit or any money with this application)

CAREGIVER EXPENSE INFORMATION *(All information will be kept strictly confidential)*

Please describe the estimated monthly expenses that your household incurs (or incurred) for skilled and unskilled care or other caregiving-related expenses. Please list any substitute care expenses you anticipate incurring to attend your Road Scholar educational program..

YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

The purpose of the personal statement is to help determine why Road Scholar should award you a Caregiver Grant. Please tell us, in specific detail, why you want to learn with Road Scholar and how the experience would impact you as a caregiver. Please include any special circumstances or personal experiences that have influenced your program selection and/or your request for financial aid. This essay is used to help us determine need. When funds are limited, the personal statement can be the deciding factor between one application or another.

Note: 250-500 words are required. We encourage you to type and attach your essay, if possible. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read the following seven (7) sections at the beginning of this application and sign below to confirm that you have read and understand the terms and conditions therein:

“Which programs are eligible for Caregiver Grants?”

“Who can apply for a Caregiver Grant?”

“What happens if your application is approved?”

“What happens if you send in an incomplete application?”

“What if your plans change?”

“Is there anything the Caregiver Grant doesn’t cover?”

“What are you expected to do when you return from your program?”

By signing this application, you are agreeing to abide by the terms and conditions of the Caregiver Grant program; to allow Road Scholar to use your personal statement and thank-you letter in reporting to our donors (and the public at large) how donations to Road Scholar are being used; and to be identified in those materials by your first name, last initial, city and state (e.g. Mary S., Omaha, Nebraska).

Your financial and contact information will always remain completely confidential.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send your completed application to:

Road Scholar
Attn: Caregiver Grant Committee
PO Box 56033
Boston, MA 02205-6033

Please use this checklist to ensure that you are submitting all of the information required. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

- Verify your eligibility to receive a Caregiver Grant under the terms and conditions.
- Verify that your program selection is eligible under the terms and conditions (less than \$2,500 and takes place in the U.S. or Canada).
- Complete all of your contact information.
- Fill out the Caregiver Expense sections.
- Provide the name, number, required deposit, total cost and date of the program you have selected.
- Complete the 250-500-word personal statement.
- Sign and date the application.

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