



UNITY COLLEGE

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Disability Grant Guidelines for children over the age of 18

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

The process of applying for a disability grant for disabled children over the age of 18 years is a lengthy and time-consuming process but worth all the effort in the end.

The process to be followed:

- A doctor's / specialist letter confirming disability of the young adult is required.
- This letter is then to be taken to the Department of Welfare. There are 3 offices:
 - Corner Rissik and Plein Streets, Johannesburg
 - Witkoppen Clinic – Mondays only between 07h00 and 13h00; or
 - Midrand – opposite the Boulders shopping centre (best place)
- A form is collected and the first section must be then be filled in by the GP or specialist.
- The second section of the form should then be filled in by the District Surgeon – Johannesburg General Hospital or Witkoppen Clinic. One may be requested to see the social worker there at the same time.
- The hospital or clinic may send the form back to the Department of Welfare where application was made or you may be required to do so yourself.
- A full set of fingerprints of the young adult will be called for and done at the Department of Welfare.
- Copies of the young adult's bank statements for the preceding 3 months. A certified copy of the young adult's ID is also required.
- The Department of Welfare should then approve the Disability Grant.
- At the moment the disability grant is R1510.00 per month (2016).
- The grant is subject to an annual increase and is issued **for life**.
- The grant is given to the young adult regardless of whether he or she has a job or not or whether he receives assistance from a trust fund.
- If the young adult is earning the maximum wage level, the amount of the grant will be pro-rated down.
- When claiming for the first time, the young adult needs to present him or herself to the department, at which SASSA's employee in charge of finger print analysis will do electronic finger print analysis in order to obtain his or her DEBIT CARD
- Thereafter SASSA will issue the young adult a SASSA BRANDED DEBIT CARD.
- The young adult MUST USE ALL FUNDS ALLOCATED to him/her on a monthly basis. This occurs on the 1st day of EVERY MONTH from the date of his or her application being approved.
- Should a young adult be accommodated in an adult home, the institution will insist that he has applied for a government grant.
- The young adult needs to present himself annually to the Department for a review. Upon a successful review, the young adult should still receive his/her grant.

Should you require a letter on a School letterhead stating your child attended Unity College, please contact the [Administration Department](#).

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