



Greater Clermont Cancer Foundation

Supporting Community Families Touched By Cancer

P.O. Box 443, Minneola, FL 34755-0443

GRANT REQUEST INTRODUCTION

The GCCF was created to support community families touched by cancer. Our vision is that all cancer affected families in the greater Clermont community will have access to healthcare support and the opportunity for a meaningful and enjoyable family life experience. We provide support and financial grants focused on reducing the day to day stresses which cancer has on patients, their families and caregivers. We value our community Cancer Patients, their Families and Caregivers, and we care about the impact which cancer has on affected families.

It should be noted that the GCCF Grants Program unfortunately does not have the funds to finance cancer treatment or drugs. It is also unfortunate that there are very few organizations which supplement the costs of cancer treatment for the uninsured and underinsured. The costs of treatment cover a vast range, sometimes with each individual chemotherapy or radiation treatment costing thousands of dollars. Most organizations that consider financial aid limit payments specifically to reimbursing the costs of treatments and drugs. The GCCF Grants Program was created to provide limited financial grants more specifically focused on improving the life experience (and thus the healing process) of the patient, their families and caregivers, due to the physical, emotional and financial burdens caused by the disease.

The foundation is supported and funded by community contributions from churches, church groups, fundraisers, businesses, organizations and individuals who share these visions and commitments to our community. The foundation is **100% volunteer based** and strives to provide services and aid not available from other area or national organizations.

AVAILABLE GRANT TYPES

The foundation furnishes the following types of grants to eligible South Lake County residents:

- 1. Patient Financial Grants
Adults and Children with Any Type of Cancer**
- 2. Financial Supplements –
Cancer Screenings & Tests**
- 3. “Focus on the Future”
Scholarship Grants**

GCCF GRANT ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Applicants need to be a permanent, full time resident of Lake County and to live in the Greater Clermont, Florida designated area. This area is broadly defined as Clermont, Minneola, Groveland, Mascotte, Montverde, Ferndale, Astatula, Howey in the Hills, Yalaha and other closely surrounding communities.
- 2) Applicants need to be a legal resident of Lake County for a minimum of 6 (six) contiguous months prior to applying.
- 3) US citizenship is a requirement for all types of grant assistance.
- 4) Patient Financial Grants applicants need to be receiving active treatment and care for cancer.
- 5) See “Focus on the Future” Scholarship Section 4 for lists of specific additional eligibility requirements.

GRANT REQUEST PROCESS

- 1) Review of Grant Request Introduction to determine if eligible prior to applying.
- 2) Complete the appropriate grant application and answer all questions.
- 3) The Application Form needs to be signed by you (and any others indicated). All signatures must be original and no stamps, photocopies or initials can be accepted.
- 4) Mail completed application and required application/documents to:
GCCF, P O Box 443, Minneola, FL 34755-0443

All information is strictly confidential and is for GCCF and patient navigator use only.

A GCCF case manager or patient navigator will review the application information and contact the person requesting assistance.

The case manager or patient navigator may ask to meet with the applicant to discuss their needs and/or request additional documentation to verify information in the grant application to qualify them for grant assistance.

Fund Availability

All financial grants, supplements and other grants are subject to eligibility and verification of any provided information. Funds are limited and based on availability. GCCF may not be able to provide grant assistance to all who apply.

Section 1: Patient Financial Grants for Adults & Children

Adult Patient Financial Grants are for any cancer patient 18 years of age or older.

Child Patient Financial Grants are for any child under the age of 18 years of age.

[Use Application Form 1](#)

Section 2: Financial Supplements- Cancer Screening & Testing

The aim of the GCCF Financial Supplement Grants Program is to provide financial assistance related to the cost of physician ordered diagnostic screenings and testing related to a potential new or existing diagnosis of cancer.

GCCF will only consider funding as the payer of last resort after denial from other resource options. All applications will be referred to Patient Navigator who will manage and assist in processing of grant request.

Upon GCCF approval, the grants may be paid as reimbursements or as direct payment to a community service provider.

[Use Application Form 2](#)

Section 3: “Focus on the Future” Scholarship Grants

Description of Scholarship Grants

We welcome the opportunity to offer limited scholarship stipends to young cancer survivors as well as young members of cancer affected families. We want these young persons who have triumphed over the challenge of cancer to focus on the future and achieve their goals. We believe this investment will pay dividends in the creation of future careers in engineering, health care, business, education and other fields. The program is intended to allow students to pursue an undergraduate degree from an accredited university, community college or vocational technical school.

Applications are accepted annually during the months of January through April with Scholarships awardees being notified in May.

A volunteer committee will use the following criteria to evaluate the scholarship applications:

1. Submitted Essay
2. Academic Achievement
3. Community Service
4. Financial Need

Who Is Eligible for a Scholarship Grant?

1. Students who are US citizens
2. Students who permanently reside the Greater Clermont, Florida, Lake County designated area, broadly defined as Clermont, Minneola, Groveland, Mascotte, Montverde, Ferndale, Astatula, Howey in the Hills, Yalaha and other closely surrounding communities.
3. The student, or a member of their immediate family, have had a diagnosis of cancer before student's 25th birthday
4. Students who are age 25 or younger at the time of application
5. Students who have been accepted by an accredited university, community college or vocational technical school

Documentation Needed

1. A total of two letters of recommendation (preferably one from a teacher and one from a non-relative adult age 21 or older)
2. Goal statement essay describing your life and future goals
3. An acceptance letter from your selected scholastic institution

[Use Application Forms 4 and 4a](#)