



## NATIONAL LIVING DONOR ASSISTANCE CENTER



Call your transplant center professional and tell them you would like to apply for assistance to the National Living Donor Assistance Center (NLDAC).

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Travel Assistance

## Living Organ Donors



## National Living Donor Assistance Center (NLDAC)

Reducing Financial Disincentives to Living Organ Donation

## How to Apply

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Support is now available for living organ donors who take trips to the Transplant Center while being evaluated and/or undergoing living organ donation.

### What expenses are covered?

NLDAC can pay for 3 trips to the Transplant Center:

- Evaluation
- Surgery
- Medical Follow-up.

Hotel, food, airfare, mileage, parking and other incidental expenses can be reimbursed up to \$6,000 when traveling to the Transplant Center. NLDAC will also pay for the travel expenses of the donor's support person.

### How are expenses paid?

Approved donors will receive an American Express card that pays for hotel, food and transportation expenses associated with the living donation process.

### Who can receive assistance?

The donor and recipient must be U.S. citizens or lawfully admitted residents and have their primary residence in the U.S. or its territories. Also, the donor and recipient must meet certain income requirements. If the recipient has the ability to pay for the donor travel, NLDAC is not allowed to reimburse those expenses.

### If I already had my donor surgery, will NLDAC pay my expenses?

NLDAC does not pay for expenses that have already occurred. Applications must be approved and funded before the donor surgery.



### Who can qualify?

Qualification is based on **household incomes** of the recipient and donor. Household incomes should be no greater than 300% of the HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG). See below. If the income is higher, a waiver for financial hardship may be requested.

300% 2011 HHS FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES (FPG)			
# Person Household	48 Contiguous States and DC	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$32,670	\$40,800	\$37,620
2	44,130	55,140	50,790
3	55,590	69,480	63,960
4	67,050	83,820	77,130
5	78,510	98,160	90,300
6	89,970	112,500	103,470
7	101,430	126,840	116,640
8	112,890	141,180	129,810
Each additional person, add	11,460	14,340	13,170

### How is the household income determined?

The Adjusted Gross Income from a Federal Income Tax Return or the Gross Income from a pay stub can determine the household income. Other income documents may also be considered.

### How is the household number determined?

The number of people claimed on the Federal Income Tax Return should be included in the NLDAC application.

Other examples of households are:

1. Spouses living together
2. Parents living with their children
3. A person who lives alone or who lives with others like roommates
4. A person (age 22 years or older) living with family members but lives independently

### Who has preference?

NLDAC has four preference categories based on household incomes of the recipient and the donor.

### NLDAC PREFERENCE CATEGORY MATRIX

CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2
<p>Donor and Recipient income are <b>below</b> 300% Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)</p>	<p>Donor income is above and Recipient income is below 300% FPG</p> <p><i>Donor must show Financial Hardship</i></p>
<p>Donor income is above and Recipient's is below 300% FPG. Donor <b>DOES NOT</b> need to show Financial Hardship</p>	<p>Recipient income is above and Donor income may be above/below 300% FPG</p> <p><i>Recipient must show Financial Hardship</i></p>

### How do I apply?

The recipient and donor must complete three steps before an application can be submitted:

- 1) Fill out a NLDAC Application Worksheet
- 2) Gather pay stubs, tax return or other document to determine household income
- 3) Give these documents to the transplant coordinator, social worker, financial coordinator or other health care professional at the Transplant Center.

The transplant professional will file the application to NLDAC on behalf of the donor.

### Where can I get the Application Worksheet?

On our website at [www.livingdonorassistance.org](http://www.livingdonorassistance.org). The Donor and Recipient Application Worksheets are located under the Potential Donor Tab/Application Process. You may also ask your transplant professional for the documents or call NLDAC for assistance.

### When should an application be submitted?

Apply early! It is recommend to submit an application at least 6-8 weeks before the surgery or travel. Applications may be submitted before the evaluation trip. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact the NLDAC staff at 888-870-5002 / 703-414-1600 or send an email to [nldac@livingdonorassistance.org](mailto:nldac@livingdonorassistance.org).

**We are happy to help!**