



2020 Grant Timeline

Sept 3, 2019: 2020 Grant Application opens

Nov 1, 2019: 2020 Grant Application closes

March 2020: Grant Award Notifications are sent out

March 2020 – May 2020: Grant Award Acceptance period & Distribution period

May 31, 2020: Deadline to accept 2020 grant

January 31st, 2021: 2020 Grant Period closes. Monetary grants must be spent, and receipts uploaded into grant portal. Equipment grants must be ordered/redeemed through vendor

Grant Application Information

Eligibility

To apply for a CAF grant, an individual must have a permanent physical disability. CAF uses the International Paralympic Committee's eligibility criteria as a guideline. Applicants must provide medical documentation of their permanent physical disability in the application. Individuals with strictly cognitive or intellectual disabilities are not eligible to apply.

Types of Grants – you may only choose one

- **Travel/Competition Expenses**
 - Funds used to pay for expenses related to sport/athletic competitions, training camps, or clinics. These expenses may include entry fees and/or travel-related expenses to competitions. Travel related expenses can include transportation (fuel, rental car, flight, ride share, etc.), accommodations (hotel fees), and food.
 - Monetary funds to be sent out via PayPal – other arrangements can be made (may delay distribution of funds)
 - Grantees will be required to upload receipts to provide documentation for use of funds
- **Coaching/Training Expenses**
 - Funds used to pay for expenses related to specialized coaching (personal trainer, coach etc.) or training (gym fees, clinics, classes or lessons, etc).
 - Monetary funds to be sent out via PayPal – other arrangements can be made (may delay distribution of funds)
 - Grantees will be required to upload receipts to provide documentation for use of funds
- **Equipment – from CAF Preferred Vendors**
 - 18 years and older – only eligible once every 3 years
 - 17 years and younger – only eligible once every 2 years
 - CAF distributes most adaptive sports equipment through our selected distributors who offer discounted pricing. The equipment list is available once you select "Equipment" as your grant category. If awarded, you'll be notified of a dollar amount you've been allotted, which in many cases will cover the entire cost of the basic equipment at CAF's discounted price. The vendor will bill CAF for the amount you were granted for the equipment.
 - Grantee will contact vendor to order equipment. Vendor will bill CAF directly.
 - Any additions, enhancements, or customizations that the grantee would like to add-on to equipment will become the grantee's responsibility to pay for.

- Shipping fees for equipment will be billed to grantee.
- Equipment grantees will not be given funds or be required to upload receipts.
- **Funding towards Equipment**
 - Equipment not listed by preferred vendors: You will have the option to select "Other - Equipment is not on CAF's list". You must provide the equipment name, price, and a quote from a vendor you choose.
 - Please note: Choosing this option does not guarantee CAF will fund the entire cost of equipment. If awarded, you will be allotted an amount towards cost.
 - Monetary funds to be sent out via PayPal – other arrangements can be made (may delay distribution of funds)
 - Grantees will be required to upload receipts to provide documentation for use of funds
- **International (non-US, non-Canada)**
 - International applicants living outside the United States or Canada are only eligible for the following:
 - Coaching/Training Expenses Grant
 - Travel/Competition Grant
 - Funding Towards Equipment Grant
- **Athletic Prosthetics**
 - Össur is our Global partner and exclusive prosthetic provider - only Össur products will be offered for lower extremity running prosthetics. You may not apply for non-Össur prosthetics.
 - Pricing for these items has been pre-determined between CAF and Össur. You do not need to provide a cost.
 - You can apply for a prosthetic grant once every three years. You are eligible to receive a new prosthetic grant if you received your last equipment grant in 2017 or earlier.
 - Prosthetics are limited to non-bionic sport prostheses - mechanical only.
 - Prosthetic grants are for the prosthetic (foot and/or knee) item ONLY. Arrangements must be made with your prosthetist to complete the fabrication of all other components. Please discuss this arrangement prior to applying for a prosthetic grant.
 - Applicants must provide contact information for their prosthetist at time of application.
 - Your prosthetist will play a key role in your grant request. Once you complete the application portion, your prosthetist will be emailed a Prosthetist Recommendation Form. This form must be filled out and submitted by your prosthetist in order of your application to be reviewed.
 - CAF will contact the prosthetist to determine if request is appropriate.
 - CAF provides the prosthetic ONLY. Any additional expenses are the responsibility of the grantee

What you need to complete an Application

- Account & Profile
 - New users will create an account and fill out profile details
 - Returning users will use the same email and password you used to create your account last year.
- Type of Grant you would like to apply for
- Disability information – including documentation of your physical disability from a medical professional or medical source.
- Sports information
- Personal information
- 2 High quality photos of the applicant
 - Optional: press coverage, media, or videos
- Financial Documents to provide proof of income. One of the following: W-2, 2018 tax return form, Social Security Income (SSI), Social Security, Disability Income (SSDI) award letter, or two pay stubs.
- Personal letter of reference
- Your Grant Request

Tips for completing an application

- **Start your application EARLY!** You will need to provide detailed information about yourself and your grant request and we get a lot of questions. You want to make sure you have enough time to get assistance from our team. **You can save it as a draft and come back to it before submitting.**
- **Do your research.** Talk to a coach, teammates, a medical professional, or do some independent research about what grant will be most beneficial to you.
- **Details.** Applications with missing information or lacking detail may not be considered for approval.