



The Education, Arts and Sports Fund is made available through successful grant applications to philanthropic trusts and foundations. It is administered by GFGSA to support grandparent and kinship carers who assume the primary carer role for children and young people.

Aim of the EASF

To support grandparent/kinship carers with a range of education, arts and sports related costs associated with the children and young people in their care to enhance their educational outcomes, personal development and wellbeing.

Eligibility

Applicant grandparents or kinship carers must be clients of GFGSA and must be the **primary carers** of the child or young person. Applications will be considered for those **aged from 4 to 25 years**. To be assessed for funding, the carer will need to engage in a face to face meeting or extensive telephone consultation to assist their GFGSA Carer Advocate to obtain information relevant to their eligibility.

Funding criteria and limits

Subsidies are paid per child per financial year* and as individual items are capped, the amount approved may not always equal the amount requested. Applicants must ensure that the items are essential to the child's wellbeing and must first consider other relevant financial options as GFGSA funding is limited.

Education assistance covers all levels of education and may include textbooks, stationery, school uniforms, sports clothing, school camps, swimming lessons, school excursions and/or excursion levies.

Arts funding can apply to a wide range of visual and performing arts.

Sports assistance may be requested for sports uniforms, sports equipment and membership fees not covered by the SA Government Sports Voucher Schemes.

External activities may include initiatives and organisations such as Scouts, Guides, CFS Cadets, ADF Cadets and youth leadership and development training.

NOT eligible:

*Assistance for school fees, dental, medical and allied therapies, including those prescribed by a court.
Costs that are recoverable from other sources e.g. DCP, NDIS, The Smith Family.*

*The annual limit may be adjusted according to funds available.

Supporting Documentation

Applications **must be** accompanied by proof of purchase or in the absence of receipts, bank statements providing the relevant supporting evidence. Arrangements can be made for direct payment to the supplier. Your information will be treated with confidentiality and will not be disclosed to unauthorised persons.

Processing Applications

Applications are assessed against criteria and funding availability by the GFGSA Assessment Panel.

Please complete the form below and return to:

Email: contactus@gfgsa.com.au

OR

Mail: Grandparents for Grandchildren
c/o Uniting Communities
43 Franklin Street ADELAIDE 5000

You may be contacted by a GFGSA Carer Advocate to discuss your application. If you are successful, you will be requested to provide a short testimonial.