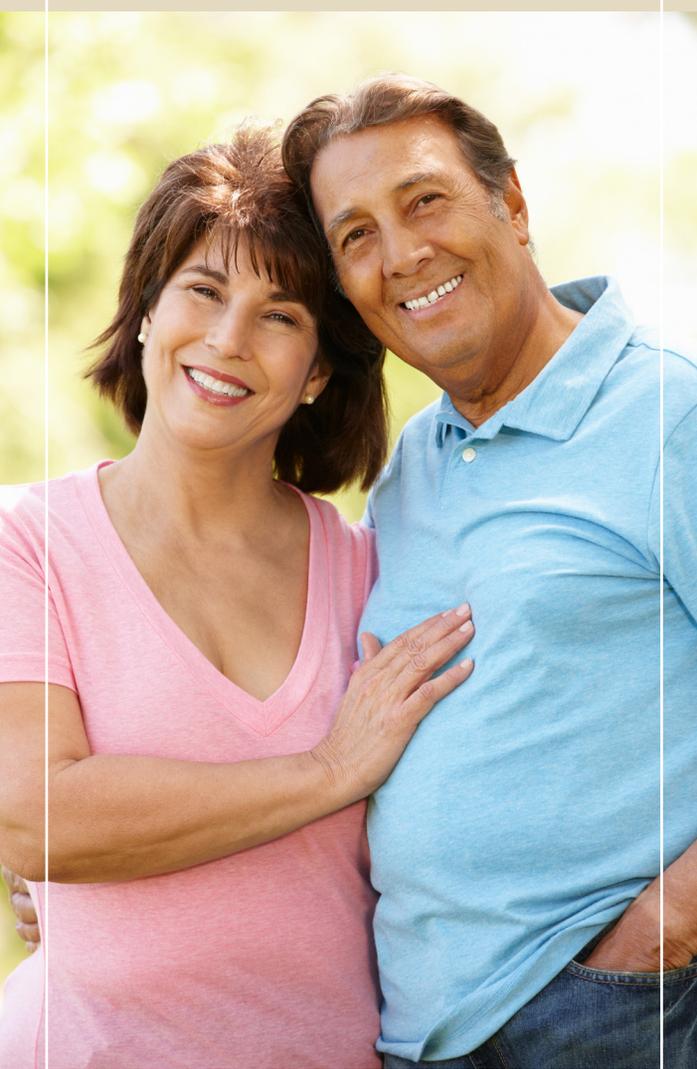




Living Organ Donors

How To Apply for Travel Assistance



How does the National Living Donor Assistance Center help donors?

The National Living Donor Assistance Center (NLDAC) can pay for up to \$6,000 of travel expenses for living organ donors and their caregivers. The program provides funding for the evaluation, surgery and medical follow-up trips. Approved donors receive a credit card, which they can use for transportation, food and lodging expenses on their trips to the transplant center.

Who can receive assistance?

The donor* and recipient† must be U.S. citizens or lawfully admitted residents, and they must have their primary residence in the U.S. or its territories. NLDAC cannot assist with expenses that are covered by the recipient's insurance or a state program.

Who qualifies?

The recipient household yearly income determines whether a donor will qualify for the NLDAC program. The recipient household income should be no greater than 300% of the federal poverty guidelines, found in the table to the right. The donor household yearly income does not determine eligibility, although it affects preference for funding. The recipient may request a waiver for financial hardship in certain circumstances.

What is the application process?

The recipient and donor must:

1. Complete and sign the [NLDAC application worksheets](#) and attestation forms.
2. Attach a copy of pay stubs, federal income tax return or other documents to verify household income.
3. Give these documents to your transplant coordinator, social worker, or other transplant professional. The transplant professional will file the NLDAC application.

*Donor: the individual who intends to donate an organ.

†Recipient: the individual with end stage organ failure who needs an organ (kidney or liver).

Where are the application worksheets?

On the NLDAC website www.LivingDonorAssistance.org. You may also request worksheets from the NLDAC office or your transplant professional.

How is yearly household income measured?

Various documents or methods may be used to verify yearly household income. Some examples are disability statements, pay stubs, income tax returns and confirmation of Medicaid eligibility. Talk to your social worker or call NLDAC if you have questions.

How is the household size determined?

The household size is the number of people claimed on the federal income tax return. A person aged 22 or older residing with family but living independently may be considered a household of one.

Recipient Income Guidelines 300% HHS Poverty Guidelines (PG) 2019			
Household Size	48 Contiguous States and DC	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$37,470	\$46,800	\$43,140
2	\$50,730	\$63,390	\$58,380
3	\$63,990	\$79,980	\$73,620
4	\$77,250	\$96,570	\$88,860
5	\$90,510	\$113,160	\$104,100
6	\$103,770	\$129,750	\$119,340
7	\$117,030	\$146,340	\$134,580
8	\$130,290	\$162,930	\$149,820

Guidelines are adjusted yearly. Please see NLDAC website for updates.

When should an application be submitted?

Apply early! The deadline is 10-15 business days before travel, but applications may be submitted even before evaluation/surgery is scheduled. Applications must be approved and funded before surgery.



What about donor chains, kidney paired donations or non-directed donors?

For those participating in donor chains or paired kidney donation, the intended but incompatible recipient should be listed on the application. Non-directed donors may apply to NLDAC after a recipient has been identified. Eligibility depends on the recipient’s household income for all donors, including non-directed donors.

If the donor does not qualify, can the recipient provide assistance?

Yes. The recipient can provide financial assistance to the donor. The National Organ Transplant Act (NOTA) allows for reasonable payments associated with the expenses of travel, housing, and lost wages incurred by the donor of a human organ. However, NOTA does prohibit the buying and selling of organs.

Can donors who live near the transplant center apply?

Yes. There are no mileage requirements for NLDAC.

Who has preference?

Applications submitted to NLDAC receive preference based on the household incomes of the recipient and the donor. See the NLDAC Preference Category Matrix below. Currently, preference category 2 is not in use.

NLDAC Preference Category Matrix

Applicants will be given preference in the following order of priority:

	The Recipient 	The Donor
Higher Preference ↑	Category 1 Income is below 300% Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)	Income is below 300% Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)
	Category 2 Income is below 300% FPG	Income is above 300% of FPG, must demonstrate financial hardship
	Category 3 Income is below 300% FPG	Does not need to demonstrate financial hardship
	Category 4 Income is above 300% FPG, must demonstrate financial hardship	Income may be above or below 300% FPG



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