

Funder Finder

Snip can produce a list of possible funders for children with special needs to apply for grants to purchase things like equipment or a holiday. 'Funderfinder' is a software programme that matches up personal details and need with funders offering grants. There are literally hundreds of organisations, often with quite specific interests as well as larger, well known bodies such as the Family Fund.

The attached form (which can be photocopied) can be used to collect the details for Snip to carry out a Funderfinder search. Once you have filled the form out, send it back to us at Snip and we will do the search and send the results to you. The majority of funders need a referral agency to make the application on behalf of your family; however some require the family to apply directly. Use the guidance notes below to help you to compose your letters.

Some of the questions on the form may seem strange, but they are asked because the answers may access smaller, obscure funds provided by organisations wanting to support particular groups of people. None of the questions **have** to be answered, but obviously the more information that we have, the wider the search that we can do.

When completing the form for a child, please note particular family circumstances such as being a lone parent, other illnesses or disability in the family etc., as these can also produce additional results.

If you have any questions, or need any advice, please get in contact with Snip.

Guidelines for writing a letter to trust funds requesting funding

- if written by **parent** a handwritten letter – no more than two pages – covering all of the points below
- if a **professional** is writing on the family's behalf a more formal letter typed on headed paper is needed with some information about the organisation, relationship with the family and length of time you have known the child.

Name and date of birth of child

Your relationship to the child – mother, key worker etc.

Nature of the child's difficulties/condition/syndrome etc and some details of how this affects the child.

Use the term '*a contribution towards the cost of*

Some details of what you are looking for funding for and how much it costs in total, for example –

- piece of equipment
- holiday
- travel costs
- therapy treatment
- furniture and fittings

Describe how you feel this will benefit the child, for example –

Therapeutic value

Educational value

Respite

Play and fun

Opportunity for the whole family to have some time together/change of routine/try new activity etc.

Any other relevant information – for example –

Single / lone parent

Other children in family – impact on them of child's special needs

Receive benefits/low income

Connection to armed forces and/or other groups, e.g. trades unions etc.

Funder Finder Search

Name _____ (This can be either child's or parent's name)

Age _____ **Male** **Female** **Marital status** : Single Married

Marital history : Has been divorced Has been widowed

Family

Name	Age	Relationship

Place

Currently live in _____ Born in _____

Any other places (went to school in, work in, ever lived in) _____

Job history

Mother's job _____ Any previous jobs _____

Father's job _____ Any previous jobs _____

Associations

Bowling club member Buffalo Catenian Drake Fellowship Freeman

Freemason Level Green Bowling Club Mason Trade Union Member

Vegan Vegetarian WRVS

Links with the armed forces

Branch _____ Regiment _____

Rank : Officer Other rank

Current member Former member (resigned) Former member (retired)

Religion _____ **Nationality** _____

Special needs

Nature of special needs, if any _____

Any disabilities, medical conditions or other special needs of family members _____

Is person :

An offender, ex-offender or family of a prisoner A substance misuser (alcohol or drugs)

A young person at risk of offending A single parent A victim of crime

Socially, economically or environmentally disadvantaged A victim of disaster

A person who is or has been in care A young person at risk Housebound

A mother/expectant mother A person who is or has been fostered

What is funding for? _____

If money is also for study :

Subject / job / profession _____

What level of education (school, university etc) _____

If school level : state private

What, to do with study, is the money for (e.g. fees, travel, books, equipment etc.) _____

Please fill in your name and address below so that we can send the search results to you.

Name : _____

Address : _____

Postcode : _____

Please return form to :

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