

## London Marathon Golden Bond place allocation

Over the past few years we have received an unprecedented number of gold bond applications for the London Marathon, sadly this means we cannot give everyone a place. We want to ensure that we distribute the places in the fairest possible way to a mix of new supporters and long standing fundraisers.

For those of you that have run the marathon for us in the last three years and reapplied for 2021, we guarantee to offer places to any of you who have raised over our average per runner sponsorship of £2,500 (excluding GiftAid) and who have pledged to raise this year's minimum sponsorship amount of £1,750.

Our loyal supporters also include those involved with family funds from whom we receive a high number of applications each year. MDUK will promise to reserve 10 places for the family fund network and a maximum of two people being accepted from each family fund. Again if you have run for an MDUK family fund in the previous three years you will need to have hit the minimum £2,500 (excluding GiftAid) to be guaranteed a place.

The remaining places will be given to new supporters who haven't run the marathon for MDUK before. These places will be given to the strongest applications. If you have previously run for the charity, but more than three years ago, you will be considered as a new applicant. We expect there will be a number runners who dropout before the event so anyone who is unsuccessful in getting a place will be added to our waiting list.

We're sure you'll understand that we want to maintain the balance of places available for regular and new supporters. This is to ensure that we're both fair to those applying for a London Marathon place with us and also so we can guarantee that we're able to increase the amount we raise through this event year on year. Our supporters are at the heart of what we do and this allocation process allows us to continue to make the biggest possible impact to the lives of those living with a muscle-wasting condition.

**We will continue to review the application process on an annual basis.**