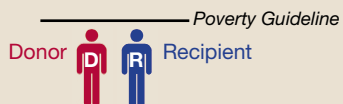


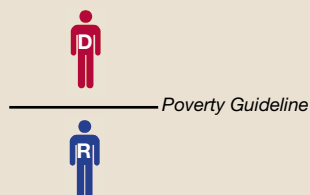
## Preference Categories

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

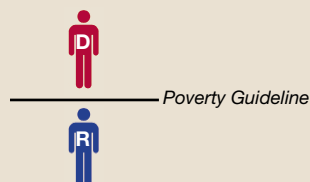
**Category 1.** Donor and Recipient income are below the 300% Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)



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

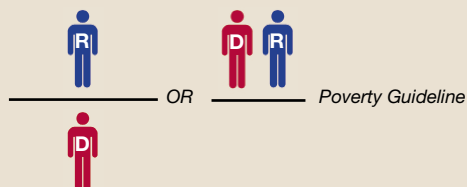


**Category 3.** Donor income is above and Recipient income is below the 300% FPG. Donor **does not** need to demonstrate Financial Hardship.



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

**Recipient must demonstrate Financial Hardship**



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# Living Organ Donors

How To Apply for Travel Assistance





### National Living Donor Assistance Center (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.

### Who can qualify?

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 (FPG). 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.

300% HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines 2014			
# Person Household	48 Contiguous States and DC	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$35,010	\$43,740	\$40,260
2	\$47,190	\$58,980	\$54,270
3	\$59,370	\$74,220	\$68,280
4	\$71,550	\$89,460	\$82,290
5	\$83,730	\$104,700	\$96,300
6	\$95,910	\$119,940	\$110,310
7	\$108,090	\$135,180	\$124,320
8	\$120,270	\$150,420	\$138,330

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

### How is the household income determined?

To determine household income, use the adjusted gross income from a Federal Income Tax return or the gross income from a pay stub. Combine income from paystubs if other family members are working. Other income documents may also be considered.

### How is the household number determined?

The number of people claimed on the Federal Income Tax return is the household number. A person, age 22 or older residing 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 the Preference category chart on the back of this brochure.

### How do I apply?

The recipient *and* donor must:

1. Complete and sign 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](http://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 travel/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.

### If I do not qualify for NLDAC, 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. NOTA does prohibit the buying and selling of organs.

