



## QUEENSLAND HEALTH DENTAL GRANT

### Guidelines

#### CAN I APPLY?

The Forde Foundation is currently offering Queensland Health Dental Grants to people who:

- were under the guardianship or were a ward of the State of Queensland as a child or
- were placed in out-of-home care and
- have registered with the Forde Foundation

If this describes you, you can apply.

The income generated from the Forde Foundation's Trust Fund is limited though so the Board of Advice is currently prioritising Queensland Health Dental Grants to people who:

- had turned 18 years of age on or before 31 December 1999

#### WHAT CAN I APPLY FOR?

An agreement between the Forde Foundation and Queensland Health's Chief Dental Officer, provides priority to clients of the Forde Foundation to access oral health care services provided by Queensland Health.

This means you can apply for a contribution of up to \$700 per financial year towards your dental treatment. By attending a public dental clinic, you will not receive any out-of-pocket expenses because Queensland Health will cover any remaining costs beyond the Forde Foundation dental grant.

Treatment includes x-rays, scaling, cleaning, fillings, extractions, dentures and other treatments considered necessary by the dentist.

If you have not seen a dentist for some time and require extensive and expensive assistance, you may need to consider a dental plan over time.

Treatment does not include highly specialist work or purely cosmetic procedures such as bleaching.

#### HOW DO I MAKE AN APPLICATION?

You can make your application online at:

[www.fordefoundation.org.au/how-we-can-help/qld-health-dental](http://www.fordefoundation.org.au/how-we-can-help/qld-health-dental) OR

you can contact the Forde Foundation on (07) 3027 2413 or 1800 674 256 for an application form to be mailed to you.

## WHEN DO I NEED TO APPLY BY?

The Board of Advice meet four times a year to consider Queensland Health Dental grant applications - at the end of March, June, September and at the beginning of December. Please submit your complete application by **no later than**:

Financial Year Quarter	Cut-off date
Quarter 3 – 2016/17	Friday, 10 March 2017
Quarter 4 – 2016/17	Friday, 9 June, 2017
Quarter 1 – 2017/18	Friday, 8 September 2017
Quarter 2 – 2017/18	Friday, 10 November 2017

However, if you have an urgent or serious dental problem, you should immediately visit your local Queensland Health dental service or private dentist.

## HOW WILL MY APPLICATION BE ASSESSED?

Applications are considered by the Forde Foundation on a case-by-case basis and assessed according to:

- the available funds
- these guidelines
- any previous grants you have received
- how past grants have assisted you

The income generated from the Forde Foundation's Trust Fund is limited so not everyone's grant application will be approved.

If your grant application is recommended-for-approval by the Board of Advice, your grant details will be forwarded to the Public Trustee for approval and to allocate money to pay your grant.

## HOW CAN I IMPROVE MY CHANCES OF GETTING A GRANT?

Your grant application must align with at least one charitable purpose as defined in the *Charities Act 2013*. Relevant charitable purposes are:

- Advancing health - preventing and relieving sickness, disease or human suffering
- Advancing social or public welfare
  - relieving the poverty, distress or disadvantage of individuals or families
  - caring for and supporting the aged; or individuals with disabilities.
- Other benefit that may be regarded as comparative to, or within the spirit of, any of the purposes mentioned above – relieving the necessitous circumstances of one or more individuals who are in Australia.

The definition of *advancing* includes protecting, maintaining, supporting, researching and improving.

## HOW WILL I FIND OUT IF MY APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED?

Following approval of your grant application by the Public Trustee, you will be advised by letter of the outcome of your application approximately 4 weeks after the Board of Advice quarterly meetings. The Forde Foundation will not advise you of the outcome of your application over the phone.

If you are successful, you will also receive an Acquittal Form which seeks your acceptance of the grant and confirmation of who is providing the service. Once the form has been returned, you will be contacted by Queensland Health regarding an appointment.

## FORDE FOUNDATION CONTACT DETAILS

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## PRIVACY NOTICE

The Forde Foundation will collect your personal information for the purpose of assessing your grant application and payment of grant invoices from the Forde Foundation Trust Fund. Your personal information will be managed in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009*.