



Financial Assistance Program (FAP)

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Financial Assistance Program (FAP) is part of NHF Nebraska Chapter's continuing effort to improve the quality of life of individuals and families affected by bleeding disorders. NHF – Nebraska Chapter provides financial support, based on availability of funding, to help pay for:

- ✓ Expenses incurred in the care, treatment, or prevention of a bleeding disorder;
- ✓ Health insurance premiums;
- ✓ Transportation services to HTC's;
- ✓ Basic living expense emergencies (rent, mortgage, utilities, etc.)

ELIGIBILITY:

Prospective applicants will need to meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Nebraska and/or receive treatment from the Nebraska Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC). Residents outside of Nebraska will not be eligible and should contact their local chapter for assistance.
- Be a parent or caregiver of a minor child who lives in your home and who has a diagnosis of a bleeding disorder OR be an individual with a diagnosed bleeding disorder.
- Complete the Financial Assistance application and meet the financial need requirements of the Financial Assistance Program policy.
- NHF Nebraska Chapter *recommends* requesting assistance from at least two (2) other agencies before applying to NHF Nebraska Chapter for funding. Please provide any relevant contact information for those agencies and the status of your request.

ADMINISTRATION:

Financial assistance depends on the availability of funds and applicant eligibility. Funding is not guaranteed. ***Applicants should allow at least 14 business days for NHF Nebraska Chapter to process their request.***

Assistance is limited to one grant per calendar year per family with a maximum of \$500 being available for financial assistance. In the presence of special circumstances the NHF Nebraska Chapter Board and/or Financial Assistance Committee will review exceptional requests.

NHF Nebraska Chapter cannot provide funding directly to the individual applicant(s). Disbursements will be made directly to vendors identified in the application that have been verified by NHF Nebraska Chapter. In the case of a request for food, the requesting staff person will facilitate expenditure without giving cash directly to the client.

NHF Nebraska Chapter is willing to provide referrals for financial counseling resources for all clients who request assistance from NHF Nebraska Chapter. All financial assistance candidates will be encouraged to participate in career counseling and budget training. It is recommended that other payment resources be investigated including government-sponsored programs and other charitable organizations.

The NHF Nebraska Chapter Executive Director or other designated staff will review applications for completeness. If the assistance request does not provide the necessary information, the staff member will contact the applicant for additional details. If the request cannot be completed, then it will be denied.

Once the NHF Nebraska Chapter Executive Director receives the assistance request, the application will be sent onto the NHF Nebraska Chapter Advisory Board/Financial Assistance Committee for review. The committee will review (in-person or via conference call) the financial assistance request within one week of receipt and submit a majority-vote recommendation. Assistance provided will be based on the sole discretion of NHF Nebraska Chapter, the Board, and/or Financial Assistance Committee. The Executive Director will serve as a liaison, but will not be given a vote.

The Executive Director will notify the applicant about the decision within two business days of the committee meeting via email or phone communications. In most cases, approved applicants can expect a total of two – three weeks for the entire process and payment to be submitted.

Please submit all applications along with relevant bills via email or postal mail (no fax available):

office@nebraskanhf.org

OR

National Hemophilia Foundation, Nebraska Chapter
8031 W. Center Road, Suite 304
Omaha, NE 68124

CONFIDENTIALITY

Applicants and information pertaining to funding requests are considered confidential to the full extent permitted by law.

Information from the NHF Nebraska Chapter's Financial Assistance Program applications may be compiled for statistical purposes and for compliance with local, state, federal, or affiliate organization requirements. However, any publication of this data will be in aggregate form only and will not include names or any other information that could be used to identify individual applicants or recipients.

No personal information will be used or disclosed for any purposes other than that for which it was collected without the applicants' written permission. At no time will personal information be shared with any individual, company, and organization outside The Nebraska Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation.