

Eligibility criteria for Holidays Grants

The Holiday Grants are aimed at individuals or small groups who conform to the Trefoil criteria for Development and who meet the following provisions:

- Applicants for Holiday Grants should be under 18 years of age at the time when the grant is confirmed.
- Individuals and groups may apply on more than one occasion for a grant. However, these must be at least one year apart and the provision of funding for a second year will mean that a further grant will not be considered for three years.
- A copy of the holiday booking form must be enclosed with the application. If you are unable to book a holiday until you know the outcome of your application then a copy of a holiday booking enquiry must be provided. This enquiry should show the dates, destination, cost and number of people involved in the holiday. If your application is successful and the holiday then booked differs significantly in terms of the cost stated in the original application this may affect the level of grant offered.

Process:

- Applications should be submitted no later than 12 weeks before any funds are required, this allows time for references to be gathered, etc. Any application which does not meet the minimum timescale cannot be considered. Therefore applicants should apply as early as possible. However, this should be no more than 6 months prior to the date when funds are required.
- The Charity requires two referees to support the application. They should be involved with the applicant(s) on an appropriate professional basis (nurse, doctor, social worker). The referees should be able to validate the reasons for the application and the potential benefits to the applicant. At least one reference should be included with the application.
- Depending on the scale of the request (e.g. an organization requesting funding on behalf of a number of applicants or a complex application) the applicants may be required to provide a more detailed plan for the consideration of the Trefoil Grants Committee.
- In order to ensure objectivity, references from family members, close friends or the person initiating the application will not be accepted.

The purpose of the Grant is to allow the applicant to participate in a recreational activity or holiday which without the Grant would not have been available to them.

Trefoil grants are discretionary and the Board reserves the right not to enter into dialogue or correspondence with failed applicants.

NB: Please note that with effect from 1 January 2014 Trefoil will no longer consider applications for holidays outwith the United Kingdom.