

How do I apply for brokerage?

Contact Samaritans GITS Program to obtain an application form and details on what needs to be included in your application.

What methods of payment can be used?

- Your service can purchase goods and send an invoice, along with proof of payment, for reimbursement
- Your service can send an invoice directly from the supplier outlined in the application
- GITS can order vouchers for the company outlined in your application eg Kmart, Woolworths, Big W, Coles/Myer (Please note, vouchers take a minimum of 4 weeks to be ordered and received)



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How can I use GITS to support a young person?

GITS brokerage can be used to overcome financial barriers to support young people in achieving their goals. Some examples of how you can use brokerage include:

- **Daily living expenses** (e.g. groceries, clothing, toiletries)
- **Education and employment** (e.g. school equipment, school uniforms, excursions/camps, clothing for job interviews)
- **Accommodation** (e.g. rent in advance, rental bond, moving expenses, household items or furniture)
- **Physical Health and Medical Services** (e.g. gym memberships, group sport expenses, vaccinations, personal medical, dental check-up, medical assessment, eye glasses)
- **Social and cultural expenses** (e.g. interpreter, access to a cultural event, art/music classes)
- **Living skills** (e.g. cooking class, driving lessons, budgeting)
- **Transport** (e.g. opal card top-up, fuel card, learner or provisional licence test)
- **Identification** (e.g. birth certificate, proof of ID card)
- **Therapeutic services** (eg counselling with a psychologist or social worker, early intervention counselling and group work)

Brokerage must be supported by a case plan and applied for by a worker on behalf of the young person.

Who is eligible?

Young people who:

- are aged **12-16**. Flexibility also exists for providing brokerage to young people aged **17-25**
- are residing in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland/Dungog, Port Stephens and Cessnock LGAs
- have a current or recent history of alcohol and/or drug misuse or is affected by the alcohol and/or drug misuse within their family or community.

Important Info

- The maximum that can be applied for is **\$300 brokerage per young person per financial year**
- The young person must be supported by a case plan prior to approval



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