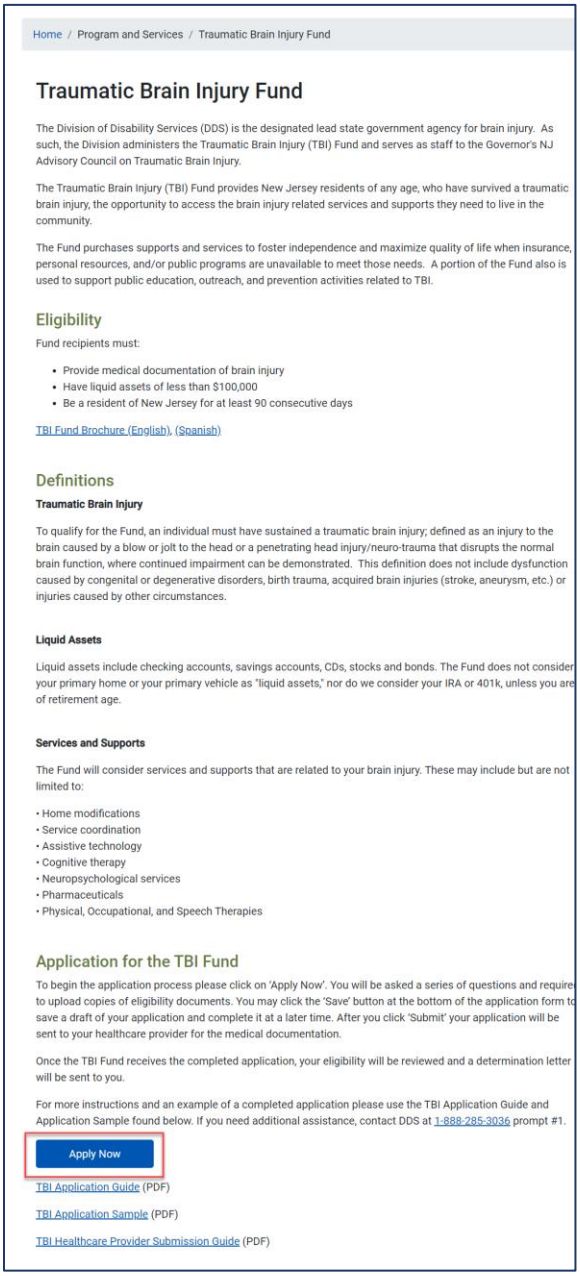
TBI Application Process

The following guide explains how to fill in the TBI Fund Application.

1. Navigate to the following website: http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/programs/braininjuryfund/
2. Scroll down to **Apply Now**.



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Traumatic Brain Injury Fund

The Division of Disability Services (DDS) is the designated lead state government agency for brain injury. As such, the Division administers the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Fund and serves as staff to the Governor's NJ Advisory Council on Traumatic Brain Injury.

The Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Fund provides New Jersey residents of any age, who have survived a traumatic brain injury, the opportunity to access the brain injury related services and supports they need to live in the community.

The Fund purchases supports and services to foster independence and maximize quality of life when insurance, personal resources, and/or public programs are unavailable to meet those needs. A portion of the Fund also is used to support public education, outreach, and prevention activities related to TBI.

Eligibility

Fund recipients must:

- Provide medical documentation of brain injury
- Have liquid assets of less than $100,000
- Be a resident of New Jersey for at least 90 consecutive days

TBI Fund Brochure (English), (Spanish)

Definitions

Traumatic Brain Injury

To qualify for the Fund, an individual must have sustained a traumatic brain injury; defined as an injury to the brain caused by a blow or jolt to the head or a penetrating head injury/neuro-trauma that disrupts the normal brain function, where continued impairment can be demonstrated. This definition does not include dysfunction caused by congenital or degenerative disorders, birth trauma, acquired brain injuries (stroke, aneurysm, etc.) or injuries caused by other circumstances.

Liquid Assets

Liquid assets include checking accounts, savings accounts, CDs, stocks and bonds. The Fund does not consider your primary home or your primary vehicle as "liquid assets," nor do we consider your IRA or 401k, unless you are of retirement age.

Services and Supports

The Fund will consider services and supports that are related to your brain injury. These may include but are not limited to:

- Home modifications
- Service coordination
- Assistive technology
- Cognitive therapy
- Neuropsychological services
- Pharmaceuticals
- Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapies

Application for the TBI Fund

To begin the application process please click on 'Apply Now'. You will be asked a series of questions and require to upload copies of eligibility documents. You may click the 'Save' button at the bottom of the application form to save a draft of your application and complete it at a later time. After you click 'Submit' your application will be sent to your healthcare provider for the medical documentation.

Once the TBI Fund receives the completed application, your eligibility will be reviewed and a determination letter will be sent to you.

For more instructions and an example of a completed application please use the TBI Application Guide and Application Sample found below. If you need additional assistance, contact DDS at 1-888-285-3036 prompt #1.

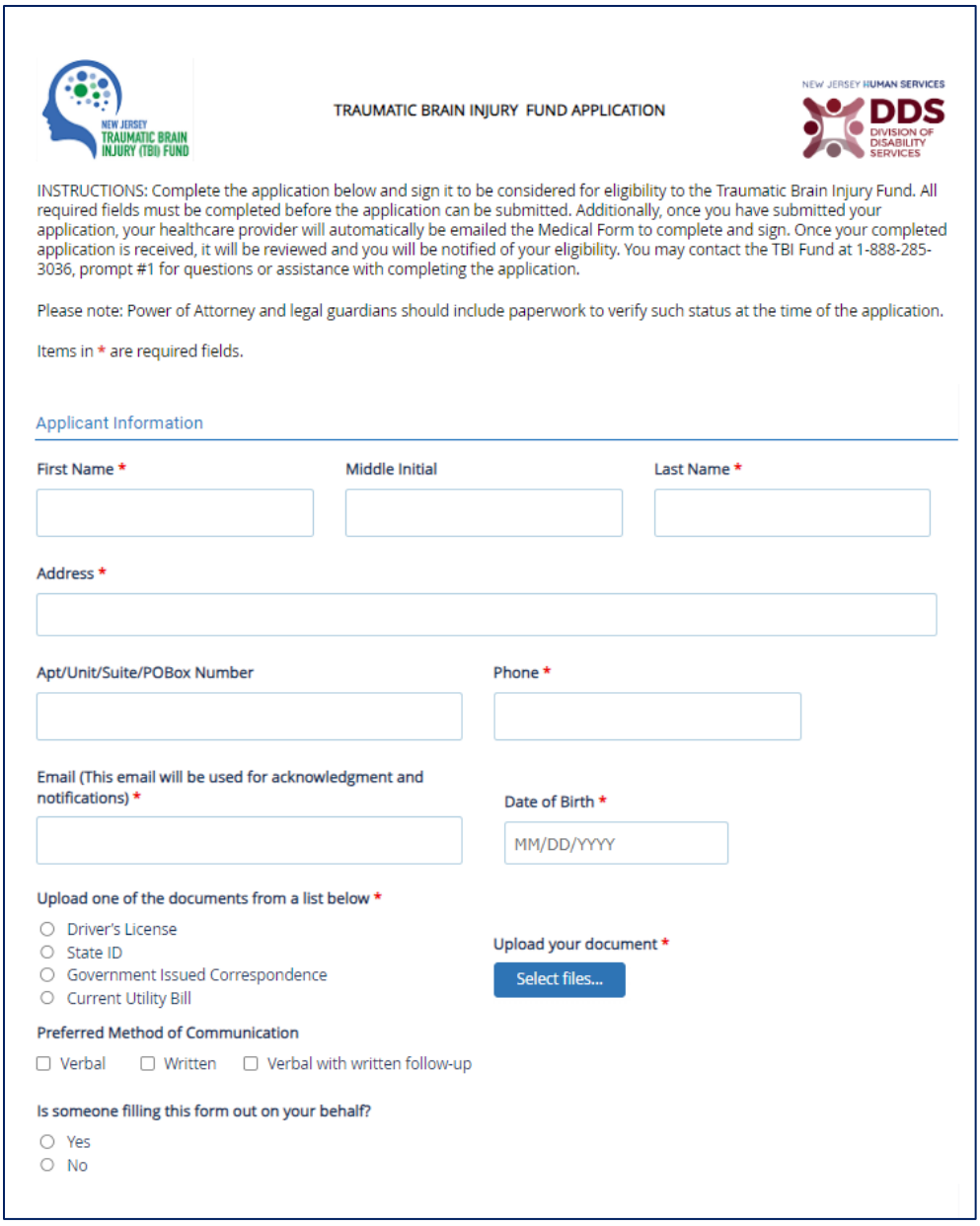
Apply Now

TBI Application Guide (PDF)

TBI Application Sample (PDF)

TBI Healthcare Provider Submission Guide (PDF)

Once you select **Apply Now**, the following form is displayed:



TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY FUND APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the application below and sign it to be considered for eligibility to the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund. All required fields must be completed before the application can be submitted. Additionally, once you have submitted your application, your healthcare provider will automatically be emailed the Medical Form to complete and sign. Once your completed application is received, it will be reviewed and you will be notified of your eligibility. You may contact the TBI Fund at 1-888-285-3036, prompt #1 for questions or assistance with completing the application.

Please note: Power of Attorney and legal guardians should include paperwork to verify such status at the time of the application.

Items in * are required fields.

Applicant Information

First Name *

Middle Initial

Last Name *

Address *

Apt/Unit/Suite/POBox Number

Phone *

Email (This email will be used for acknowledgment and notifications) *

Date of Birth *

MM/DD/YYYY

Upload one of the documents from a list below *

- Driver's License
- State ID
- Government Issued Correspondence
- Current Utility Bill

Upload your document *

Select files...

Preferred Method of Communication

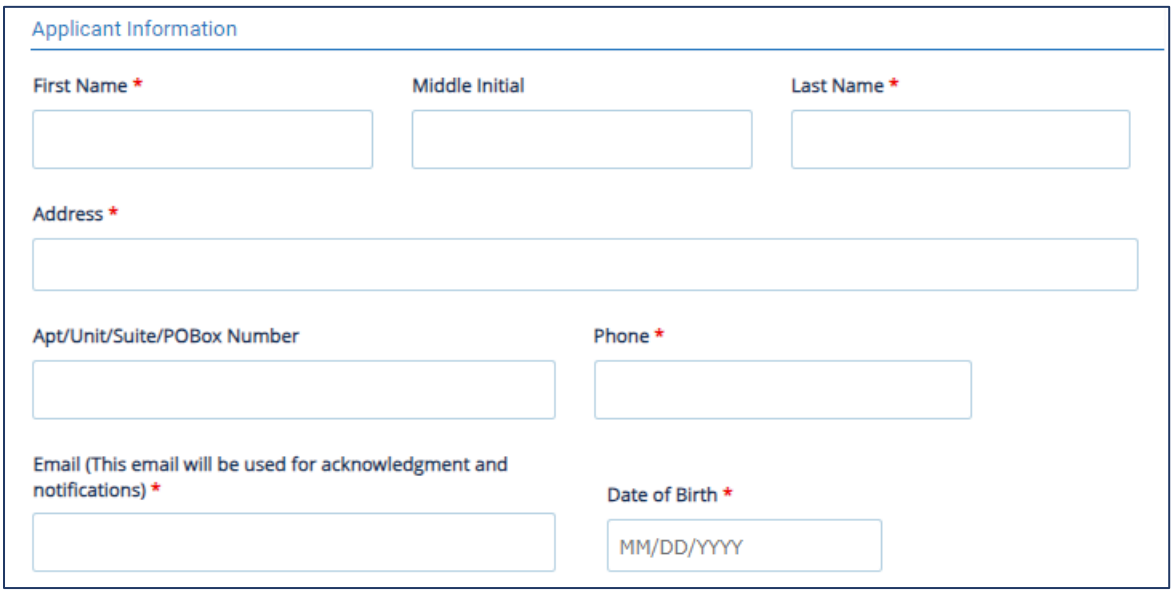
Verbal Written Verbal with written follow-up

Is someone filling this form out on your behalf?

- Yes
- No

Applicant Information

1. Enter the required information.



2. Select the required and relevant information.
3. Attach your documents by selecting, **Select files..**

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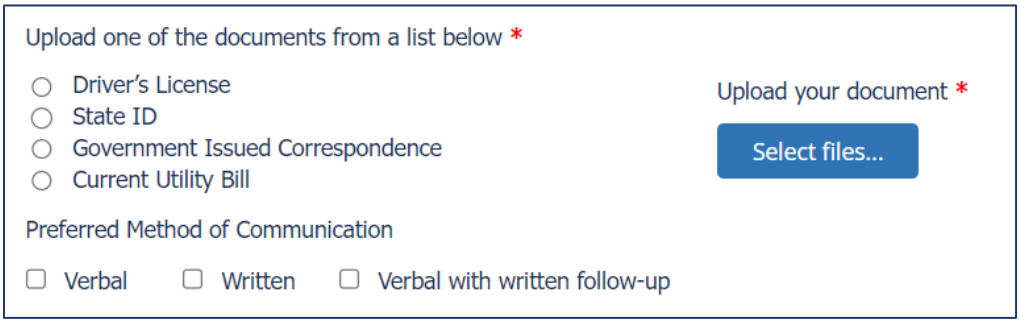
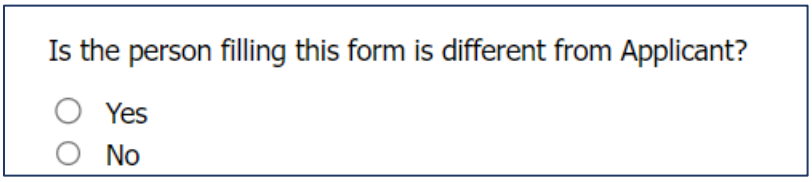
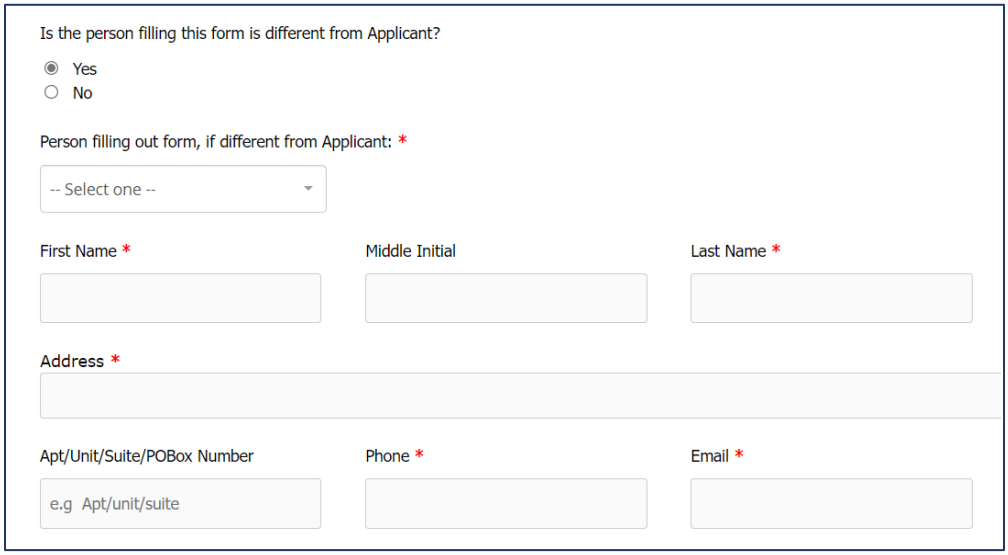


4. Select **Yes**, or **No**.

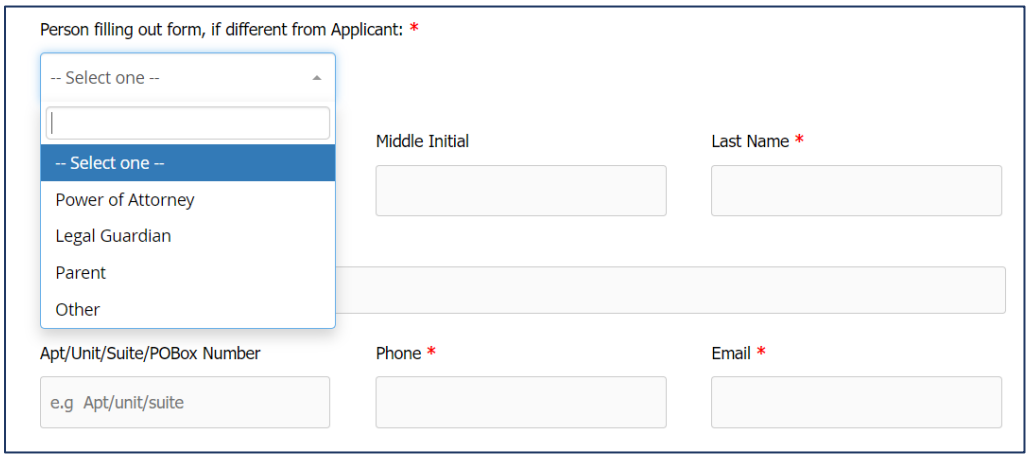


Note: If you selected Yes, an additional section opens. Please follow the process starting at section 2a.



Section 2a

2a Select an option from the drop-down menu.



Note: If you select Legal Guardian or Power of Attorney you have to attach a file. If you select Other an additional field is displayed.

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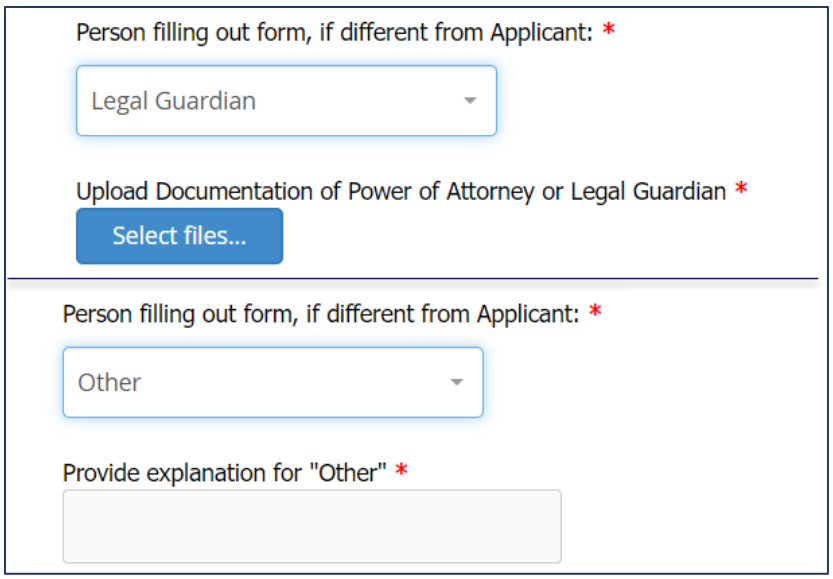
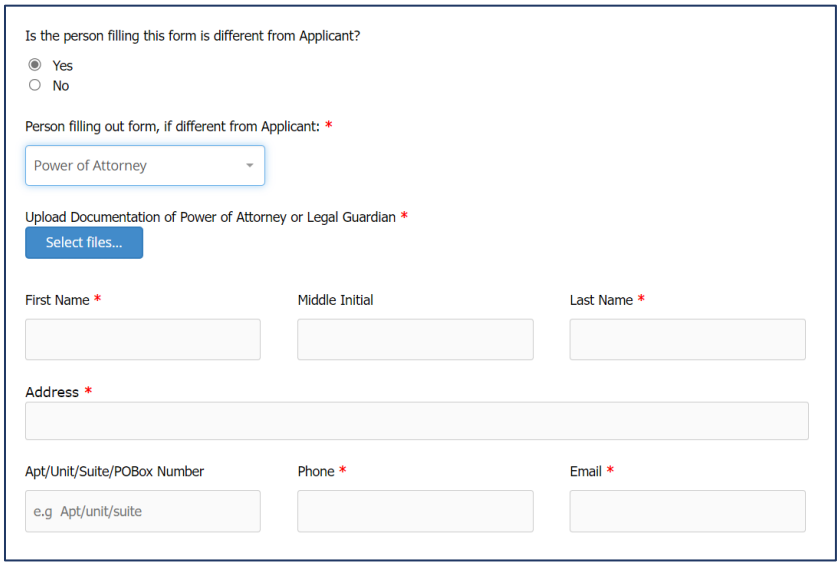
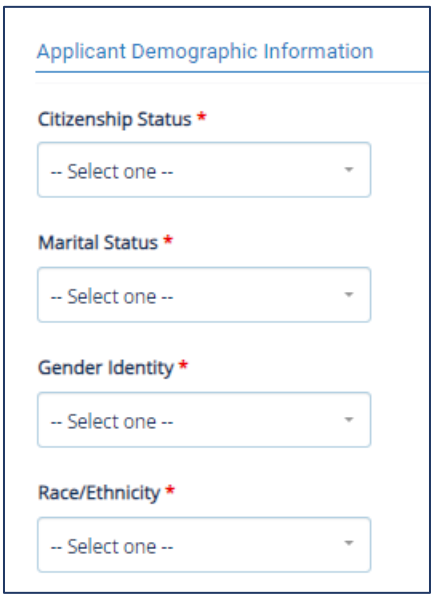


2b Enter the required and relevant information.

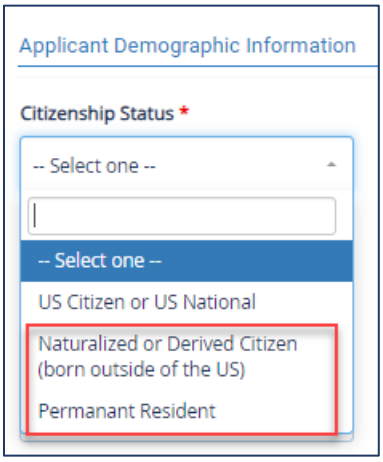


Applicant Demographic Information

1. Select your answers from the following drop-down menus.



Note: Additional information is required if you selected Naturalized or Derived Citizen (born outside of the US), or Permanent Resident.



Note: For Naturalized or Derived Citizen (born outside of the US). Please select the Certificate Type. Please provide the required information.

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For Permanent Resident please provide the required document.

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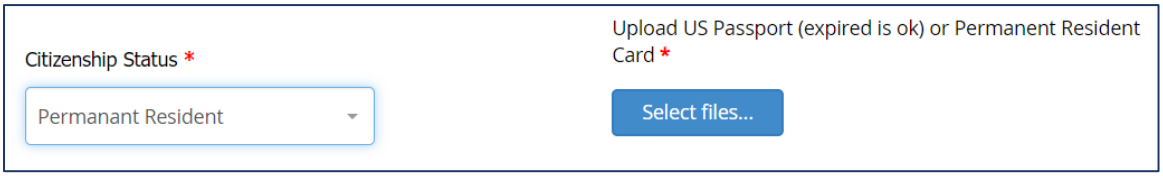

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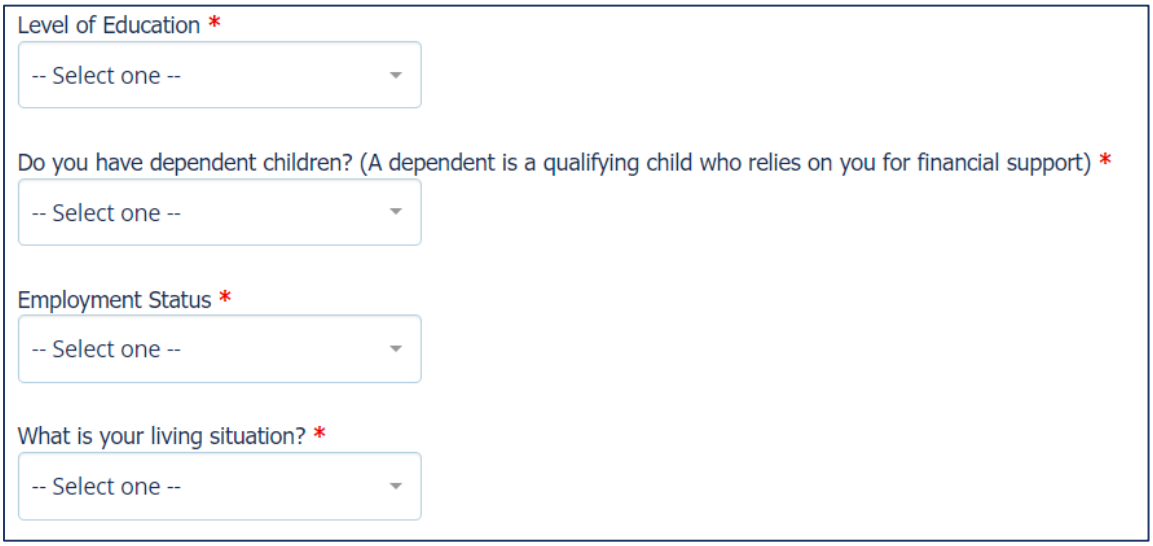
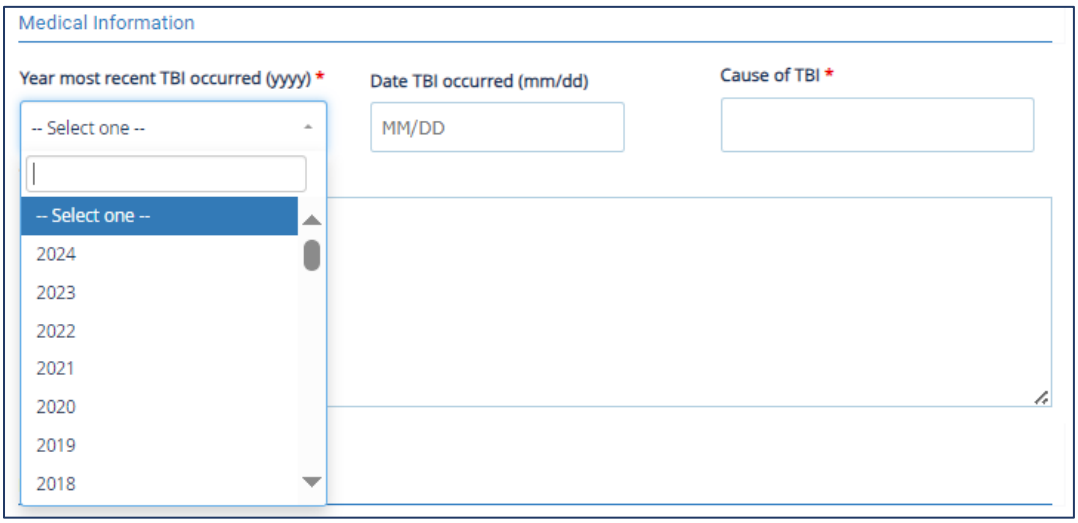


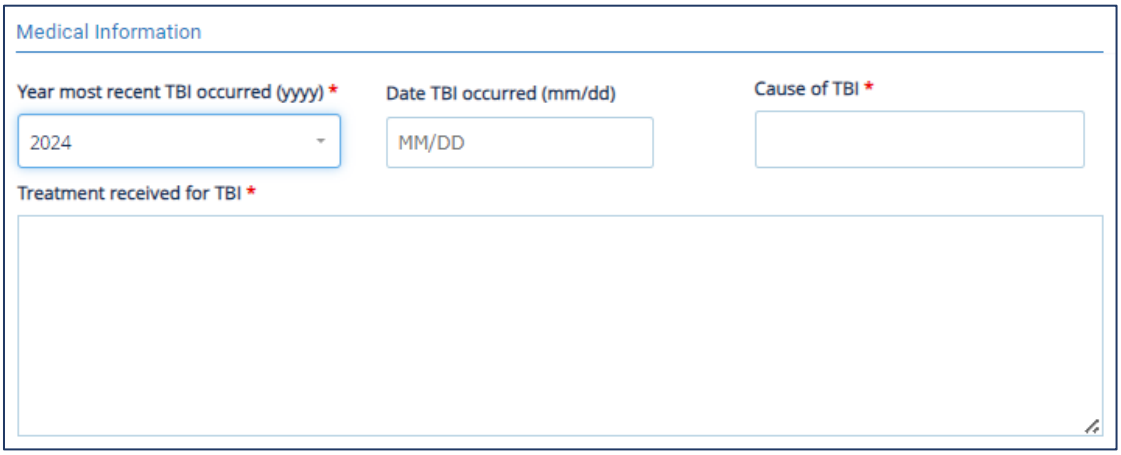
Note: Additional options are displayed if you selected Private Home from the drop-down menu.

Medical Information

1. Select the **Year most recent TBI occurred (yyyy)**.

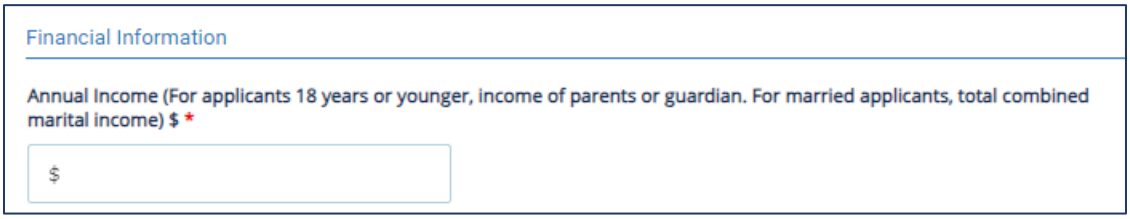


2. Enter the required and relevant information for the remaining fields.

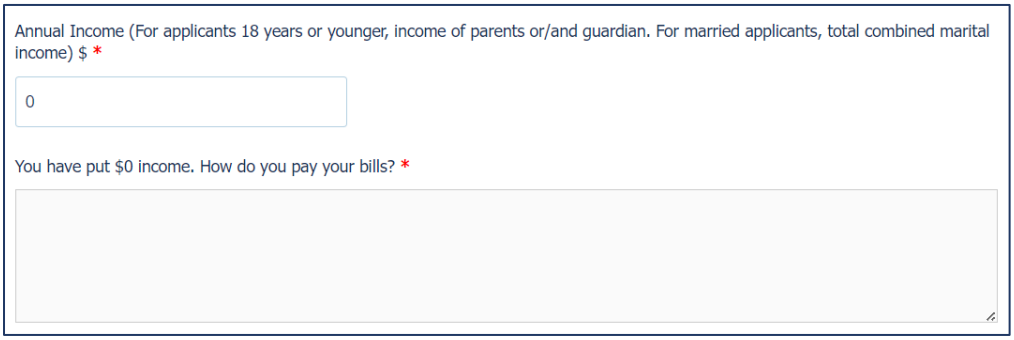


Financial Information

1. Enter your **Annual Income (For applicants 18 years or younger, income of parents or guardian. For married applicants, total combined marital income) $.**

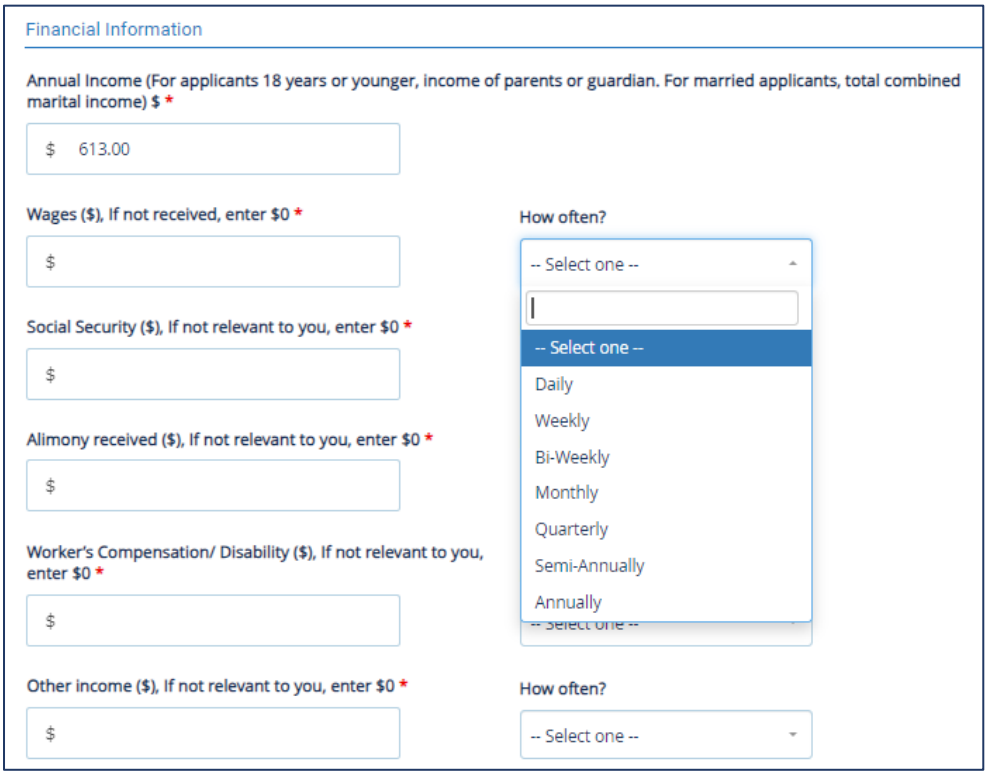


Note: If you enter 0 for your Annual Income an additional field is displayed. Please provide an explanation.

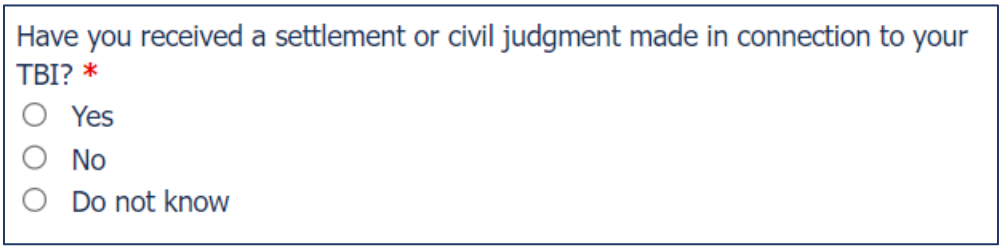


2. Enter your **Annual Income (For applicants 18 years or younger, income of parents or guardian. For married applicants, total combined marital income) $.**
3. Enter the required information and relevant information.

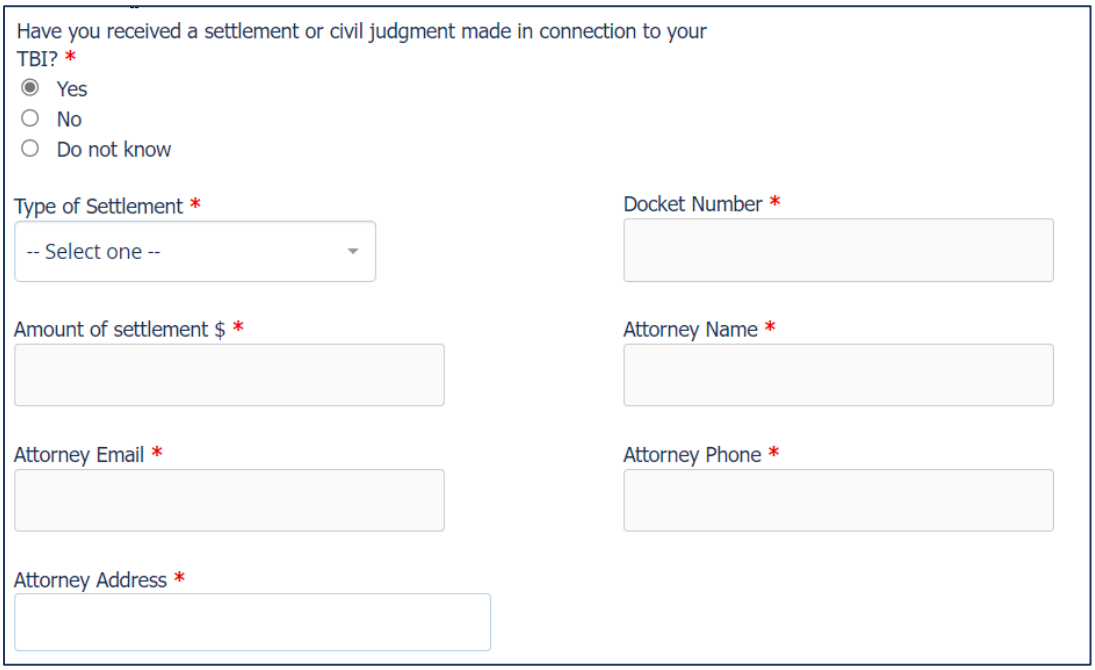
Note: Once you have entered your Annual Income, please answer the following questions. If a question is not relevant to you, please enter 0. If relevant, please select an answer from the How often? drop-down menus.



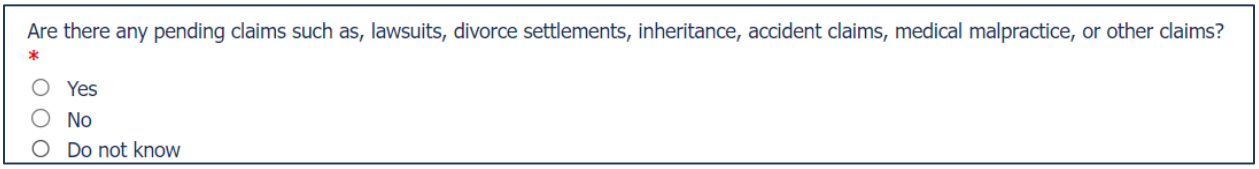
4. Select **Yes**, **No, or Do not know**.



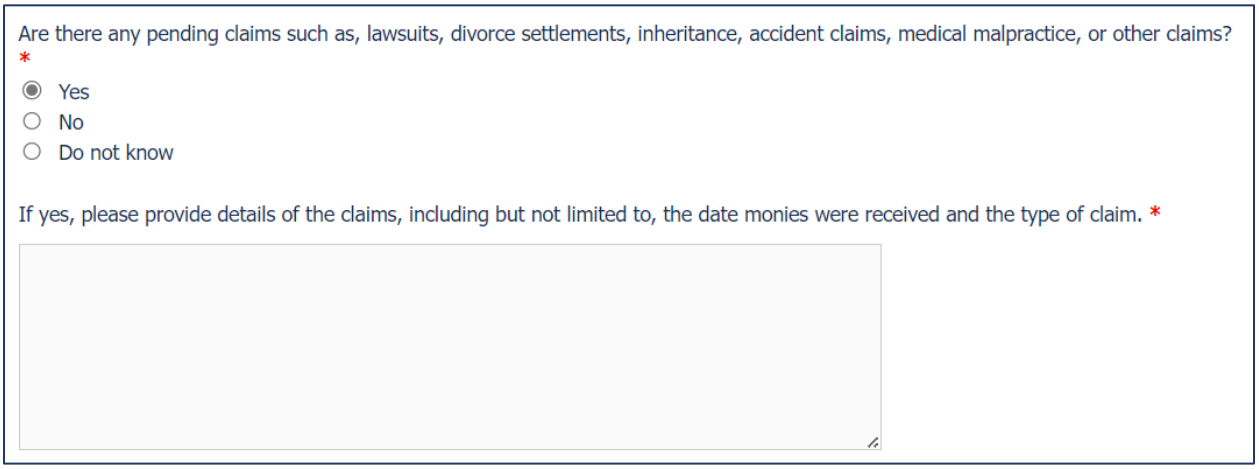
Note: If you selected Yes, an additional section is displayed. Please select and enter the required information.



5. Select **Yes**, **No,** or **Do not know**.

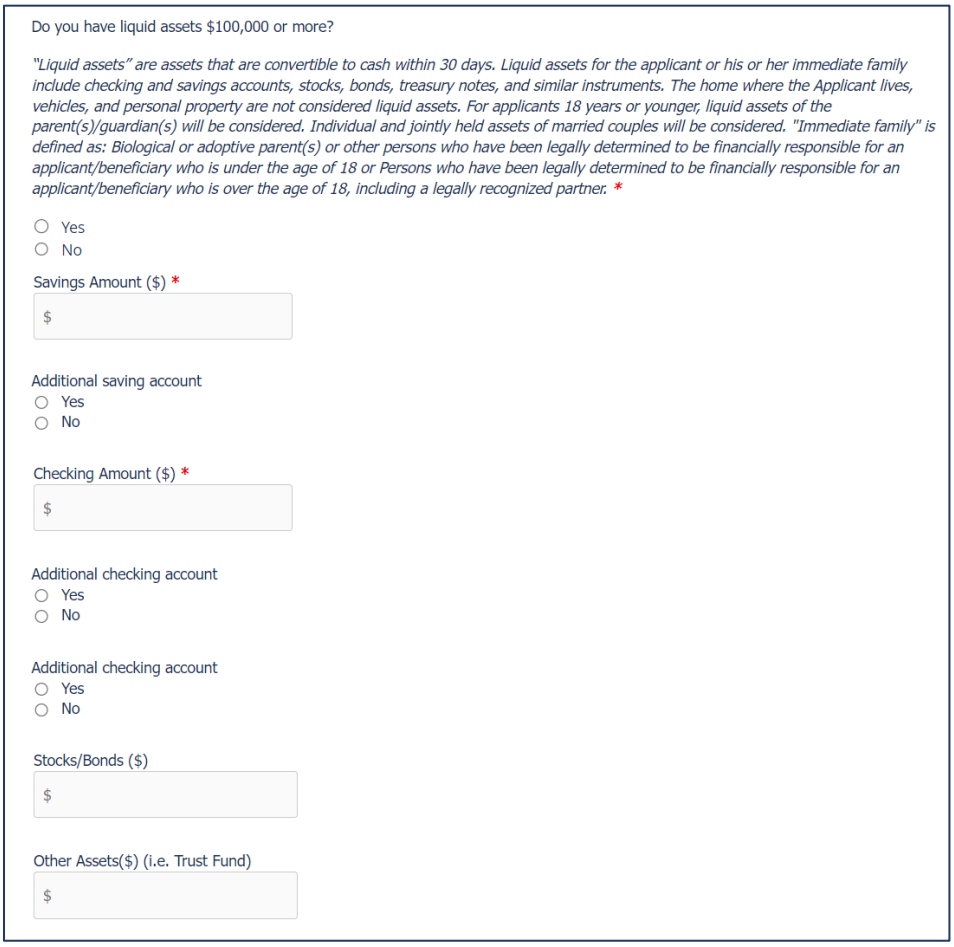


Note: If you select Yes, please provide an explanation.



6. If relevant, select **Yes** or **No** in the required or relevant questions regarding liquid assets that are $100,000 or more. Attach the required documents.

Note: Once you enter an amount in any of the Accounts fields, the Select files… are displayed. Please enter "0", if this is not relevant.



Do you have liquid assets $100,000 or more?

"Liquid assets" are assets that are convertible to cash within 30 days. Liquid assets for the applicant or his or her immediate family include checking and savings accounts, stocks, bonds, treasury notes, and similar instruments. The home where the Applicant lives, vehicles, and personal property are not considered liquid assets. For applicants 18 years or younger, liquid assets of the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be considered. Individual and jointly held assets of married couples will be considered. "Immediate family" is defined as: Biological or adoptive parent(s) or other persons who have been legally determined to be financially responsible for an applicant/beneficiary who is under the age of 18 or Persons who have been legally determined to be financially responsible for an applicant/beneficiary who is over the age of 18, including a legally recognized partner. *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Savings Amount ($) *

$

Additional saving account

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Checking Amount ($) *

$

Additional checking account

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Additional checking account

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Stocks/Bonds ($)

$

Other Assets($) (i.e. Trust Fund)

$

Note: If you entered an amount that is more than 0, please attach the required files by selecting Select files…

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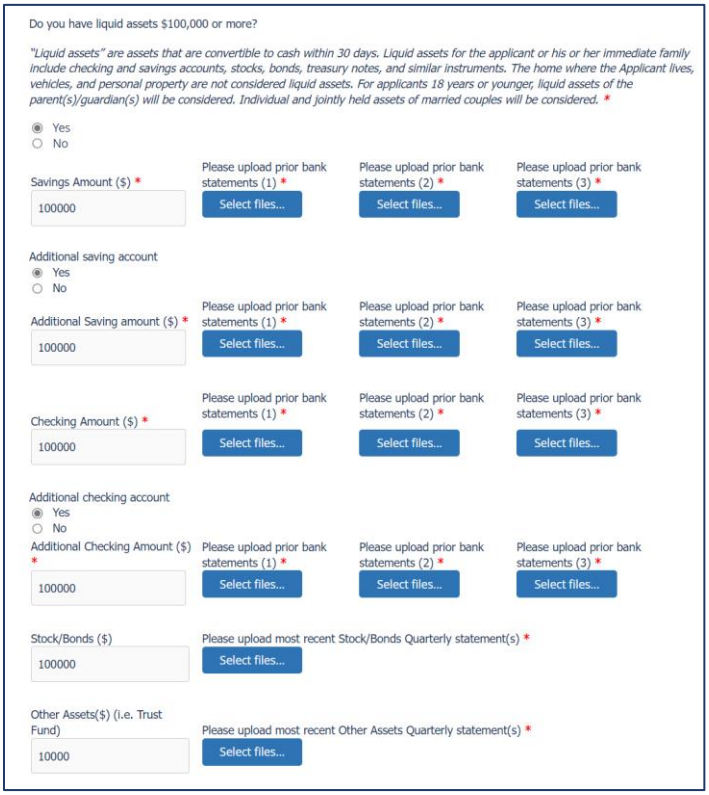
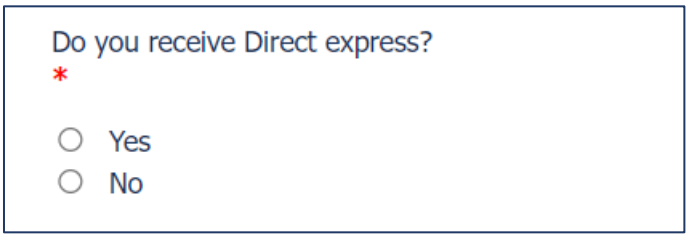


7. Select **Yes** or, **No**.



Note: If you select Yes, please add the required documents by selecting, Select files…

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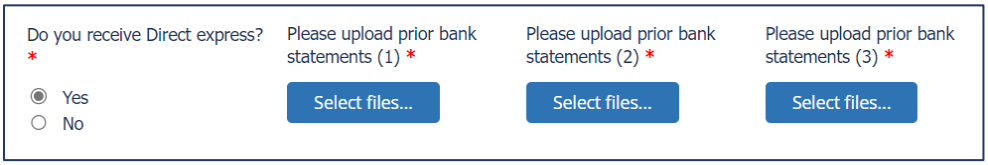
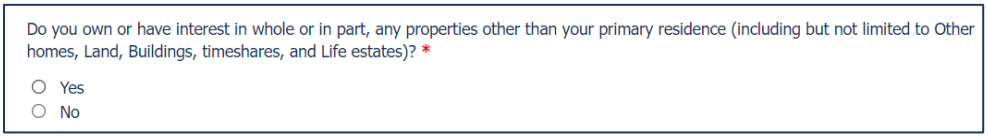
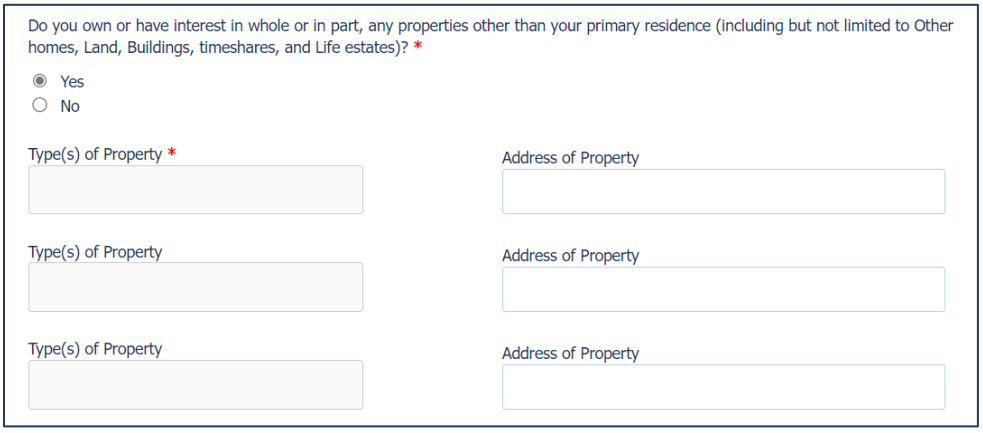


8. Select **Yes** or, **No**.

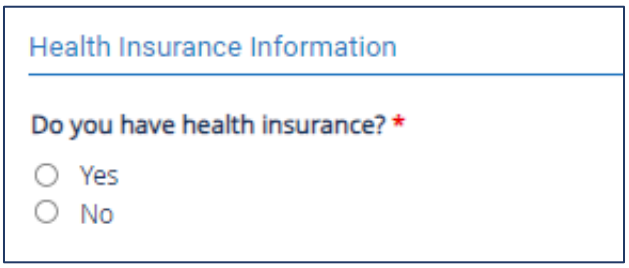


Note: If you select Yes, please add the required and relevant information.

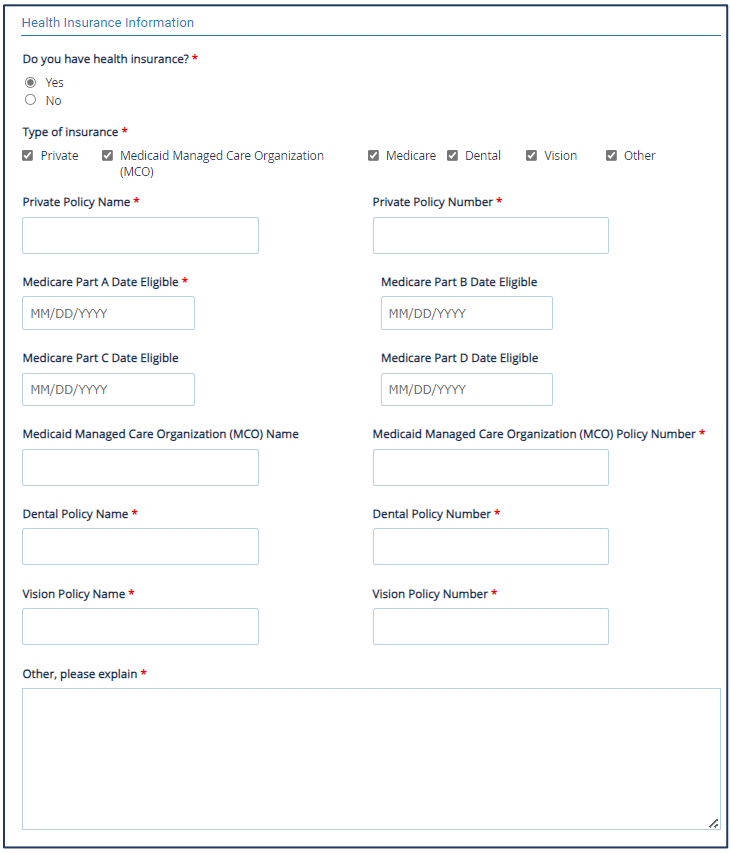


Health Insurance Information

1. Select **Yes**, or **No**.

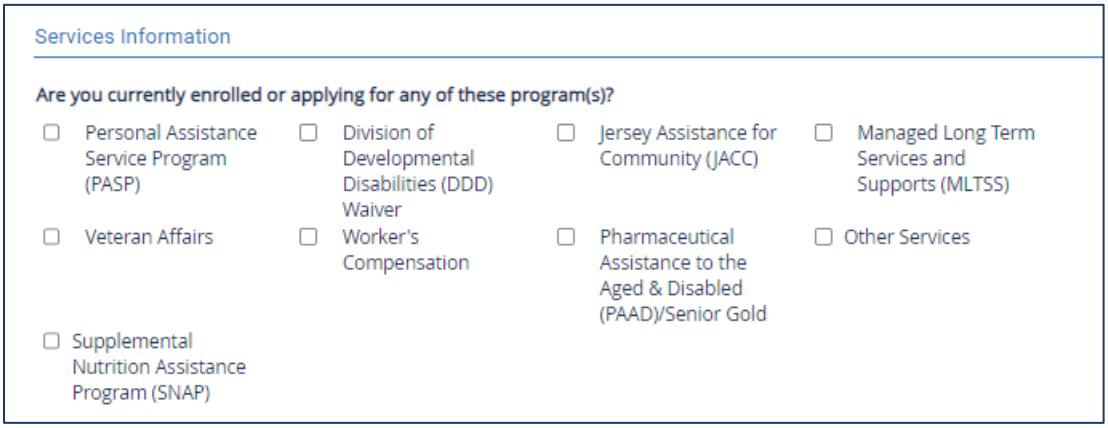


Note: By selecting Yes, you have to select a Type of Insurance. You only have to select your own insurance. The screenshot below is only meant to be an example. Please enter the required details relating to your insurance policy.

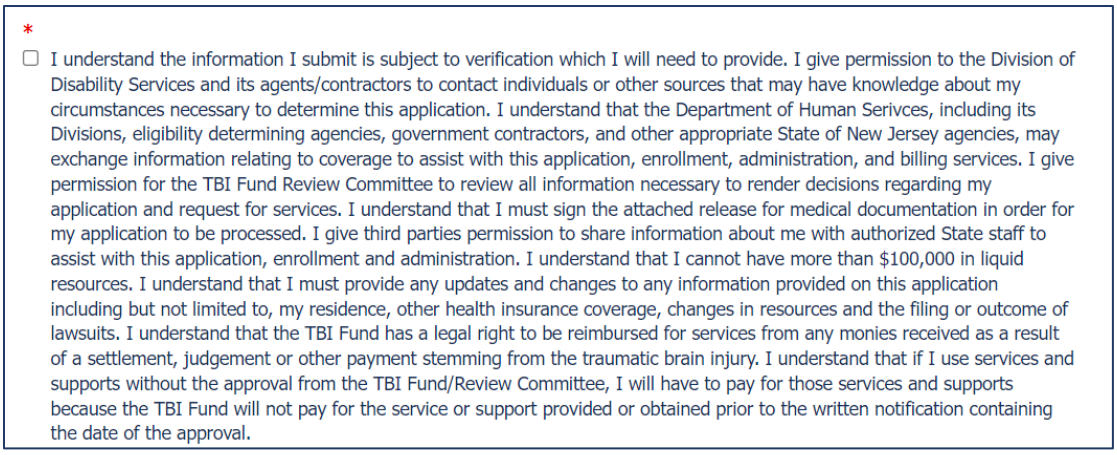


Services Information

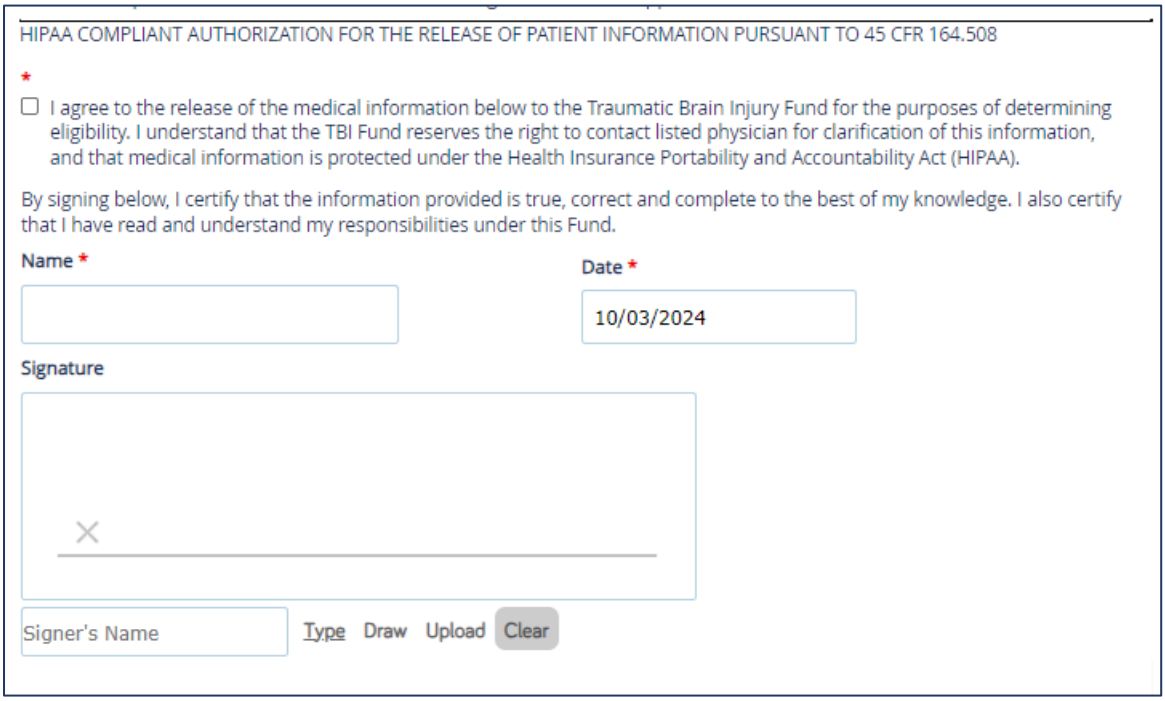
1. Select the programs that you are enrolled in.



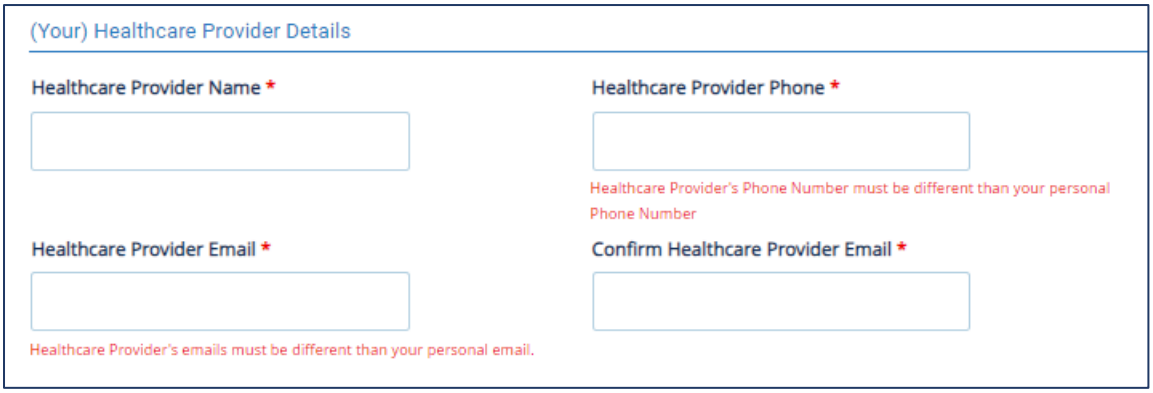
2. Read the paragraph carefully and select the box.



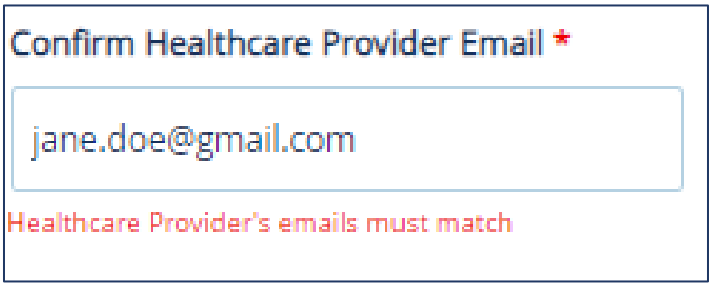
3. Read the **HIPAA** statement carefully. Select the box once you have completed reading and agreed to the statement.
4. Enter your **Name** and **Date**.
5. **Type**, **Draw**, or **Upload** your **Signature**.



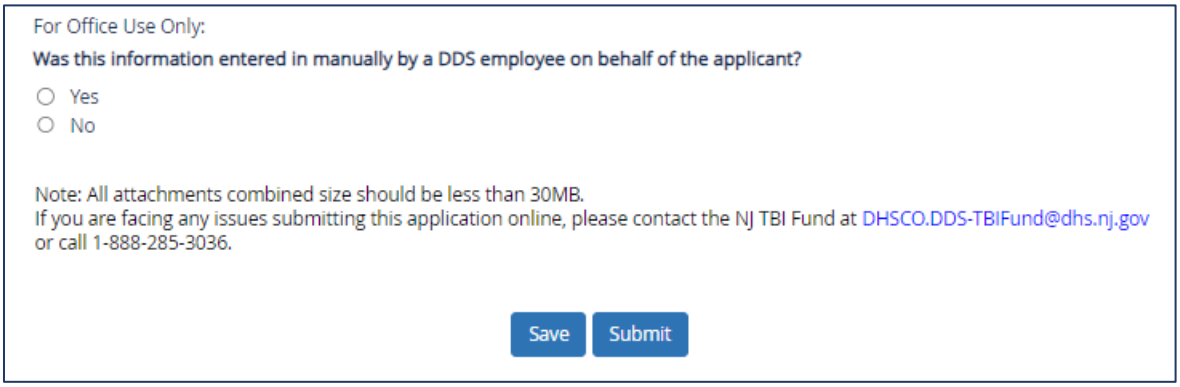
6. Enter the required information.



Note: If your email does not match in the Confirm Your Healthcare Provider Email field, the message "Emails must match" is displayed. You have to confirm email to submit the form.



7. Select **Yes**, or **No.**
8. Select **Save** if you would like to come back to the form at a later time.
   Select **Submit** once you are ready to complete the form.



Note: If you selected Yes, attach the manual form by selecting, Select files…

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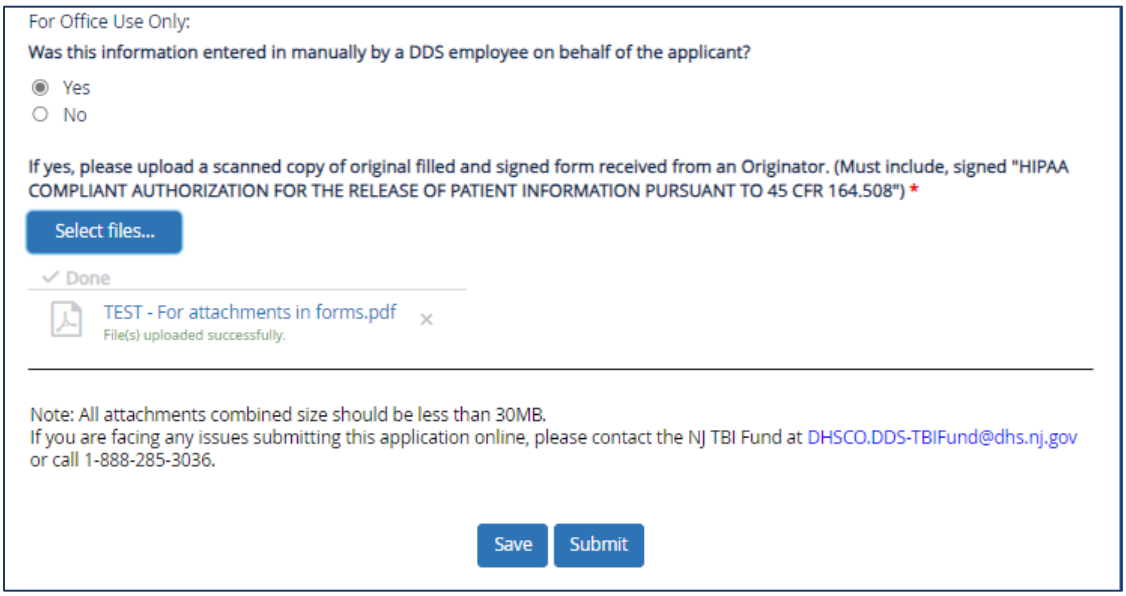

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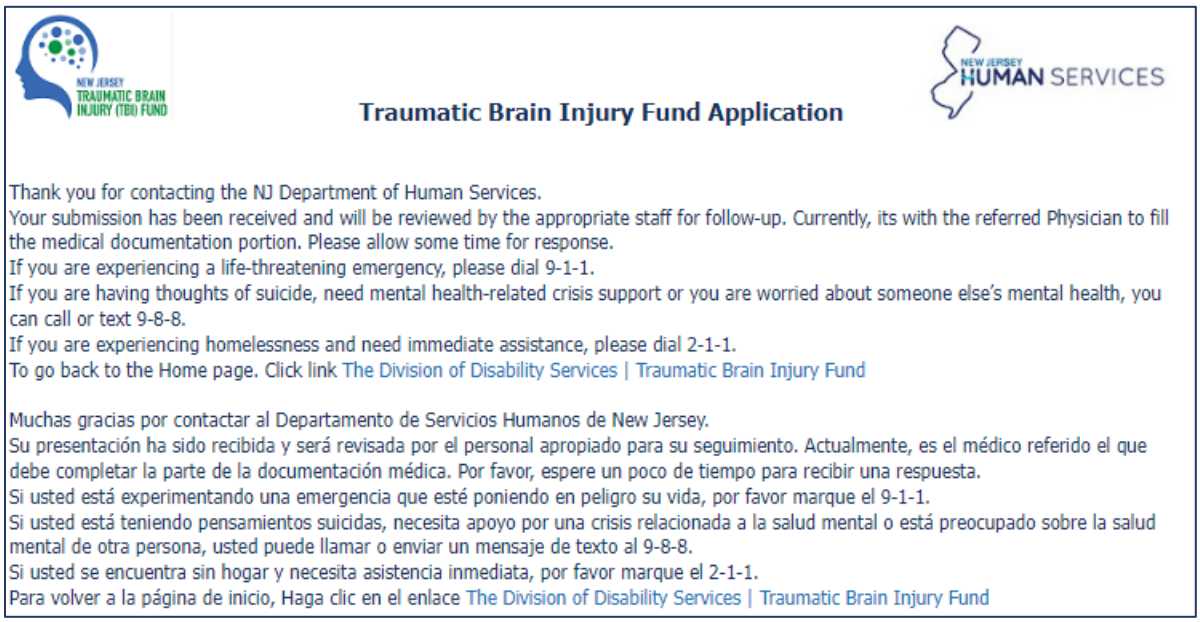

NEW JERSEY TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) FUND

Traumatic Brain Injury Fund Application

NEW JERSEY HUMAN SERVICES

Thank you for contacting the NJ Department of Human Services.
Your submission has been received and will be reviewed by the appropriate staff for follow-up. Currently, its with the referred Physician to fill the medical documentation portion. Please allow some time for response.
If you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, please dial 9-1-1.
If you are having thoughts of suicide, need mental health-related crisis support or you are worried about someone else's mental health, you can call or text 9-8-8.
If you are experiencing homelessness and need immediate assistance, please dial 2-1-1.
To go back to the Home page. Click link The Division of Disability Services | Traumatic Brain Injury Fund

Muchas gracias por contactar al Departamento de Servicios Humanos de New Jersey.
Su presentación ha sido recibida y será revisada por el personal apropiado para su seguimiento. Actualmente, es el médico referido el que debe completar la parte de la documentación médica. Por favor, espere un poco de tiempo para recibir una respuesta.
Si usted está experimentando una emergencia que esté poniendo en peligro su vida, por favor marque el 9-1-1.
Si usted está teniendo pensamientos suicidas, necesita apoyo por una crisis relacionada a la salud mental o está preocupado sobre la salud mental de otra persona, usted puede llamar o enviar un mensaje de texto al 9-8-8.
Si usted se encuentra sin hogar y necesita asistencia inmediata, por favor marque el 2-1-1.
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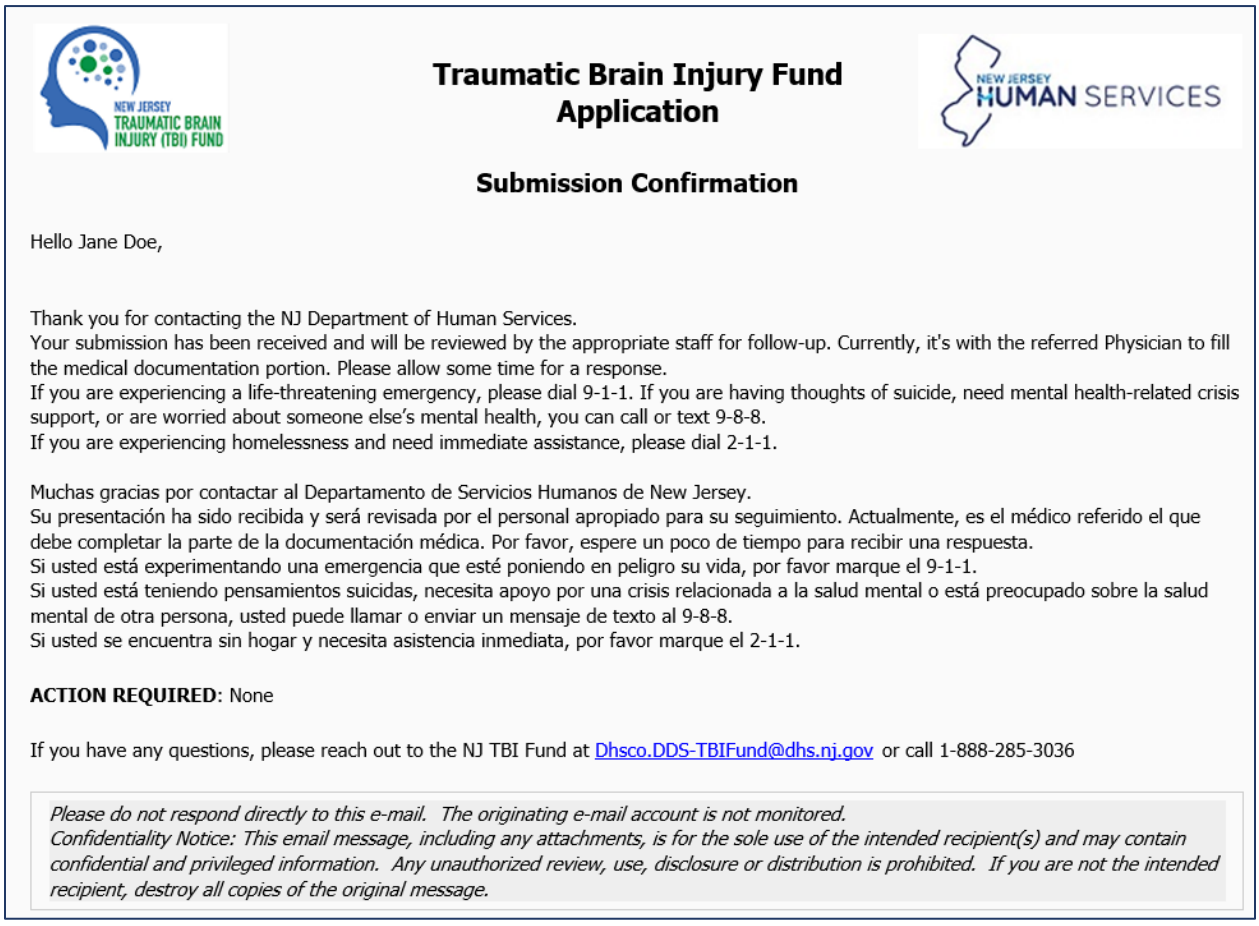
Note: Select the links to learn more about the Division of Disability Services.

Emails to the Requester

The following email notifications keep you updated on your form.

An email notification is sent to the requester, notifying them that their Healthcare Provider is currently reviewing the form.



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Submission Confirmation

Hello Jane Doe,

Thank you for contacting the NJ Department of Human Services.
Your submission has been received and will be reviewed by the appropriate staff for follow-up. Currently, it's with the referred Physician to fill the medical documentation portion. Please allow some time for a response.
If you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, please dial 9-1-1. If you are having thoughts of suicide, need mental health-related crisis support, or are worried about someone else's mental health, you can call or text 9-8-8.
If you are experiencing homelessness and need immediate assistance, please dial 2-1-1.

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Si usted se encuentra sin hogar y necesita asistencia inmediata, por favor marque el 2-1-1.

ACTION REQUIRED: None

If you have any questions, please reach out to the NJ TBI Fund at Dhsco.DDS-TBIFund@dhs.nj.gov or call 1-888-285-3036

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Physician Review Complete

Hello Jane Doe,

This is to notify you that your TBI-APP#:00117 has been received by TBI with medical documentation completed by the Physician, and will be reviewed by the appropriate staff for follow-up. Please allow some time for response.

ACTION REQUIRED: None

If you have any questions, please reach out to the NJ TBI Fund at Dhsco.DDS-TBIFund@dhs.nj.gov or call 1-888-285-3036

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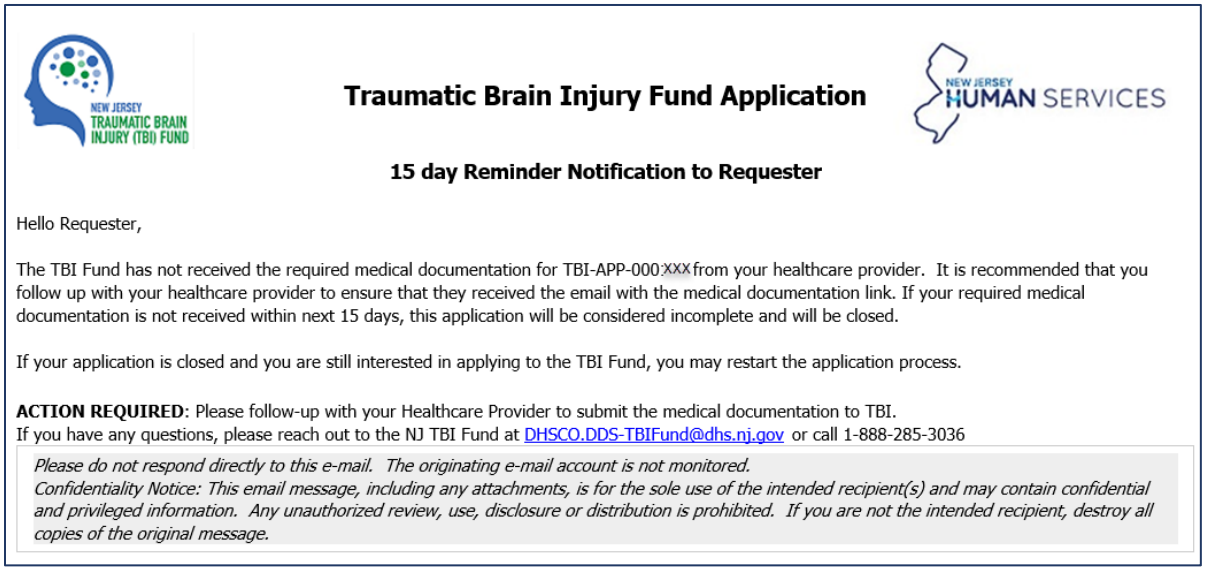
An email notification is sent to the requester, notifying them that the healthcare provider has not received the medical documentation.

Note: Your application is cancelled after 30 days if your healthcare provider does not submit their review of the TBI Fund Application.



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15 day Reminder Notification to Requester

Hello Requester,

The TBI Fund has not received the required medical documentation for TBI-APP-000XXX from your healthcare provider. It is recommended that you follow up with your healthcare provider to ensure that they received the email with the medical documentation link. If your required medical documentation is not received within next 15 days, this application will be considered incomplete and will be closed.

If your application is closed and you are still interested in applying to the TBI Fund, you may restart the application process.

ACTION REQUIRED: Please follow-up with your Healthcare Provider to submit the medical documentation to TBI.
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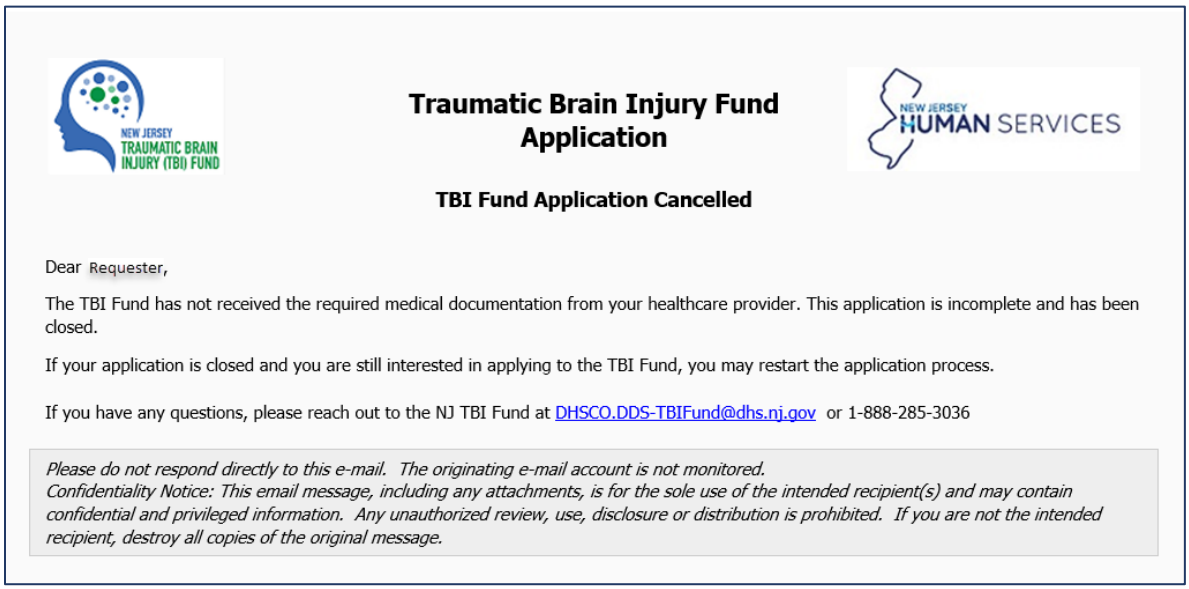
If the Healthcare Provider does not review your application within 30 days, an email notification is sent to the requester, notifying them that their TBI Fund Application has been cancelled.



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TBI Fund Application Cancelled

Dear Requester,

The TBI Fund has not received the required medical documentation from your healthcare provider. This application is incomplete and has been closed.

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