Jett Giving Fund FAQs

Q. What is the Jett Giving Fund?
A: Jett Foundation established the Jett Giving Fund (JGF) to assist individuals and families affected by Duchenne muscular dystrophy with much needed financial assistance to purchase vital and necessary equipment and accessibility items that are either not covered by insurance or too expensive for an applicant to afford. The JGF is a matching gift program. Applicants accepted into the program must raise half the amount needed to purchase their requested item. Once their fundraising goal is reached, Jett Foundation purchases the item directly from the vendor and gifts it to the recipient outright.

Q. Who is eligible for the JGF?
A. Individuals or families affected by Duchenne muscular dystrophy are eligible to apply to the JGF.

Q: What type of equipment does JGF cover?
A: The JGF can help with medical equipment or accessibility items such as accessible vans, scooters, stairlifts, pool lifts, hoyer lifts, rotating beds, pressurized mattresses, etc.

Q. What does JGF NOT cover?
A: The JGF cannot help with van conversions, home modification, or other construction projects, elevator, loan payments, or financing support.

Q. Can JGF help with repairs or needed parts for mobility products or accessibility equipment (i.e. ramp, lifts, transfer seats, driving aids, etc.)?
A: No, the JGF program can only support the purchase of mobility products and accessibility equipment. The JGF cannot help with replacement parts or repairs to equipment that has already been purchased.

Q: If I have already purchased a mobility product or piece of accessibility equipment can I apply to JGF to help with the monthly payments?
A: No, JGF is unable to help with monthly payments on mobility products or accessibility equipment that has already been purchased.
Q: Am I eligible for the JGF if another organization or agency is awarding a portion of the mobility product cost?
A: Yes, we encourage individuals to apply to other organizations or agencies to help secure additional funds needed for the cost of mobility products and accessibility equipment.

Q: Do I need to list all other agencies to which I have applied for this particular mobility product or accessibility item?
A: Yes, when prompted in the application, please list the name and contact information of other organizations or agencies you have applied for help in purchasing the particular mobility product or piece accessibility equipment. If you are or will be receiving financial assistance from other organizations or agencies, please indicate the amount of the award for each in the application.

Q: How do I apply?
A: Visit https://www.jettfoundation.org/jett-giving-fund during the open application period to complete the application.

Q: When is the application open and available online?
A: We operate in annual funding cycles. The 2020 application can be found on our website starting at 8:00am eastern standard time on October 1, 2019. The deadline for the 2020 application is 5:00pm eastern standard time on December 1, 2019.

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 complete all of the questions on the application, and submit the following with your application:
- Proof of diagnosis (physician’s letter, IEP, genetic report, etc.);
- High resolution photo of the young person or child affected by Duchenne AND a high resolution photo of the family;
- Two invoices from two separate equipment vendors on company letterhead. The invoice should list the make, model, year, and the price of the equipment, the salesperson and their contact information, and your name and address.
The applicant and their family are responsible for ensuring that the application is complete and submitted prior to the deadline. 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 jettgivingfund@jettfoundation.org and someone will contact you within 2 business days.

**Q: Can I submit the inventory listing from the dealers/vendors website as a quote?**
A: No, you must submit an official quote or invoice from the dealer or vendor for the specific product make, model, and year. The quotes/invoices submitted as part of your application must come directly from a dealer consultant on official company letterhead and provide a detailed prospectus of the mobility product recommendations made specifically for you or your child. The equipment cost must be included on this quote. Your name must also be listed indicating that this is a quote drafted up specifically for you or your child.

**Q: Can I just call the vendor and ask them to send me a quote/invoice if I haven’t visited the dealer/vendor and met with them in-person to review my options?**
A: No, we strongly suggest that you meet with your dealer/vendor prior to submitting your application. If you indicate on your application that you have not met with a dealer/vendor yet, your application may be denied.

**Q: Can I apply if I am just beginning to raise funds for the purchase of this specific mobility product?**
A: Yes, this program is designed for individuals and families affected by Duchenne who do not have funds available to purchase the needed mobility product.

**Q. I would like to apply for the JGF and I have already raised money through my own 501(c)3. Can my foundation donate my half of the funding to JGF?**
A. No, this would violate the anti-kickback statutes that nonprofits are legally obligated to abide by. Jett Foundation will reject any application that implies that this is what the applicant is interested in doing and reserves the right to remove a participant from the program if the organization has any reason to believe that the participant is violating or intends to violate anti-kickback statutes.
Q. How are acceptance decisions made and what is the criteria?
A. JGF acceptance decisions are made by an internal committee made up of Jett Foundation staff members who do not work on the JGF program and do not interact with JGF applicants. The committee reviews the applications as a group and makes decisions based on the criteria below:
   1. Individual has a documented case of Duchenne muscular dystrophy;
   2. Individual or caregiver has submitted completed application by the deadline;
   3. Individual has documented that they have a significant and immediate need for the piece of equipment or mobility product;
   4. Individual has indicated in their application that they are highly motivated to raise the funds needed to reach their goal;
   5. Preference is given to individuals who have never participated in the JGF before;

Q: How will I know if I am accepted?
A: Determination announcements will be sent via email on December 15, 2019.

Q: If I am selected, what are my responsibilities as a JGF participant?
A. If you are selected you are responsible for raising 50% of the funds needed to purchase your needed mobility product through grassroots fundraising efforts. You also must complete necessary documentations and respond to inquiries by Jett Foundation staff in a timely fashion.

Q. What are Jett Foundation’s responsibilities?
A. Jett Foundation is responsible for making acceptance decisions, providing JGF participants with necessary documents and resources to achieve their fundraising goal, setting up participants fundraising pages, and coordinating payment with the vendor/dealer.

Q. How long does it typically take for JGF participants to reach their goal?
A. It typically takes families between 4 months and a year to reach their goal, depending on how much effort they put into fundraising and how engaged their community is. Successful JGF families need to dedicate 10 hours a week to their fundraising efforts.

Q. What happens if I leave the program before completing my fundraising and receiving my JGF item?
A. If you leave the program before completing your fundraising and receiving the item you requested in your JGF application you are forfeiting your right to the item requested and to
the funds raised. Upon your departure from the program any funds that were raised and designated for your item will be reallocated to the general JGF budget and be used to help purchase equipment and items for other JGF participants.

Q: Will JGF payment be made to me?
A: No, all JGF payments will be made directly to the dealer and/or vendor indicated on the invoice/quote.

Q: Are there exceptions to the application deadline?
A: Given the significant interest in JGF, we cannot provide exceptions to the deadline or the application.

Q: If I am not selected as a JGF recipient, can I reapply again?
A: Yes, eligible applicants may apply once each calendar year. Participants with multiple eligible applicants may apply on behalf of each child.

Q: Are donations tax deductible?
A: Jett Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and donations may qualify as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes.

Q: Where does JGF receive its funding?
A: We are a public charity and rely on the generosity of our individual and corporate donors for support. Every dollar donated will help bring someone closer to life-changing mobility and freedom! To become one of many generous individuals and corporate sponsors that make this program possible, please email maura@jettfoundation.org.