



## NADINE WHITLOCK HAYES LEGACY FUND - POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

We use donations to our Nadine Whitlock Hayes Legacy Fund exclusively to help families with the cost of recommended genetic counseling and testing for breast cancer and to provide financial assistance to patients and survivors to help ease financial burdens caused by their diagnosis and treatment. Applicants for assistance can apply through our online application found at [www.pink-4-ever.org/emergency-assistance](http://www.pink-4-ever.org/emergency-assistance). We can also provide a printed application form if an applicant is unable to apply online. We do not consider oral requests for assistance or incomplete applications. Our funds are limited; therefore, the more information we have the easier it is for us to make good and timely assistance. It is our goal to provide an answer regarding assistance as soon as possible; however, please allow 5-7 business days for our consideration of your application.

Applicants for assistance must meet the following eligibility guidelines:

- Live in Marion County or a surrounding county
- Has received a recommendation from a health provider for breast cancer genetic counseling and/or testing and who does not have healthcare coverage that pays for genetic counseling and/or testing or is otherwise unable to pay for testing.
- In current treatment for breast cancer (surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, immunotherapy or hormone therapy), with a verification letter from a treatment provider

Applicants must also provide copies of bills, invoices or other documents to verify the amount of assistance requested and a copy of a document verifying their identity, such as a driver's license, passport or government, school or employer issued identification card. An individual may be awarded a maximum of \$1000 per calendar year.

We consider applications for the following types of assistance:

- Housing - up to \$800
- Utilities - up to \$300
- Transportation - up to \$200
- Genetic testing/medical bills - up to \$500
- Personal & Household items - up to \$300

We consider requests for assistance on a case-by-case basis. Once we have received an application and supporting documentation our review committee reviews it based upon the following criteria:

- Availability of income, assets or other resources to pay for living expenses
- Availability of health care coverage or other resources to pay for medical expenses, including prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications and complementary treatment therapies
- Urgency of need
- Availability of Pink-4-Ever Ending Disparities funding

We give priority to patients whose prolonged treatment has prevented them from working, patients with no health care coverage and those with extremely limited financial means. If we are unable to provide assistance in an amount to fulfill the requested need, we will make every effort to connect applicants with other organizations that might be able to assist with unmet needs.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We make financial assistance payments directly to the entity to whom payment is owed. We provide gift cards for assistance awarded for transportation or personal & household items.