Frequently Asked Questions

WHEN WILL I HEAR BACK ABOUT MY APPLICATION STATUS?
Applications and payments are approved and sent out once a week. WFPC staff capacity for processing applications is a maximum of 100 submissions weekly. Any applicants beyond those 100 will be carried over to the following week for processing. For information regarding the timeline you can expect from us to process your application, please see our full mutual aid policy. When we process your application, you will be notified of the updated status via email.

CAN I APPLY FOR FUNDING MORE THAN ONCE?
Individuals can receive payment from the fund once per six month period. The current period is from March 15, when our fund opened, to September 14. Starting September 15 all applicants who have been paid in the previous period will be eligible to reapply for funding.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDING? WHAT IF I’M TURNING 30 THIS YEAR?
This fund is specifically for folks who identify as women, trans, and/or gender non-conforming in Minnesota who are 29 years old and younger. Read more about our definition of historically marginalized gender identities in our appendix. Within the year of your 30th birthday, you are eligible for funds, if your application is submitted prior to the date of your birthday. These eligibility requirements are in place to ensure we’re moving resources only to people within our community demographics.

HOW WILL MY PAYMENT BE SENT? HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?
Disbursements are sent as checks payable to the applicant, via USPS to the address provided in the application. Only under dire circumstances where an applicant is experiencing housing insecurity or it is unsafe to send a check to their address can WFPC send payment via PayPal. In these cases, applicants can make note of this on their submission and/or email mutualaid@womenforpoliticalchange.org with an email linked to their PayPal. Checks delivered through USPS should arrive within one week of being sent.

CAN I GET MY CHECK SENT TO A FRIENDS HOUSE WHERE I’M STAYING OR ANOTHER SAFE ADDRESS?
Yes, checks can be sent to places where you do not have permanent residency, BUT please provide the name of someone who does have permanent residence at the location for the mail to be addressed to. USPS will often return checks as undeliverable at an address if the addressee's name is not listed on the mailbox, specifically when being sent to apartment buildings. If this is your situation, please email mutualaid@womenforpoliticalchange.org.

ARE THERE OTHER MUTUAL AID RESOURCES I CAN ACCESS?
WFPC has compiled a document with other mutual aid resources we are aware of, you can access it through our website or this link: shorturl.at/dDNO3

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**WHAT DO I DO IF I DON'T GET MY PAYMENT WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE DATE IT WAS SENT?**
Email mutualaid@womenforpoliticalchange.org with an update that you have not received your check and we will coordinate getting your payment to you.

**IF I NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE TO MY APPLICATION, SHOULD I REAPPLY?**
Any changes that need to be made after your application has been submitted can be emailed to mutualaid@womenforpoliticalchange.org.

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN MY APPLICATION WAS VOIDED? CAN I GET MY SPOT BACK ON THE WAITLIST AFTER I'VE BEEN TAKEN OFF OR MY APPLICATION WAS VOIDED?**
If an application is submitted with missing information, such as a full name or mailing address, you will receive a request for information via email, at which point you have two business days to respond with the requested information. If the information is not returned within those two days, applications will be considered incomplete and placed back in the system on the date the information is provided. After two weeks from the original request for information, if it has not been returned, the submission will be voided and applicants will need to reapply in order to receive funding. Due to the high volume of applicants and limited funds available, we are unable to hold payments aside longer than the two business day period.

**CAN I LET SOMEONE ELSE APPLY WITH MY INFO?**
No, applicants have to use their own name and email address associated with that name. Our application process is intentionally simple, as we want to provide aid to the maximum number of applicants, but in order to do that, we do need applicants to apply with their own information.

**CAN SOMEONE ELSE APPLY ON MY BEHALF?**
No, similar to above, the application process is very simple in an attempt to make it as accessible as possible, but we do need applicants to apply to apply for themselves.

**WHAT IF THE NAME I USE IS DIFFERENT FROM MY LEGAL NAME THAT IS ON MY BANK ACCOUNT?**
In our experience, banks will only take checks when they are written out to someone’s legal name. While there may be more leniency on this with personal checks, ours are business, and thus banks often take more precautions. Please email us at mutualaid@womenforpoliticalchange.org once you complete an application with the name on your application and your legal name, so we can get the check printed properly!

**HOW MUCH MONEY CAN I GET?**
Currently our Mutual Aid fund only has the capacity and funding to disburse payments of $200, though this may change in the future.