

## Chris Humphreys Memorial Fund



Chris Humphreys was one of the founder members of BBS UK; she organised the conference and supported BBS families for many years. Sadly, Chris passed away a few years ago; the Chris Humphreys Memorial Fund has been created in her memory, in order to support people to attend the BBS UK weekend family conference.

### Why do we have the Fund?

At BBS UK, we believe that the conference provides an invaluable opportunity for members to meet and connect with other people who have the syndrome, as well as having the opportunity to learn more about scientific developments and about living well with BBS. The Fund is there to support people who might otherwise find it difficult to attend.

### Who is eligible?

Those who are attending for the first-time and who meet the following criteria:

- Currently living in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland
- Adult diagnosed with Bardet-Biedl syndrome or
- Parent/carers of a child (0-17yrs) diagnosed with Bardet-Biedl syndrome (child must be living with applicant)
- Eligible for any of the following benefits:
  - Universal Credit
  - Child Tax Credit
  - Working Tax Credit
  - Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
  - Income Related Employment Support Allowance
  - Income Support
  - Housing Benefit
  - Pension Credit

### What will the fund cover?

The fund will cover the cost of up to two parents/carers (children go free) or one adult who has BBS and a personal assistant/carer, to attend the conference weekend. This will include dinner, bed and breakfast on the Friday and Saturday nights.

### How can I apply for support from the CHMF?

To apply for support, contact Léonie Hudson via email. A copy of a recent benefits letter, no more than 6 months old, will be required to support the application. If the letter does not confirm the applicant's address, a utility bill will also be required.

### What happens if I am offered support from the Fund?

If your application is successful, we will take your conference booking information and make the required arrangements on your behalf.

### **Additional Information**

The fund is limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We are able to receive applications to the Fund for as long as the Fund contains sufficient monies to be able to offer support.

**For further information about the Chris Humphreys Memorial Fund, please contact:**

[leonie.hudson@bbsuk.org.uk](mailto:leonie.hudson@bbsuk.org.uk)

### **FAQs**

#### **Am I guaranteed to receive support from the Fund?**

No, the funding pot is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis

#### **Does the Fund cover transport costs?**

No, however BBS UK may be able to offer some support in exceptional circumstances

#### **How many people from my family/friendship group will the Fund cover to attend conference?**

The fund will pay for two parents/carers to attend – \*all child(ren) diagnosed with BBS and their sibling(s) go free.

The fund will pay for an adult diagnosed with BBS to attend, along with their personal assistant/carer.

#### **Can I apply to the Fund if I have previously attended a BBS UK Conference?**

No, the Fund is only available to first time attendees.

#### **Where else can I go for support?**

The Family Fund will provide funding for families with children 17 years and under, in receipt of means tested benefits; for more information go to [www.familyfund.org.uk](http://www.familyfund.org.uk)

Local authority funding may also be available, contact your social worker or local authority for support