



The Tri-State Multiple Sclerosis Association, Inc. strives to enhance the quality of life for people living with M.S. and their families throughout southern Indiana, western Kentucky, and southeastern Illinois. Current treatment regimens are profoundly changing the lives of people today, but there are many who are uninsured, underinsured, or do not qualify for financial assistance sufficient to meet their needs. A lack of adequate health care coverage lends to financial struggles for some people living with M.S.

The Tri-State Multiple Sclerosis Association's Financial Assistance Program is designed to address unmet needs of M.S. patients. Any resident of the tri-state area living with a diagnosis of M.S. is eligible to apply for assistance. Applications are available on our website, [www.tristate.ms](http://www.tristate.ms), or by phoning a request to our office at 1-866-514-4312 or 812-423-5943.

Applications are initially reviewed by a staff member to assure that all necessary information has been obtained. Once complete, the application is forwarded to one or more members of the Financial Assistance Committee who determine what monies can be awarded and any action steps that will be required on the part of the applicant.

The application review process will be completed as quickly as possible, but the process may require several contacts with the applicant. Applicants will be advised of other possible resources for financial assistance that should be explored before the association reviews the need.

All applications will remain confidential, with information being shared with staff members, board members, and Financial Assistance Committee members involved in the determination. It may be necessary for the Tri-State M.S. Association to contact parties listed on the application to verify or clarify information or to negotiate payments. Release of information is included in the application.

If the Tri-State M.S. Association grants any monies, they will be paid directly to the vendor owed, not to the applicant. Applicants receiving assistance will not be eligible for assistance for one year from the time of the award.

Applications should be submitted to the address or fax noted on this letterhead.