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## **Why cooling is important to people with multiple sclerosis and how it works:**

Many people with multiple sclerosis (MS) are heat sensitive. MS research has proven that heat and humidity often aggravate common MS symptoms. MS research has also proven that cooling the body can help lessen the negative effects of heat and humidity on a person with MS. A cooling vest is a lightweight garment that contains insulated pockets which hold small ice packs.

## **How do I qualify and apply?**

- ✓ You have not received a cooling vest from MSAA within the last 5 years.
- ✓ Meet Income Eligibility Requirement.
- ✓ Complete Intake Form.
- ✓ Make your product selection.
- ✓ Read and sign the Terms Agreement.
- ✓ Include a letter or a prescription to show proof of MS diagnosis.
- ✓ Return the completed and signed application to MSAA via fax at 856-488-8257 or mail to:

MSAA, 375 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Email: [applications@mymsaa.org](mailto:applications@mymsaa.org)

## INCOME ELIGIBILITY

MSAA requests applicants to list their yearly family income based on their most recently filed income tax form. The listed income is compared to the chart below, which triples the federal poverty guidelines, to determine financial eligibility. MSAA utilizes Experian Health to verify income levels as part of the overall eligibility evaluation process. If you are income qualified, please visit our website to learn more about our MRI Program and Equipment Distribution Program at [www.mymsaa.org](http://www.mymsaa.org).

My Yearly Family Income is: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

The number of people in my household is: \_\_\_\_\_.

### MSAA's Yearly Family Income Guidelines (based on 3x the federal poverty level)

Persons living in the Household	Income
1	\$39,000
2	\$52,500
3	\$66,000
4	\$79,500
5	\$93,500
6	\$107,000
7	\$120,500
8	\$134,000

By my signature below, I (the applicant) hereby certify the information provided to MSAA is true and accurate and my yearly family income falls below the level listed in the chart per persons living in my household. I understand that I am providing 'written instructions' to MSAA under the Fair Credit Reporting Act authorizing MSAA to obtain information from my credit profile or other information from Experian Health. I authorize MSAA to obtain such information solely to verify income eligibility for MSAA's Cooling Distribution Program.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# INTAKE FORM

## CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary care partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Race (please check all that apply):

American Indian or Alaska Native

Hispanic or Latino

Asian or Pacific Islander

White or Caucasian

Black or African American

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Language (please select one):

English  Spanish  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to/learned about MSAA via (please select all that apply):

Family/Friend

Healthcare Professional

Internet Search

Media

MSAA Email

MSAA Event

MSAA Event Mailing

MSAA Publication

MSAA Website

Other MS Organization

Social Media

Solicitation

Volunteer Match

If you wish to opt-out of MSAA's free magazine or/emails, please select below:

Do not mail me *The Motivator* magazine.  Do not send me MSAA emails.

## MS INFORMATION

MS Classification (please select one):

Primary Progressive MS

Relapsing Remitting MS

Progressive Relapsing MS

Secondary Progressive MS

Unclear

Year Diagnosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Symptoms (please list all that apply):

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balance Difficulty           | <input type="checkbox"/> Leg Heaviness                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bladder Problems             | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Memory and Attention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowel Problems               | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle Spasms                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burning Sensation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle Tightness             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cold Sensitivity             | <input type="checkbox"/> Numbness                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination Loss            | <input type="checkbox"/> Pain                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Speech Difficulty            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty w/Problem Solving | <input type="checkbox"/> Swallowing Difficulty        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness/Vertigo            | <input type="checkbox"/> Tingling                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tremors                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Weakness             | <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Loss/Blur             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headaches                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Pain                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heat Sensitivity             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                 |

Mobility Issues:

- Always     Moderate     Occasional     None

Are you currently taking a disease-modifying therapy (DMT) for MS?

- Yes     No

If yes, please select your **current** treatment drug:

- |                                    |                                     |   |                                      |                                    |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aubagio®  | <input type="checkbox"/> Avonex®    | <input type="checkbox"/> Bafiertam™         | <input type="checkbox"/> Betaseron®  | <input type="checkbox"/> Copaxone  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extavia®  | <input type="checkbox"/> Gilenya®   | <input type="checkbox"/> Glatiramer acetate | <input type="checkbox"/> Glatopa®    | <input type="checkbox"/> Kesimpta® |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lemtrada® | <input type="checkbox"/> Mavenclad® | <input type="checkbox"/> Mayzent®           | <input type="checkbox"/> Novantrone® | <input type="checkbox"/> Ocrevus™  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plegridy® | <input type="checkbox"/> Ponvory™   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rebif®             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tecfidera™  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tysabri®  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vumerity™ | <input type="checkbox"/> Zeposia®   |   |                                      |                                    |

Tests (select all that apply):

- Evoked potentials     MRI (brain)     MRI (spine)     Spinal tap

Primary care physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Neurologist: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRODUCT SELECTION – choose one (1) only

### Vest or Torso Wrap worn under clothing (Options A and B) are:

- Smaller and lightweight. There is less space for ice packs, so there is less cooling time/relief.
- Easily hidden for discreet use and comfortable to wear while at work, on the go, or exercising.

### Vests worn over clothing (Options C and D) are:

- Larger and not as lightweight. With more space for ice packs, there is more cooling time/relief.
- Traditional products which offer maximum cooling relief as you relax and enjoy the outdoors.

Please select option A, B, C, or D below. There are no combinations, exchanges or returns.

### A. Steele Cool-UnderVest Kit – includes:

- Cool-UnderVest – Wide elastic straps fully adjust at shoulders and waist for universal sizing. Soft and comfortable shell fabric allows for vest to be worn under clothing. Weighs 1 - 3 pounds depending on the number of Thermo-strips used in vest.
- Non-toxic, flexible, double sealed Thermo-strips must be frozen at 32 degrees F. Two sets included (Eight 10 ounce strips).
- Concealable Neck Cooler & Wrist Coolers, with two sets of gel packs for each.



Cool-Under Vest



Neck Cooler



Wrist Coolers

### B. Polar CoolFit Kit – includes:

- Secrets Torso Cooling Wrap with elastic sides and Velcro attachment. Weighs 2 lbs. Fits waists from 24” – 46”
- Necktie, 2 Wrist Wraps, 2 Ankle Wraps
- Extra set of cooling gel packs for all items



Must choose color:  Khaki  Black

**C. Polar Zipper Style Vest – cooling packs must be frozen @ 32 degrees**

- Polar Cooling vests come with insulated cooling pack pockets and are available in multiple sizes to assure a comfortable, effective and attractive fit.
- Larger size vests require more coverage and use additional packs, smaller size fewer packs. Vest weight varies accordingly (2-6 lbs.). System includes an extra set of cooling packs.
- Includes attractive Neck Collar with an extra set of cooling packs (color will match vest).
- Available in a children’s size vest upon request.

Must choose vest size and color:



**Blue**



**Khaki**



**Black**



**Gray**

- XS/S:** Fits 85 - 110 lbs.; wt. 2-4 lbs.
- S/M:** Fits 110 - 125 lbs.; wt. 2-4 lbs.
- M/L:** Fits 125 - 175 lbs.; wt. 3-5 lbs.
- L/XL:** Fits 175 - 250 lbs.; wt. 3-5 lbs.
- XL/XXL:** Fits 250 - 325 lbs.; wt. 3-6 lbs.
- 2XL/3XL:** Fits 325 lbs. +; wt. 3-6 lbs.

**D. Steele CoolStyle™ Vest – cooling gel ice strips must be frozen @ 32 degrees**

- Steele CoolStyle™ Vest with cooling pockets and size-adjusting elastic straps located discreetly on the inside of the vest. Holds four segmented gel ice strips (3 packs per strip) and weighs 3-6 lbs. depending on number used. Three outside pockets for cell phone, etc.
- Easily adjusts to fit from 100-300+ lbs. as size-adjusting elastic straps can be cut to fit.
- Two sets of Thermo-strips (8-15 oz. strips) are segmented and double sealed for max flexibility, durability, ease of handling & freezing.
- Includes concealable Neck Cooler (color will match vest) & two sets of small gel packs.

Must choose color:



**Black**



**Khaki**



**Gray**

# TERMS AGREEMENT FORM

**By my signature below, I (the recipient) of these cooling products understand and agree that:**

1. The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America, Inc (MSAA) is not obligated to provide any or all of the products I have requested. MSAA retains the right to make the final determination on which products to distribute.
2. Some products are restricted to size, and therefore MSAA is neither responsible nor liable for fitting me.
3. Upon receipt of shipment, I will notify MSAA of any problems or damage that may have occurred during shipping.
4. I will release and hold harmless MSAA, its officers, employees, agents and members from any injury(ies) or loss(es) that may occur from the use or misuse of the items provided by MSAA.
5. The items distributed are my sole responsibility, and all maintenance, repairs and replacements are my responsibility.
6. I must notify MSAA of any name, address, telephone, and email changes so they can update my file accordingly.
7. The personal and medical information I have voluntarily provided to MSAA may be used or shared for the sole purpose of acquiring the service or benefit I have requested. I understand MSAA's policy is to strictly maintain the confidentiality and security of all personal information.

**Name: (Please print or type):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you do not qualify for MSAA's Cooling Program but would like to learn more about products, please contact the manufacturers listed below directly:**

**Polar Products**  
800-763-8423; [www.polarproducts.com](http://www.polarproducts.com)

**Steele Body Cooling**  
888-783-3538; [www.steeleest.com](http://www.steeleest.com)