THE KIWI CLUB
NATIONAL KIWI FUND

At the 1964 convention in Tulsa, delegates voted to create a National Kiwi Fund. In Boston at the 1966 convention, the National Kiwi Fund was officially proposed "for the purpose of providing emergency assistance to Kiwis and their families in temporary difficulty." The proposal came before the delegates for vote at the convention in San Francisco in 1968. At that time, the National Kiwi Fund was officially established.

Any ***active*** member (including Life Members) of The Kiwi Club experiencing serious illness, injury, or disability – and may include those affected by a disaster or catastrophic event which ultimately causes a major financial hardship – is eligible to request funds from the National Kiwi Fund. Justified and verifiable assistance is strictly governed according to well-defined guidelines.

The NKF is managed by a four-member Administrative Board. This board is composed of the National President, the immediate Past President/Parliamentarian, the National Treasurer, plus the sitting Past President/Advisor. This Administrative Board reviews all requests for funds and determines if there is legitimate need and if the NKF can render assistance.

Procedures for requesting assistance from the National Kiwi Fund are as follows:

1. Any member of The Kiwi Club, including Members at Large, Life Members, and Chapter Members, may apply for assistance, either individually or through a chapter.
2. If assistance is requested through a chapter, chapter Board members must first determine if the member is in need of assistance and why (the Board members are obligated to keep the information confidential), and then a vote by the chapter Board is taken to recommend that the prospective recipient receive aid from the NKF in keeping with the fund's purpose. The chapter president will then submit in writing a request to the National President stating the purpose for the request and the assistance needed.
3. There will be a one-time assistance cap of $2500.
4. If an individual member is requesting assistance, the request must be in writing, stating the purpose for the request and the assistance needed. The request will be sent to the National President for review and consideration by the Administrative Board.
5. Upon unanimous approval of the Administrative Board, the National Treasurer will be authorized to make disbursement of the approved funds thereof.
6. A form needed for the request can be found on The Kiwi Club's web site or requested from the National President.

For information regarding the balance in The Kiwi Fund, please contact the National President.