



Nevada Chapter

NATIONAL BLEEDING DISORDERS FOUNDATION

Financial Assistance Policy

PURPOSE:

The purpose of Emergency Financial Assistance is part of the Nevada Chapter of the National Bleeding Disorders Foundation (NV-NBDF) continuing effort to improve the quality of life of individuals and families affected by bleeding disorders. The Nevada Chapter of the National Bleeding Disorders Foundation (NV-NBDF) provides emergency financial support, based on availability of funding, to help pay for:

- ✓ Expenses incurred in the care, treatment, or prevention of a bleeding disorder;
- ✓ Transportation services to medical appointments and HTC's;
- ✓ Basic living expense emergencies (rent, mortgage, utilities, food, etc);
- ✓ Medic Alert Bracelets;
- ✓ Educational Needs

ELIGIBILITY:

Prospective applicants will need to meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Nevada, AND
- Be an individual with a bleeding disorder diagnosis OR
- Be a parent or caregiver of a minor child who lives in your home and who has a diagnosis of a bleeding disorder, AND
- Must complete the NV Chapter Financial Assistance application, AND
- Must meet all eligibility requirements determined by the Nevada Chapter of the National Bleeding Disorders Foundation (NV-NBDF), AND
- Have not previously applied and been approved for financial assistance from NV-NBDF in this calendar year.

ADMINISTRATION:

Financial assistance depends on the availability of funds and applicant eligibility. Funding is not guaranteed. **Applicants should allow at least 10 business days for the Nevada Chapter of NHF to process their request.**

Assistance is limited to a maximum of \$500 per rolling calendar year, per qualified family.

Nevada Chapter of the NBDF 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 the NV-NBDF. In the case of a request for food, the requesting staff person will facilitate expenditure without giving cash directly to the client.

NV-NBDF is willing to provide referrals for financial counseling resources for all clients who request assistance from the Nevada Chapter of the NBDF. 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 NV-NBDF 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 NV-NBDF Executive Director receives the assistance request, the application will be sent onto the NV-NBDF Advisory Board/Emergency 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 the NV-NBDF, the Advisory Board, and/or Emergency 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:

dbell@hemophilia.org

OR

Nevada Chapter of the National Bleeding Disorders Foundation
222 S. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 203
Las Vegas, NV 89145

CONFIDENTIALITY

Applicants and information pertaining to funding requests are considered confidential to the full extent permitted by law. All NV-NBDF Advisory Board/Financial Assistance Committee members are required to sign a confidentiality agreement.

Information from the NV-NBDF's Financial Assistance 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 NV-NBDF.