



# THE NIGHTINGALE FELLOWSHIP

The Benevolent Fund is a registered charity  
that gives money to help full Fellowship  
members in need.

Registered Charity no 227991

***I was a beneficiary of the Benevolent Fund. It helped me manage whilst I recovered from illness. I can still feel the relief I felt then as I write this now!***

Nightingale Nurse qualified 1974

***Thank you so much for the extremely generous award. We feel grateful and somewhat humbled by your generosity. The money will assist both with respice and towards a new motability car.***

Nightingale Nurse qualified 1976

***One of the joys of being a Nightingale is that special link between us. I was struggling to cope with all that was going on in my life yet felt supported and loved by the Nightingales who trained with me all those decades ago. I had just left an abusive marriage, my finances were desperate. One of those Nightingales suggested I apply to the Benevolent Fund and within weeks of completing the form a cheque arrived. At that time of need the Benevolent Fund came to my rescue and I not only received financial support, I felt comforted by the care offered to me at a time of great need.***

Nightingale Nurse qualified 1975

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**The Benevolent Fund**  
of the  
**Nightingale Fellowship**

**The Nightingale Fellowship** is the alumni association of nurses who trained at the Nightingale Training School of St Thomas' Hospital or one of its successor training schools.

The object of the fund is to support *Full members of the Nightingale Fellowship* who may be experiencing hardship, distress or ill health.

The fund is managed by an *Advisory Committee* who are members of the Nightingale Fellowship or lay members with particular areas of expertise.

In order to apply, you must be a Full member of the Nightingale Fellowship who may be experiencing hardship or need. You can be of any age, and perhaps finding difficulty managing on a small income or unable to work, possibly through injury or ill health. Where appropriate, you will first be asked to take advice from your local Age UK and /or Citizen's Advice Bureau prior to application, to ensure you are receiving your full entitlement of state benefits. We can provide a fact sheet from Age UK which may be of assistance to you. You will need to provide written confirmation that this advice has been sought. You will be encouraged to explore ways in which your disposable income may be increased and /or how your outgoings can be reduced. You will be assessed in strictest confidence and with compassion, against our agreed criteria.

Savings will be taken into account, but please refer to our Guidelines for the details of limits allowed.



Grants considered by the Advisory Committee can be made either as; a one-off, occasional or regular payments and may be in the form of direct payments. The Committee may decide to help with: utility bills or general household expenses; towards essential repairs or towards items for independent living.

It is important that you are aware that a cash award could affect your benefits, especially if you are in receipt of means tested benefits. Also, if an award is given for the purchase of white goods, the BFAC have no responsibility in the upkeep or replacement of any item purchased with funds awarded as a grant.

If you are seeking funds for structural changes to your home, you should seek funding from Social Services or the relevant housing association. If a grant is agreed via the BFAC, you should seek a reputable builder, or contact Age UK or CAB/ Consumer Helpline, who will assist you in this. Your application will need to be supported by a report from an occupational therapist or similar professional. If there is a cost involved in obtaining such a report, the BFAC would consider assisting towards this cost.

Grants will not be made for:

- Debt repayment
- Mortgage or rent arrears
- Medical expenses or residential or nursing and care home fees.

For further clarification of support which may be considered within the parameters of our criteria, please contact our office.

Phone, fax or e-mail the office for an application form:

Telephone 01285 841908

Fax 01285 841576

Email [info@thenightingalefellowship.org.uk](mailto:info@thenightingalefellowship.org.uk)

On receipt of the form, we will send you an acknowledgement. Your application will then be assessed by the *Benevolent Fund Advisory Committee* at the next appropriate meeting. These are normally held twice a year in January and June. You will be informed of the decision in writing, as soon as possible after the meeting.

Applications will be accepted between meetings if there is an immediate need for assistance

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