

## **The National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Financial Assistance Program**

### **How Does The Program Work?**

The financial assistance program supports independence, safety, health and quality of life initiatives for people living with MS and their families. We do our best to leverage knowledge and resources that can have a significant, lasting impact. In the past the program has provided support for needed home and car modifications, helped with the purchase of wheelchairs and walkers and provided immediate resources to overcome urgent financial crises. The assistance available varies depending on local resources.

### **Who Can Be Served?**

Anyone with a confirmed diagnosis of MS who can demonstrate true financial need associated with the effects of the disorder is eligible for consideration. Since resources are limited, the National MS Society may not be able to fulfill all requests or cover all expenses related to a needed service or item. When we are not able to fund specific needs through our own program resources, a National MS Society staff member can provide information and resources to help identify alternative solutions.

### **What Types Of Requests May Be Funded?**

- Respite services such as short term home care
- Durable medical equipment and air conditioners
- Accessibility modifications to homes or automobiles such as ramps and hand controls
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Critical short term needs such as emergency help with utilities or rent
- Health and wellness support

### **What Is The Program NOT Designed To Do?**

This program is not intended to support ongoing services in a role similar to that of an insurer, or to cover credit card bills, insurance premiums or previously incurred expenses. Nor will the Society provide financial assistance in instances where such support can be obtained elsewhere; in these cases the Society will provide information and support to help obtain those resources from other sources.

**Call 1-800-344-4867 to obtain an application.**