

# FAQ

## **Fund Allocation/Ownership**

No individual donor or patient has a property interest in donations made to NFT. As has been disclosed throughout National Foundation for Transplants materials and fundraising appeals, all contributions made to NFT in support of our patient services are typically made as unrestricted donations to NFT and not to any specific individual. NFT relies on donations to cover its operations and administration costs and to effectively support transplant patients. As relayed in other communications from NFT, financial strains have significantly impacted the organization. With the significant amount of grants we have given out over the years combined with higher costs of administration and lower fundraising totals, our ability to provide support to the transplant community has been negatively impacted to the point that we can no longer provide financial support.

## **Can I receive lumpsum dollars donated to the organization through my NFT campaign?**

No. All contributions made to National Foundation for Transplants were made to it as a nonprofit entity. Neither you nor any donor has personal ownership or financial accounts with NFT. All contributions were received for NFT's discretionary use to support its mission. In this way, we have been able to help as many transplant patients and their families as we could ever hope to be able. Tax laws and IRS Regulations prevent the earmarking of any donation or gift to NFT to or for the benefit of any specific individual. Gifts previously made in your honor have been utilized for serving transplant patients and community.

## **Can I still submit a transplant-related reimbursement?**

Yes. NFT remains committed to offering support throughout this transition period until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We urge you to submit a grant request by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. To be considered for a grant, all documentation must be submitted to [memberassist@transplants.org](mailto:memberassist@transplants.org) by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Find documentation below for submission. If your grant is approved in whole or in part, you can expect to receive it in May 2024. This deadline is crucial for us to efficiently do our best in allocating resources and provide the necessary support. Please note that any grants with missing or incomplete information/documentation, and/or ineligible requests, will not be processed. Grant processing timelines and updates will not be provided during this period.

## **When/if I choose a new nonprofit will my money be transferred there?**

No. Contributions made to the National Foundation for Transplants were unrestricted donations to support its mission and are not individuals' funds. The main reason NFT is in the process of ceasing operations is precisely due to a lack of funds available for any purpose, much less having funds available for distribution to another organization. Funds donated to NFT cannot be redirected to another nonprofit.



## How can I receive information about NFT's cease of operations?

Due to the high volume of requests, the most up-to-date and frequent information is available on this document.

## What organizations support transplant patients?

We have compiled a list of organizations in our community that offer similar services. You can find this list below. Please take some time to review these options and identify the provider that best meets your needs. Once you have identified a potential alternative, we encourage you to contact them directly. They can provide you with more information about their programs and how they may be able to support you. *(Funds donated to NFT including those through campaigns cannot be redirected to another nonprofit).*

## Alternative Service Providers

- [American Academy of Dermatology](#) helps educate transplant recipients, who are on anti-rejection meds and therefore at greater risk for skin cancer, learn how to prevent and detect skin cancer.
- [American Liver Foundation](#) is a national voluntary health organization that has established a Transplant Fund to assist patients and families in fundraising efforts for liver transplantation. The Foundation acts as a trustee of funds raised on behalf of patients to help pay for medical care and associated transplantation expenses, which may include expenses related to a living liver donation. (800) GO-LIVER / (800) 465-4837, [webmail@liverfoundation.org](mailto:webmail@liverfoundation.org)
- The [American Organ Transplant Association](#) offers transportation assistance through the Greyhound Corporation. Helps patients with free transportation to and from their transplant center, many times hundreds of miles away. (832) 930-2682
- [American Society of Transplantation](#) is a group of transplant professionals dedicated to research, education, advocacy and patient care in transplantation science and medicine.
- [American Transplant Foundation](#) offers grants up to \$300 for transplant recipients (for medication and insurance premiums) and up to \$700 for living donors (for essential living expenses, like rent, electricity, etc.). \*Colorado Residents Only.
- [Angel Flight](#). Provides free air transportation for medical treatment for patients who cannot afford public transportation or cannot travel long distances due to their condition.
- [The Assistance Fund](#). Provides financial support to patients with serious and chronic diseases to help them access the medications they need.
- [Arbor Research Collaborative](#) for a health calculator and to compare waiting times by transplant hospital.



- The mission of the [Association for Multicultural Affairs in Transplantation \(AMAT\)](#) is to support our partners in the donation and transplant field as they save and heal lives in our diverse communities. (877) 742-2630
- [Be The Match Patient Assistance Program](#). Offers financial aid for transplant patients for various expenses, including travel, lodging, and treatment related to bone marrow or cord blood transplants.
- [The Bone Marrow & Cancer Foundation](#). Provides support to bone marrow, stem cell, and cord blood transplant patients for expenses including housing, medication, and transportation.
- [Children's Organ Transplant Association](#) helps children and young adults who need a life-saving transplant by providing fundraising assistance and family support. (800) 366-2682
- [Division of Transplantation](#) is a Government organization that provides Federal oversight and funding support for the nation's organ procurement, allocation, and transplantation system; coordinates national organ and tissue donation activities and funds research to learn more about what works to increase donation; administers the national bone marrow registry program.
- [Donate Life America](#) is a not-for-profit alliance of national organizations and state teams across the United States committed to increasing organ, eye and tissue donation.
- [Georgia Transplant Foundation](#) is focused on providing both financial and educational assistance for those undergoing or waiting for a solid organ transplant in the entire state of Georgia. GTF also provides [assistance for expenses related to living donation](#). (770) 457-3796
- [Gift of a Lifetime](#) is a photo-documentary journey about organ donation and transplantation.
- [HealthWell Foundation](#). Offers financial assistance to cover the cost of prescription medication and other significant health care costs.
- [HelpHOPELive](#) (formerly called National Transplant Assistance Fund) works with families and volunteers throughout the United States to establish successful grass-roots fundraising campaigns in honor of individuals facing transplantation or for persons who have sustained a catastrophic injury (incl. spinal cord or traumatic brain). (800) 642-8399 or (610) 727-0612
- [Israel Penn International Transplant Tumor Registry](#) provides information for organ recipients who develop transplant-related malignancies.
- [Kidney Transplant/Dialysis Association](#), Inc. is dedicated to providing financial aid, information, and emotional support to chronic renal disease patients and their families.
- [Lotsa Helping Hands](#) is a simple, immediate way for friends, family, colleagues and neighbors to assist loved ones in need. It is an easy-to-use, private group online calendar, specifically designed for organizing helpers, where everyone can pitch in with meal delivery, rides, and other necessary tasks. There is no cost to your family to use this system.



- [Miracle Flights](#). Offers free flights to those in need of life-saving medical treatments far from home, including transplant patients.
- [National Living Donor Assistance Center \(NLDAC\)](#): Offers financial support to cover travel and subsistence expenses for living organ donors.
- [National Kidney Foundation's Patient Grant Program](#). Provides small financial grants to kidney patients in need for expenses not covered by health insurance.
- [NATCO, The Organization for Transplant Professionals](#) is a professional society representing the largest group of transplant professionals in North America.
- The [National Living Donor Assistance Center](#) is a program funded by the US government that provides reimbursement of travel, subsistence expenses and lost wage reimbursement to people being evaluated for and/or undergoing living donation. The program exists to provide access to transplantation for those who want to donate, but face financial barriers to do so.
- [National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program \(National MOTTEP\)](#) educates and empowers minority communities to learn about organ and tissue transplantation and addresses the diseases and behaviors which lead to the need for transplantation such as diabetes, hypertension, alcohol and substance abuse, poor nutrition and lack of exercise.
- [National Transplantation Pregnancy Registry](#) studies the outcomes of pregnancies in female transplant recipients and those fathered by male transplant recipients.
- Alliance for Paired Donation has a program called [OPT \(Options Post-Transplantation\) for a New Start](#) that provides an opportunity for kidney transplant recipients to acquire a college degree, maintain the health of their kidney, increase their return-to-work rate and begin to enjoy life again after transplantation.
- The [Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network \(OPTN\)](#) is the unified transplant network established by the United States Congress under the National Organ Transplant Act (NOTA) of 1984. The act called for the network to be operated by a private, non-profit organization under federal contract. The OPTN is a unique public-private partnership that links all of the professionals involved in the donation and transplantation system. The primary goals of the OPTN are to: increase the effectiveness and efficiency of organ sharing and equity in the national system of organ allocation, and to increase the supply of donated organs available for transplantation. [Find a transplant center](#).
- [Patient Advocate Foundation \(PAF\)](#). Provides patients with assistance in dealing with large medical bills, including negotiations for reduced charges and payment plans.
- [Patient Access Network \(PAN\) Foundation](#): Provides help to underinsured patients for their out-of-pocket costs for critical medical treatments.



- [Richie's Spirit Foundation](#) promotes organ donation to people of all ages through education awareness programs, grants to honor Richie's memory, and inspiring others to live life in a positive spirit. Transplant Assistance Grant helps off-set some of the expenses for a family with a child waiting for or who recently received an organ donation. Grants will be awarded in the form of gift cards for gas, airlines or groceries.
- [RX Outreach](#) is a non-profit pharmacy making medications affordable for those in need.
- [Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients](#) is a national database for transplant statistics.
- [Transplant Café](#) allows individuals in the transplant community to connect online to create friendships, get & give support, increase awareness through advocacy & much more.
- [Transplant Recipients International Organization \(TRIO\)](#) has a scholarship program that gives thousands of dollars in academic grants to members and their families each year.
- [TRIO/United Airlines Travel Program](#) is a cooperative arrangement between TRIO and the United Airlines Charity Miles Program, providing cost-free air transportation for transplant recipients, candidates, living donors and care-givers for transplant-related travel. (800) TRIO-386, [info@trioweb.org](mailto:info@trioweb.org)
- The [United Network for Organ Sharing \(UNOS\)](#) manages the waiting list for a transplant in the U.S. and matches donors to recipients. Each transplant center's waiting list is part of the "national waiting list" that UNOS manages. UNOS administers the OPTN under contract with the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Their patient-centered [Transplant Living](#) site offers an easy-to-navigate collection of information and resources that help transplant patients and their families make the best possible decisions about their treatment and future health. View their list of [support groups](#) to see if there is one in your area.
- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#) U.S. Government information on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation.



# Instructions for Grant Requests

To be considered for a grant, all of the below documentation must be submitted to [memberassist@transplants.org](mailto:memberassist@transplants.org) by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Please note that any grants with missing or incomplete information/documentation, ineligible requests, and/or missing direct deposit information will not be processed. Grant processing timelines and updates will not be provided during this period.

**Eligible transplant-related costs include:** Medical/hospital/dental bills, pharmaceutical invoices, health and dental insurance premiums, laboratory tests, transplant related counseling services, mileage and lodging for appointments over 50 miles away from your home\*, and mortgage/rent/utilities for 3 months effective the month of your transplant.

All grant requests must be submitted within 3 months of the service receipt date.

There are two forms available for your use:

**1. Transplant-Related Expenses:** *Use this form for qualifying items other than travel or per diem. \*\*In some instances, where a Proof of Medical Need form may be required.*

**Reimbursements:** NFT can reimburse qualifying, out-of-pocket expenses with your itemized documentation, proof of payment and pre-approval when necessary. All reimbursements should be submitted within **3 months** of the service receipt date. Proof of payment may be a cancelled check, bank statement, credit card statement or register receipt. For prescriptions, a pharmacy label or printout is required.

## **2. \*Travel & Per Diem:**

**Travel:** Use this form to request reimbursement for your mileage, lodging, parking, toll and other travel-related expenses when seeking medical treatment.

*Note: Mileage is for travel of more than **50 miles** a week, to and from pre- or post-transplant care. Or for travel and lodging expenses when an out of town, overnight stay is required. **IRS rates apply.***

**\*\*** Proof of medical treatment is required in the form of appointment printout or paid receipt showing dates of service.



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# REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TRANSPLANT-RELATED EXPENSES

- All requests must be submitted within **three months** of the service date or the date prescription is received.
- Supporting documentation must contain detailed description of the service or prescription received and should be marked with the corresponding number.
- Proof of payment is required for all reimbursements.

Request for Reimbursement

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

	DATE(S) mm/dd/yy	NAME OF PROVIDER (Where expense was incurred)	EXPLANATION/DESCRIPTION OF EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
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7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

*I certify that the information submitted is correct*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Patient or Designated Financial Contact*

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

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use Only: Fund ID \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Organ \_\_\_\_\_ Data Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_



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# REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

## TRAVEL & PER DIEM

- All requests must be submitted within **three months** of the service/prescription receipt date.
- Proof of travel is required in the form of appointment printout or paid receipt showing dates of service.
- Proof of payment is required for everything except mileage and per diem.

PATIENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL EXPENSES** For travel of more than **50 miles** a week, to and from pre- or post-transplant care. Or for travel and lodging expenses when an out of town, overnight stay is required. **IRS rates apply.**

Dates mm/dd/yy	Destination/ Purpose	Minimum 50 miles/week		Parking/ Tolls/Taxi	Lodging Standard IRS Rates Apply	Other Airfare, Rental Car	TOTALS
		Mileage	@ 0.22				
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
<b>TOTAL</b>							

**PER DIEM EXPENSES** is an allowance paid each day to offset costs incurred for meals. It is only paid during **overnight** trips of more than **50 miles** one way. **IRS Standard Rates apply. PLEASE NOTE** \*50% Per Diem is paid after two weeks or for qualifying day trips of more than 50 miles one way.

Dates mm/dd/yy	Minimum 50 miles Destination/ Purpose	Patients do not qualify for per diem during hospital stays  <input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	IRS Standard Rate \$ _____  Patient Caregiver	Requested Per Diem	
				*50% Rate	100% Rate
1		<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	Patient		
			Caregiver		
2		<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	Patient		
			Caregiver		
3		<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	Patient		
			Caregiver		
4		<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	Patient		
			Caregiver		
5		<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	Patient		
			Caregiver		
6		<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	Patient		
			Caregiver		
			<b>TOTALS</b>		

*I certify that the information submitted is correct*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Patient, Parent, or Guardian

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

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use Only: Fund ID \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Organ \_\_\_\_\_ Data Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_