

## **EVALUATION ASSISTANCE**

### *For Dialysis Center or Transplant Staff Only*

**NEED:** Potential candidates for transplant must travel to the hospital for evaluation in order to be listed for a transplant. These potential candidates often lack the resources to afford fuel and lodging costs associated with this travel.

**OBJECTIVE:** The goal of the Evaluation Assistance Program is to provide access to transplantation by offering financial support to residents of Georgia who are seeking transplant evaluation or re-evaluation.

#### **GUIDELINES:**

- Georgia Resident - Legal permanent resident of Georgia
- Eligible Persons – Potential candidates for transplant who have evaluations scheduled and live at least 75 miles away from the transplant center. Candidates are eligible to receive Evaluation Assistance **a maximum of two times**. This assistance can be used for:
  - 1) evaluation at two separate centers
  - 2) an initial evaluation and a follow-up/re-evaluation at the same center
- Grant Limitation - Grants are available to assist with lodging, fuel costs, and parking fees for appointments. All grants are based on evidence of financial need and must be pre-approved.
- Amount of Grant – GTF can assist with fuel costs and/or hotel expenses. Lodging assistance will be available at the rate of \$100 per night, up to three nights, based on transplant center protocol. Any stays of more than three nights must utilize a GTF direct bill hotel. Fuel assistance will be based on the distance from the patient's home to the transplant center. Parking fees will be estimated and included with fuel assistance.
- Payment Method – If approved, notice will be given to the referring party. A check including hotel and transportation assistance will be issued, payable to the patient. The check will be mailed directly to the patient.

#### **PROCESS**

1. Potential candidate may be referred by dialysis center or transplant center staff.
2. Complete applications will include GTF application filled out by patient and Evaluation Assistance form fully completed by dialysis clinic or transplant center staff. Submitting staff member must verify evaluation dates with transplant center.
3. Applications may be submitted **no more than 30 days prior** to evaluation and will be reviewed within 10 business days of receipt. We are not able to reimburse after an evaluation has taken place.
4. Submitting dialysis center or transplant center staff will be notified of approval.
5. Check will be made payable to potential candidate and will be mailed to his/her home mailing address as indicated on application.
6. Hotel authorization will be faxed directly to hotel if using GTF direct bill hotel (for stays greater than 3 nights). Patient will follow-up with hotel to secure reservation.

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Providing this information will not adversely affect any consideration you may receive for GTF services



## CLIENT INFORMATION

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment/Unit# \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of People Living in Household \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults in Household \_\_\_\_\_ # Children in Household \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Transplant (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Organ \_\_\_\_\_ Transplant Center \_\_\_\_\_

## DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

**Race** (optional - please check)  Hispanic  African American  Black  White, Non-Hispanic  
 Asian-American  Asian-Pacific Islander  Native American  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Level of Education** (optional - please check)  GED  Attended High School (# of years \_\_\_\_\_)  High School Graduate  
 Technical Certificate/Diploma  Currently Enrolled in College  Attended College (# of years \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Associates Degree  Bachelors Degree  Post-Graduate Degree  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Status** (please check)  Currently Employed; Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medically Disabled \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  Retired  Unemployed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Source of Income** (please check all that apply)  Full-Time Employment  with benefits  Working Spouse  
 Part-Time Employment  with benefits  Parent(s) Income  Retirement Pension  
 Social Security Retirement  Social Security Disability (SSDI)  Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

**Current Source of Healthcare Coverage** (please check all that apply)  
 Insurance (please circle: BCBS; United Healthcare; Humana; Kaiser; Aetna; Other \_\_\_\_\_)  Spouse's Insurance  
 Medicare  Medicaid  QMB Medicaid  Spend-down Medicaid  COBRA

**Check all that apply to you:**  Recipient  Candidate  Living Donor  JumpStart Client  
 Trends In Transplant (TNT) Conference Attendee  Fundraising Workshop Attendee  
 Mentor/Mentee  GTF Volunteer/ Board Member/ Committee Member

**How did you hear about GTF services?**  GTF Website/ IMPRINT Magazine/ Brochure  GTF Staff, Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 GTF Volunteer, Name \_\_\_\_\_  Transplant Center Staff, Name \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's Name \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FOR THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

**PART THREE - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

***DO NOT LEAVE ANY FIELD BLANK***

**ASSETS:**

CHECKING	\$ _____
SAVINGS	\$ _____
STOCKS & BONDS	\$ _____
RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS	\$ _____

**AUTOMOBILE(S):**

YEAR _____	YEAR _____
MAKE _____	MAKE _____

**Household:** All people living in your home (includes all children or adults), non-related household members, parents, grandchildren, siblings, renters, etc.

**Income:** Total amount for wages or salary income, self-employment income, interests, dividends and rental income, Social Security Retirement and Social Security Disability Income, Supplemental Security Income, child support, public assistance, TANF, food stamps, family's financial help, income from working children, parents, siblings, etc. who reside in your household.

**Expenses:** General household expenses per month - rent/mortgage, food, average utilities, phone charges - basic phone, cell phone, credit card payments - monthly amount, not total balances owed.

**MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD NET INCOME**

(please read above description)

WAGES (net)	\$ _____
SPOUSE'S INCOME	\$ _____
FAMILY MEMBER'S INCOME	\$ _____
SOCIAL SECURITY (SSDI, SSI)	\$ _____
ADDITIONAL DISABILITY	\$ _____
PENSION	\$ _____
RETIREMENT INCOME	\$ _____
VETERAN'S PENSION	\$ _____
TANF	\$ _____
FOOD STAMPS	\$ _____
RENTAL	\$ _____
DIVIDENDS	_____
OTHER	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES**

(please read above description)

RENT* <input type="checkbox"/>	MORTGAGE* <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
FOOD		\$ _____
UTILITIES		_____
TELEPHONE		\$ _____
GAS & ELECTRICITY		\$ _____
CELL PHONE		\$ _____
WATER		\$ _____
TRANSPORTATION		_____
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION		\$ _____
AUTO PAYMENT		\$ _____
GASOLINE		\$ _____
MEDICAL EXPENSES		_____
DOCTORS FEES		\$ _____
HOSPITAL PAYMENTS		\$ _____
MEDICATIONS		\$ _____
DENTAL		\$ _____
INSURANCE		_____
MEDICAL		\$ _____
LIFE		\$ _____
AUTO		\$ _____
CHARGE ACCOUNTS		_____
BANK CARDS (monthly payment)		\$ _____
OTHER _____		\$ _____
OTHER _____		\$ _____
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES**</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

***I authorize information released between GTF and my transplant center or other related parties to verify information related to this request. I agree to be added to GTF's database for future mailings.***

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\* If you are not paying rent or a mortgage, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* If your monthly expenses are more than your monthly income, please explain how you are paying your bills each month: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Evaluation Assistance

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If PO Box, list home address also. \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Transplant Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Organ: \_\_\_\_\_

Dialysis Center (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduled evaluation date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Distance one-way from home to transplant center \_\_\_\_\_  
Via Google Maps or MapQuest

Dates hotel stay is needed \_\_\_\_\_

Has patient received GTF Evaluation Assistance before? Yes  No

Staff Statement of Need: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation Appointment Verified by Staff Yes  No

Dialysis or Transplant Center Staff Signature & Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

For GTF use only

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Miles Round Trip      Number of Trips      Miles per gallon      Gallons      Price per gallon      Cost

Transportation Stipend Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

GTF Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature      Date

Check payable to: \_\_\_\_\_