

# Travel For Care

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**The mission of ALSF's Travel For Care program is to ensure children battling childhood cancer have the financial assistance needed to travel to clinical trials, experimental therapeutics, or treatment innovations not currently available at their local institution.**

- Child must be diagnosed with cancer or a cancer predisposition (Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome, Histiocytosis, Li-Fraumeni syndrome, Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), Post-Transplant Lymphoproliferative Disorders (PTLD), etc.).
- Child must currently be under the age of 21. We will also consider young adults over 21 and under 25 years of age for travel support on a case-by-case basis as long as they meet all other guidelines (ie. Must be diagnosed with a childhood cancer and receiving treatment at a children's hospital).
- Patient must be in active oncology treatment and one of the following:
  1. Experiencing a pediatric oncology relapse
  2. Enrolling in or currently enrolled in a clinical trial for active oncology treatment intervention
  3. Receiving a treatment intervention that is not considered standard therapy (e.x.: Proton Beam Therapy, MIBG, etc.)
- Travel for Care is not meant to be the sole source of travel assistance for a family to get to treatment.
- All applications must be submitted by a member of the patient's oncology treatment team.
- Referrals must be completed entirely and truthfully; false or misleading information will result in an automatic denial.

## Things to know before applying:

- Travel For Care provides up to \$4,000 annually (\$8,000 for patients enrolled in ALSF-funded trials) in assistance as long as all eligibility criteria are met.
- Family's estimated annual household income at the time of request must be less than \$125,000.
- Travel assistance is intended for the patient and 1 caregiver to get to treatment.
- ALSF pays travel vendors directly: we cannot reimburse travel expenses, pay for travel that has already taken place, or cover reservations made through a third party (Expedia, Travelocity, etc.).
- At this time, assistance is only available for travel within the US and Canada.
- Please provide as much lead time on travel dates as possible.
- ALSF requires a referral for each request for travel assistance. Requests must be submitted through our secure online application portal: [proposalcentral.com/default.asp](https://proposalcentral.com/default.asp)
- We process applications within 1 business day during our office hours: 9AM – 5PM Eastern Standard Time.

## The program does not assist with:

- Travel for second opinions (i.e. cancer diagnosis has not been confirmed), integrative therapy, follow up appointments after active treatment is complete, and non-cancer treatments (dentist, PT, etc.).
- Expenses that are not travel related (mortgage, rent, utilities, childcare, etc.).
- Travel for visits from additional family members.

## For Lodging Requests:

- Charity lodging (such as Ronald McDonald House) must be accessed first, unless there are mitigating circumstances (\*Please note, ALSF does not cover donations to RMH per their website’s statement: “The RMHC Global Policy is that families are never turned away; if it’s not possible to pay, the fee is waived.”).
- Patient must reside at least 2 hours or 100 miles from treatment facility.
- ALSF does not make lodging reservations; reservations must be made directly with the hotel (with the “medical rate”) prior to applying to ALSF for assistance.
- Please include the hotel name, confirmation number, name on the reservation, check-in/out dates, and estimated total in the request.
- ALSF pays for lodging directly to the hotel or by sending a hotel-only credit card to the family.

## For Airfare Requests:

- ALSF books commercial airfare for the patient and 1 caregiver.
- Airfare requests **MUST** include: full legal names and birthdates of both travelers, departure and arrival airports, country and state of residence, and exact dates of travel.
- Please indicate if there are special accommodations needed for the patient upon arrival to the airport (i.e. wheelchair assistance).

## For Gas Requests:

- Gas assistance is approved based solely on mileage for driving the patient to/from active cancer treatment.
- Travel must be a minimum of 700 miles/\$100 over the course of treatment.
- Assistance amount formula: (# miles per round trip) / (20 - avg mileage per gallon) x (local cost of gas) x (# of trips)
- Fuel-only credit cards are shipped via USPS; Please include the best address to receive the USPS delivery

## After Submission:

We respond to all requests within one business day. For emergency requests, please contact Family Services directly. Follow up requests for approved families should be submitted through the Family Services Renewal for Travel request in Proposal Central.

ALSF reserves the right to change these guidelines at any time without notice and to apply these guidelines at its reasonable discretion. **Please contact Family Services with questions at 610-649-3034 or e-mail [FamilyServices@AlexsLemonade.org](mailto:FamilyServices@AlexsLemonade.org).**