

HOME FUND

NEW JERSEY P.E.O. HOME FUND CAN PROVIDE AID TO MEMBERS OR NONMEMBERS

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

There are **two different applications**.

1. One is to request aid for members or nonmembers in retirement homes or nursing homes. Grants are limited to \$500.
2. A second application is to request reimbursement for dues advanced by a chapter for a member who is not able to pay her dues because she is
 - Infirm and in a care facility or at home with caregiver
 - Without funds, on Medicaid or other support programs
 - Suffering from dementia and unable to make decisions
 - Other reason

A local chapter president, upon becoming acquainted with a need, will obtain the appropriate application form from the state New Jersey CARES Committee Chairman or download it from the New Jersey P.E.O. web site.

One (1) copy of the completed application is forwarded to the state Chairman of the New Jersey CARES Committee.

HISTORY OF THE HOME FUND

It was re-established by the 1974 Convention of the New Jersey State Chapter as the result of the bequest of Ora Frances King, who was a member of Chapter C, New Jersey.

The purpose of the fund is to give aid to **members and nonmembers** in need of financial assistance

1. When entering or living in established retirement or nursing homes
- OR
2. It is also used to pay state chapter and International Chapter dues of active members who meet the criteria established by the state New Jersey P.E.O. CARES Committee.



Contact information on the members of the state NJ CARES Committee and applications for either the NJ Special Assistance Fund or the NJ P.E.O. Home Fund may be found on the New Jersey P.E.O. web site at

www.njpeo.org



New Jersey CARES

**New Jersey P.E.O.
Home Fund
New Jersey P.E.O.
Special Assistance Fund**



Special Assistance

NEW JERSEY P.E.O. SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND CAN PROVIDE AID TO MEMBERS OR NONMEMBERS WITH ONE TIME GRANTS OF UP TO \$1,500.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A local chapter president, upon becoming acquainted with a need, will obtain an application form from the state New Jersey CARES Committee Chairman or from the NJ State Chapter website (www.njpeo.org).

The application includes:

1. **Sponsoring Chapter Information** - to be completed by sponsoring chapter.

Note: If applicant is a P.E.O., her name is not revealed, only her enrollment number.

2. **Case History** - to be completed by applicant.
3. **Income and Expense Statement** - to be completed by applicant

When the application has been properly completed, and its approval indicated by the signatures of the Chapter President and Chapter Recording Secretary, one (1) copy of the application and all accompanying documents should be forwarded by the Chapter President to the state New Jersey CARES Chairman.

No Chapter vote is required.



The NJ CARES Committee requires the applicant to write a personal letter that addresses his/her needs and how this grant will help with this one-time financial issue.

The state New Jersey CARES committee chairman will forward the application and supporting documents to each committee member and to the advisor. After careful review and a positive vote by the committee the application, along with the committee's recommendation, will be submitted to the New Jersey State executive board for final approval. *Grants of less than \$250 may be awarded directly by the New Jersey CARES committee.*

If final approval is given by the State executive board, the State treasurer will be authorized to make **payment directly to the creditor** to whom the debt is owed by the grant recipient. The New Jersey CARES Committee will be notified of the State board's action.

At the discretion of the New Jersey CARES committee and the New Jersey State board, under certain circumstances the payment may be sent to the Chapter President from whom the application was originally received, to see that it is disbursed properly.

Consider requests for financial assistance carefully. The aid must make a difference and not just stave off the inevitable for one or two more months. Contact the state New Jersey CARES Chairman if you have any questions about eligibility.



HISTORY OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

The New Jersey Special Assistance Fund was established 1943-47 from gifts and trusts to give financial aid when needed to members of N. J. State chapters. It was originally called the Welfare Fund.

The purpose of the fund now is to give aid to **members and nonmembers** in need of financial assistance. Applicants may request one-time grants or loans of up to a **maximum of \$1,500**.

Due to our 501 (c)(4) status as a nonprofit, tax exempt organization we also extend our aid from the NJ P.E.O. Home Fund and from the NJ P.E.O. Special Assistance Fund to those outside our membership, both females and males. The decision to grant aid is at the discretion of the state New Jersey CARES Committee and the Executive Board of New Jersey State.



The New Jersey CARES Committee was created at the 2010 New Jersey State Convention. This committee combines the duties and responsibilities of the former NJ P.E.O. Home Fund and the NJ P.E.O. Special Assistance Fund Committees.