



NLDAC

National Living Donor Assistance Center

Travel Assistance For Living Organ Donors

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NLDAC reimburses eligible living donors for their travel expenses to the transplant center for their evaluation, surgery and medical follow-up trips. Approved donors receive an American Express card to pay for transportation, food and lodging up to \$6,000. NLDAC will also pay for up to two trips for the donor's support person(s).

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's insurance company or the recipient has the ability to pay for the donor's travel, NLDAC cannot reimburse those expenses.

What are the income requirements?

Qualification is based on household incomes of the recipient and donor. Recipient household incomes should be no greater than 300% of the HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines. If the income is higher, a waiver for financial hardship may be requested. At present, donors with an income higher than

300% FPG do not need to submit a waiver for financial hardship.

How is the household income determined?

Use the adjusted gross income from a Federal Income Tax return or the gross income from a pay stub to determine the household income. Other income documents may also be considered.

How is the household number determined?

Use the number of people claimed on the Federal Income Tax return. A person, age 22 years or older living with family members but living independently, may be a single household.

Who has preference?

NLDAC has four preference categories based on household incomes of the recipient and the donor. (*See graph below*).

How do I apply?

The recipient *and* donor must:
1. Complete a NLDAC application worksheet.

2. Gather pay stubs or tax return or other documents to verify household income.
3. Give these documents to the transplant professional at the transplant center who will file the application on behalf of the donor.

Where can I get the application worksheets?

The application worksheets are available on the NLDAC website www.livingdonorassistance.org. You may also call NLDAC or ask your transplant professional to send you the worksheets.

When should an application be submitted? Apply early!

It is recommended to submit an application at least 6-8 weeks before the surgery or travel but **no later than 10-15 business days before surgery**. Applications may be submitted before the evaluation trip.

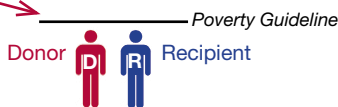
If I already had my donor surgery, will NLDAC pay my expenses?

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

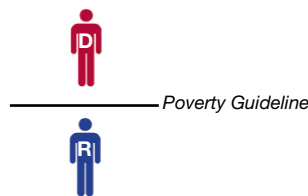
Preference Categories

Applications are evaluated and given a Preference Category based on recipient and donor household income.

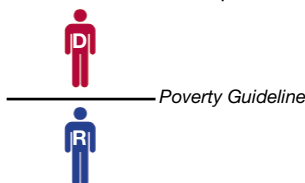
Category 1. Donor and Recipient income are below the 300% Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)



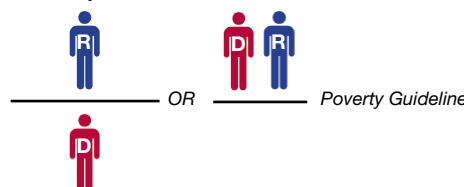
Category 2. Donor income is above and Recipient's below the 300% FPG. Donor needs to demonstrate Financial Hardship.



Category 3. Donor income is above and recipient's is below the 300% FPG. Donor **does not** need to demonstrate Financial Hardship.



Category 4. Recipient income is above and Donor income may be above or below the 300% FPG. **Recipient must demonstrate Financial Hardship**



300% HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines 2013

# Person Household	48 Contiguous States and DC	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$34,470	\$43,050	\$39,690
2	\$46,530	\$58,140	\$53,550
3	\$58,590	\$73,230	\$67,410
4	\$70,650	\$88,320	\$81,270
5	\$82,710	\$103,410	\$95,130
6	\$94,770	\$118,500	\$108,990
7	\$106,830	\$133,590	\$122,850
8	\$118,890	\$148,680	\$136,710

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

