Nationwide Financial Support for AYA Patients & Survivors

UNC AYA CANCER PROGRAM

Scope

Nationwide opportunities without state-specific residency limits. Diagnosis, age, treatment, income, insurance, education, and provider-participation criteria may apply.

Reporting Period

October 1 – December 1, 2026 | *Open as of October 1 or opening any time from October 1 – December 1.*

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Program/Support	Availability	Who May Qualify	Provider or Social-Work Role	Official Page
CancerCare Financial Assistance Program General cancer-related assistance	**Currently open**	Active treatment or cancer-related surgery; U.S. or Puerto Rico; income guidelines. Specific funds vary.	**Provider verification required; no provider referral required** Applicant calls CancerCare for screening; oncology provider must complete and sign the medical section.	View program
Cancer for College Medical Debt Relief Cancer-related medical debt	**Currently open**	Cancer survivor age 25 or younger, or parent of a child who survived cancer; qualifying cancer-treatment debt; credit-card debt excluded.	**No provider or social-work referral stated** Applicant applies directly and submits billing statements, itemized bills, and explanation-of-benefits documentation.	View program
LIVESTRONG Fertility Discount Program Fertility preservation discounts and medication support	**Currently open**	Lawfully present in the U.S.; confirmed cancer diagnosis or oncologist involvement; treatment may affect fertility; participating clinic; remaining financial need after insurance review.	**Provider verification/support required; no referral stated** Applicant completes the checklist and application. Oncology-team confirmation is required, but the applicant initiates the process.	View program
Team Maggie's Dream Fertility Assistance Grant Up to $2,500 for egg or sperm preservation	**Currently open**	U.S. citizen; age 15-37; receiving cancer treatment; denied insurance coverage; documents financial need and treatment.	**No provider or social-work referral stated** Applicant completes and mails the application with supporting medical and financial documentation.	View program
Pink Fund Financial Assistance Selected nonmedical living expenses during breast cancer treatment	**Currently open**	Active breast cancer treatment throughout funding; employment-income loss; household income at or below 300% FPL; diagnosis within the previous two years.	**No provider or social-work referral stated** Applicant completes the online prequalification survey and, if eligible, the application.	View program

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Susan G. Komen Financial Assistance Program One-time $400 award	**Currently open**	No prior Komen assistance award; active treatment for stage 0-3 breast cancer diagnosed within 24 months, or stage 4 metastatic breast cancer; income at or below 300% FPL; U.S. or territory.	**No referral required; provider application is optional** Applicant may apply directly online; healthcare providers may also apply through a provider portal.	View program
The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation Family Assistance Program Childhood cancer-related household and treatment expenses	**Currently open**	Child diagnosed with cancer under age 21; expense directly attributable to diagnosis; treatment at any U.S. hospital.	**Social-work involvement required** Family must obtain the online application through a social worker. The family completes part 1 and the social worker completes part 2.	View program
National Children's Cancer Society Transportation Assistance Fund Treatment transportation and limited lodging	**Currently open**	Diagnosed by age 18 and treated before age 21; qualifying citizenship/residency; guardian has less than $5,000 in accessible accounts; additional brain-tumor criteria apply.	**Provider/social-work supporting letter required** Applicant can use the online or downloadable application. A hospital social worker or medical professional must provide a letter covering diagnosis, family situation, treatment plan, and requested assistance.	View program
National Children's Cancer Society Emergency Assistance Fund $300 annual emergency assistance	**Currently open**	Must meet Transportation Assistance Fund eligibility plus the program's inpatient-stay or treatment-relocation requirement.	**Social-work supporting letter required** Application requires documentation of the qualifying stay; the official application specifies a social-worker letter indicating the dates.	View program
Pinky Swear Foundation Orange Envelope Program $200 gift card for a recent childhood cancer diagnosis	**Currently open**	Child age 18 or younger; diagnosed within the previous six months; lives with parent/guardian in the U.S.; treated at a pediatric oncology hospital.	**Approved pediatric oncology social worker required** Applicant must supply approved pediatric oncology social-worker contact information.	View program
Pinky Swear Foundation All-Star Fund Rent/mortgage, utilities, car costs, gas, and groceries	**Currently open**	Child age 18 or younger; receiving treatment; living with parent/guardian in the U.S.; Orange Envelope received or diagnosis more than six months ago.	**Approved pediatric oncology social worker required** Applicant must have an approved pediatric oncology social worker and provide the social worker's contact information.	View program
Family Reach Multiple Myeloma Funds Nonmedical expenses and clinical-trial access	**Currently open**	Requirements vary by listed fund; generally multiple myeloma diagnosis, eligible active treatment or clinical-trial participation, and expected 2026 household income within 300% FPL.	**Healthcare-provider submission required** A member of the healthcare team where the patient receives treatment must submit the application.	View program
Blood Cancer United Patient Aid Program $100 stipend for nonmedical expenses	**Currently open**	U.S. or U.S. territory resident; doctor-confirmed blood cancer; in treatment, preparing for treatment, surveillance, palliative care, or hospice; no income criterion.	**Provider confirmation required; no referral stated** Applicant or representative applies; diagnosis must be confirmed by a doctor or healthcare provider.	View program

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Gift of Parenthood Q4 2026 Grant Up to $20,000 for family-building expenses	**Currently open**	Open through December 31, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. PT; supports IVF, IUI, surrogacy, adoption, and other family-building paths; not cancer-specific.	**No provider or social-work referral stated** Applicant applies directly online; application-fee options are described on the official page.	View program
HealthWell Foundation Cancer Home Care Services Fund Up to $2,000 for eligible home health and durable medical equipment costs	**Currently open**	Cancer treatment in the U.S.; insurance covers part of treatment; income within the fund limit; active or former HealthWell oncology grant recipient.	**Provider verification required; no referral required** Diagnosis must be verified by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.	View program
Hirshberg Foundation Pancreatic Cancer Financial Aid Transportation, treatment, home care, pain medication, and childcare	**Currently open**	Provider-confirmed pancreatic cancer; active treatment; U.S. or Puerto Rico resident; meets CancerCare income guidelines.	**CancerCare social-worker screening and provider verification required** Applicant calls CancerCare and asks for the Hirshberg Pancreatic Program; CancerCare social-worker screening and provider verification apply.	View program
Lymphoma Research Foundation Patient Aid Grant Treatment-related medical bills, transportation, lodging, and childcare	**Currently open**	Lymphoma or CLL; currently undergoing or preparing for treatment; financial need; legal U.S. resident receiving treatment in the U.S.	**Physician/care-team participation required** Applicant completes the application; a care-team member email and physician referral/certification portions are required.	View program
Mission4Maureen Financial Assistance Up to $1,500 toward as many as three documented bills	**Currently open**	Brain cancer or brain tumor patient in any U.S. state; Northeast Ohio applicants receive priority.	**Medical documentation required; no referral stated** Applicant submits bills and a hospital pathology or MRI report; physician and nurse/social-worker contact fields are included.	View program
Path to Hope: Path to Relief Fund $100-$750 for treatment access and essential bills	**Currently open**	Primary CNS tumor; resident of the U.S. or a U.S. territory; awards depend on available funds and application volume.	**Medical-record submission required; no provider referral stated** Applicant begins through Cancer Commons, uploads medical records, and completes the Head for the Cure assistance application.	View program
Patient Advocate Foundation Merkel Cell Carcinoma Financial Aid Fund $1,000 for treatment-related transportation, lodging, food, and nutritional needs	**Currently open**	Merkel cell carcinoma; active treatment, treatment within the prior six months, or treatment scheduled within 60 days; income requirements apply.	**Diagnosis documentation required; no referral stated** Applicant applies online or by phone and provides diagnosis documentation.	View program
Project Purple Patient Financial Aid Medical and everyday living expenses for pancreatic cancer	**Currently open**	U.S. resident, or Canadian resident receiving treatment in the U.S.; current pancreatic cancer treatment or qualifying post-treatment complications/maintenance care.	**Oncologist letter required; no referral stated** Applicant submits an oncologist letter, identification, income documentation, and current bills.	View program

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Sarcoma Alliance Hand in Hand Second Opinion Grant Up to $1,000 reimbursement for one sarcoma-expert second opinion	**Currently open**	Sarcoma patient seeking reimbursement for consultation and related travel expenses; payment must be sent to a U.S. address.	**Physician confirmation required** Both patient application and physician confirmation are required.	View program
TotalAssist: Acute Myeloid Leukemia Fund Up to $8,600 for eligible out-of-pocket healthcare costs	**Currently open**	Fund listed as open; government-insured coverage through Medicare, Medicaid, or TRICARE is required.	**No provider or social-work referral stated on fund listing** Applicant checks fund eligibility and applies through TotalAssist.	View program
TotalAssist: Cervical Cancer Fund Up to $4,000 for eligible out-of-pocket healthcare costs	**Currently open**	Fund listed as open; health insurance coverage is required.	**No provider or social-work referral stated on fund listing** Applicant checks fund eligibility and applies through TotalAssist.	View program
TotalAssist: Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Fund Up to $9,500 for eligible out-of-pocket healthcare costs	**Currently open**	Fund listed as open; health insurance coverage is required.	**No provider or social-work referral stated on fund listing** Applicant checks fund eligibility and applies through TotalAssist.	View program
TotalAssist: Cancer Genetic and Genomic Testing Fund Up to $250 for eligible testing costs	**Currently open**	Fund listed as open; health insurance coverage is required.	**No provider or social-work referral stated on fund listing** Applicant checks fund eligibility and applies through TotalAssist.	View program
Travel to Hope Patient Support Medically necessary cancer-treatment travel for patient and one companion	**Support-request pathway open**	Cancer patient with significant financial need; support depends on funding availability.	**No provider or social-work referral stated** Applicant submits the Patient Support Request form; the organization confirms whether funding and an application pathway are available.	View program
Weish4Ever Financial Support Direct financial assistance for AYAs with cancer	**Referral pathway open**	Cancer patient age 15-39; official page provides a medical-partner referral pathway and does not state a geographic restriction.	**Medical-team referral/application required** Patient gives permission for a social worker, nurse navigator, oncologist, or care-team member to contact Weish4Ever and potentially apply on the patient's behalf.	View program
Cancer for College Scholarships Education scholarships	**Opens Nov. 1, 2026**	Cancer survivor attending or planning to attend an accredited U.S. college, university, trade school, or certificate program; program-specific requirements apply. Application window: Nov. 1-Jan. 31.	**No provider or social-work referral stated** Applicant applies directly through the scholarship application.	View program
Living Beyond Breast Cancer Fund One-time grant of $1,000-$1,250	**Opens Nov. 16, 2026**	Active treatment for early-stage breast cancer or living with metastatic breast cancer; financial need; resident of a U.S. state or D.C. Window: Nov. 16 at 10:00 a.m. ET to Nov. 20 at 3:00 p.m. ET.	**Provider verification required; no referral required** Applicant submits the online application, and a healthcare provider must separately verify the breast cancer diagnosis by the deadline.	View program

Verified Exclusions

- **Allyson Whitney Foundation Life Interrupted Grants:** No current enrollment window is confirmed; the official page directs visitors to watch for the next open enrollment.
- **American Brain Tumor Association Financial Assistance Program:** Temporarily closed; new applications are expected in early January 2027.
- **Baby Quest Foundation:** Next grant cycle begins January 2, 2027.
- **Bright Spot Network Bright Grants:** Program is paused with no reopening date stated.
- **Hope for Fertility National Grant:** Closed; next application opens January 1, 2027.
- **Kidney Cancer Association Financial Assistance:** Closed until January 2027.
- **The JDS Foundation:** Publicly described clinical-trial travel support is tied to Indiana University germ-cell tumor trials; no nationwide direct intake was confirmed.
- **The Stork Foundation for Infertility:** Nationwide 2026 cycle closed September 30; separate fall opportunity is limited to Chicago-area clinics.
- **Expect Miracles Foundation SAMFund grants:** Fall 2026 financial-assistance and family-building cycles are closed; next cycles begin in 2027.
- **Kids Join the Fight Pediatric Cancer Family Program:** All 2026 family grants have been distributed; the program states that grants will reopen in 2027.
- **National Collegiate Cancer Foundation Survivor Scholarship:** The 2026 application deadline was May 22, 2026.

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