



## Technology Grant Criteria

**PLEASE READ THESE GUIDELINES BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION FORM**

We consider a request for funding for technology which will be of a clear, direct benefit to children and young people with vision impairment(s) where no source of statutory funding will pay.

Applicants aged 18 and under who are certificated or eligible to be certificated as Severely Sight Impaired (blind) or Sight Impaired (partially sighted) to be considered. Applicants will need to supply a copy of a CVI or a letter from an Ophthalmologist. We cannot accept images/jpegs or registration card/documents from your local authority.

The application will need to be supported by a VI Professional working directly with the applicant at the time of the submission. Please see question and answers for examples of VI Professionals.

All sections of the form must be completed and signed. Any incomplete forms will be rejected.

Equipment and/or software provided by Guide Dogs is for home use only. When processing an application, we may contact another professional who works with the applicant to confirm the suitability of the items being applied for. The provision of equipment and software within an educational environment (school/college) is the responsibility of the education provider.

Applications will need to explain how the equipment applied for will support the applicant's everyday life in a minimum of 100 words. The decision to support an application will be based on the information provided. If it is deemed insufficient the application will be rejected.

Applicants will be informed of the result by letter. In the case of successful applications where full funding has been offered, a minimum 10% contribution, will be required, including VAT and postage. Full payment, along with the return of the order confirmation will be required before an order can be placed.



One application, including an unsuccessful application, can be made in a one-year period. Successful applicants may not apply again within a four-year period for the same or similar item.

The decision to provide support will be made by a board of professionals from Guide Dogs. **Every decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding this.**

Funds will not be paid retrospectively or to individuals.

**All grants are dependent on available funding.**

It is recommended that applications are sent recorded delivery as Guide Dogs will not pay for any missing postage. We will send an email notification when your application has been received. If you hear nothing within two weeks please review your recorded delivery.

Tablets – iPad	Standard iPad 128GB model, Wi-Fi only, applicants aged 3 years and over. Peripherals and cases will not be supplied
Connect 12 and similar magnifiers	Applicant must be 7 years or above. Due to the high cost of these devices, if successful, we will offer a maximum 50% of the total cost and no contribution will be requested. Please ensure you have the remaining funding in place before applying.
Laptop and Desktop with Supernova	Standard package offered – we are unable to accept applications for devices with a different spec or additional software than our standard package
Braille Devices – refreshable braille (excluding Perkin Braille)	Applicants must be grade 2 Brailist with a supporting letter confirming this. Due to the high cost of these devices, if successful, we will offer a maximum of 35% of the total cost and no contribution will be requested Please ensure



	you have the remaining funding in place before applying.
Connect and Learn	Due to the high cost of these devices, if successful, we will offer a maximum of 80% of the total cost and no contribution will be requested. Please ensure you have the remaining funding in place before applying.

Please return your completed application forms, including a supporting letter and other documents to:

Grant Service  
Guide Dogs  
48-62 Woodville Road  
Harborne  
Birmingham  
B17 9AT

Email any completed forms to [grants@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:grants@guidedogs.org.uk).