The SAMFund 2013 Grants Application (Part I)
Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible to apply?
If you are a U.S. resident, are between the ages of 17 and 39 at the time when Part I is submitted and are either:

- finished with active treatment and free of cancer,
- one year following the completion of planned therapy, or
- in remission on maintenance therapy

If you meet these criteria at the time when Part I is submitted, you are eligible to apply. Please note that our eligibility requirements have changed somewhat since last year.

What is The SAMFund looking for in an applicant?
In addition to the eligibility requirements stated above, the best candidates for funding from The SAMFund can make a clear and direct connection between their current financial difficulties and their experiences with cancer. If you are not sure whether or not you would be a good candidate for funding, please email your specific questions to grants@thesamfund.org and we would be happy to give you feedback about whether it is appropriate for you to apply. If you have limited internet access, you may call our office at (617) 938-3484.

Good candidates for a grant or scholarship:

- Can articulate how their cancer experience has impacted their current financial situation
- Have immediate financial needs that are not being covered by a spouse/domestic partner or a parent/other family member
- Are not able to get financial assistance from any other source
- Have debt or payments specifically related to their cancer treatment (e.g., health insurance, family building expenses, medical bills, or prescription co-pays) or its aftermath (e.g., physical therapy, gym memberships, or mental health expenses)
- Are limited in their employment options, have lost their jobs, or have sustained a major loss in wages due to their cancer experience

What type of grant can I request?
See our “Categories of Funding” page for more specifics, but we will consider almost all personal requests. The SAMFund does not grant business-related requests or requests for credit card repayment. Please note that The SAMFund no longer accepts requests for undergraduate tuition. We will, however, consider requests for graduate tuition, vocational training, continuing education and student loan repayment. Undergraduates may request help with other school-related expenses (i.e., computers, books and supplies) only if they are responsible for paying these and are not currently receiving help from their parents, schools or other sources.

Can I complete an application for someone else?
All applications must be completed by the person diagnosed with cancer, except for cases in
which a survivor is unable to complete the application for him or herself. If you feel this situation applies to you, you must clearly state the reasons why. If you are unsure as to whether this situation applies, please email grants@thesamfund.org or call The SAMFund office at 617-938-3484.

**How does the process work?**
Part I of the application will be available on our website from **Monday, June 17th at 12pm EST to Friday, July 19th at 5pm EST.** After that time, the link will no longer be active. You will be asked to answer a few questions about your cancer experience and current financial needs. A committee will review all applications and **you will be notified by email by Friday, August 9th whether or not you have been invited to complete Part II of the application.**

**How do I apply?**
First, go to the grants page of our website: [http://www.thesamfund.org/pages/grants.html](http://www.thesamfund.org/pages/grants.html) and click on the link to apply. You will be prompted to create a username and enter a valid email address. Your password will then be emailed to you at that address. Once you correctly enter your username and password, you’ll be taken to the home page of the application, which has links to the various sections where you will need to enter information. After you have completed all the sections (demographics, financial information, requests, short essays and verification), you will be able to click “submit” on the verification page.

**Can I go back and change my answers?**
While you are working on the application, you can move back and forth between the pages and change your answers if you would like to do so. You may also log out and return to your application at a later date. However, once you click “submit,” your application will be submitted and you will be unable to go back and make any changes. Please be sure to review your answers thoroughly before submitting! If for any reason The SAMFund receives more than one application from you, only the first (earliest) one will be reviewed.

**Can I look back at/print a copy of my application?**
Once you successfully submit your application, you will receive a confirmation email that contains a link to your complete application. Though you cannot make changes, you can look back at it or print it at any time. Please save this email! If you are invited to submit a Part II Application you may want to use some of the information or essays you wrote in Part I.

**When will I be notified?**
You will be notified by email by **Friday, August 9th** whether or not you have been invited to submit Part II of the application. If you are invited to submit Part II, you will be notified in **mid-November** of the committee’s final decisions. If you have not received an email from us by August 12th, please check your junk or spam mail folder. If you still have not received an email from us, you may contact our office at grants@thesamfund.org or 617-938-3484 for your application status.

**What if my circumstances change after I submit my application?**
If your circumstances change after you’ve submitted your application and before you’ve been notified in August, please just email or call The SAMFund to let us know.
Who can I call if I have questions?
If you have questions about the application process, the best way to get a quick response is to email grants@thesamfund.org. You may also call The SAMFund office at 617-938-3484.