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# Grants 101: Spring 2021 Application

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# What is this new logo about?

Exciting news! In July 2019, The Samfund joined forces with Expect Miracles Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity that rallies the financial services industry and beyond to invest in life-saving cancer research while advancing the financial and emotional health of people impacted by cancer.

A marquee program of Expect Miracles Foundation, Samfund grants provide support to young adults who are struggling financially because of cancer through direct financial assistance and free online support and education. We're still here, now able to do more and better!



# Tell me more about these grants...

Cancer isn't free. The costs go far beyond just the doctors' bills:

- Depleted savings accounts
- Time away from work
- COBRA/Insurance premiums
- Prescription copays

Purpose of the grants:

- Relief from immediate financial pressures so that survivors can instead spend time/energy/money on moving forward towards their goals
- Help survivors feel motivated, supported and empowered

# How much is awarded?

The short answer: it depends!

- 2016: \$210,000/138 grants
- 2017: \$117,248/92 grants
- 2018: \$206,615/139 grants
- 2019: \$276,234/171 grants
- 2020: \$452,173/333 grants

Average grant size= \$1,500-\$2,000



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# Who is eligible to apply?

- Residents of the U.S.
- Individuals who are 21-39 years old at the time the application is submitted (by February 2, 2021)
- Individuals who meet **ONE** of the following criteria:
  - Completed planned treatment with no evidence of disease, **or**
  - One year following the completion of planned therapy with stable disease, **or**
  - In remission **and** on long-term hormonal therapy (such as Tamoxifen for breast cancer survivors) or long-term targeted therapy (such as Gleevec or Herceptin)
- *Please note: individuals who received a grant in Fall of 2020 must wait until the next grant cycle (July 2021) to reapply. However, those who received Emergency COVID funding in Fall 2020 may apply in this cycle.*

# Additional criteria and priorities

- Diagnosed within last 5 years (on or after January 6, 2016) **or** receiving (or applying for) social security disability benefits
- Can demonstrate financial impact of cancer as well as COVID-19 (priority)
- Not a dependent on someone else's taxes

# What else is different about this grant cycle?

- In the past, we have provided grants for a broad range of living expenses. In this grant cycle (as in Fall 2020), we are focusing on one-time rent/mortgage requests **ONLY**, up to \$2,000.

# What do you look for in an applicant?

## Good candidates for a grant:

- Can articulate how their cancer experience and COVID-19 have impacted their current financial situation (in short essays)
- Have immediate financial needs
- Are not able to get financial assistance from any other source
- Are struggling financially as a result of their treatment and COVID (e.g., lost wages in the household, high medical bills, etc.) or treatment aftermath (limited ability to work, side effects, etc.)
- Don't need to be great writers... but do need to be able to answer the questions thoroughly!

# What do I need to apply?

- Basic personal and contact information
- Information about your cancer diagnosis and treatment
- Your current financial picture, including monthly expenses and income, assets and liabilities (debts)
- Completion of a Medical History Verification Form, signed by a clinician
- Recent Form 1040s (tax forms) or the completion of an Affidavit (if you have not paid taxes in both of the last two years)
- Name and address of landlord or mortgage holder to whom the grant would be paid (payee)



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# How do I set up an online application?

- Click on the link to the application on or after January 6<sup>th</sup> at <http://www.thesamfund.org/get-help/grants/>
- Register for an account, or click “change password” if you have previously applied for a grant during another cycle
- Read carefully and follow the instructions for each step
- Answer every question to the best of your ability and as completely as possible
- Make sure you receive an email confirmation when you click “send” to submit your application– if not, contact our office immediately.

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- New applicants: Complete top part of this form
- Previous applicants: Click “reset your password” at the bottom
- Applications in progress: Click “click here to login”

If you have never applied for a Samfund grant, please create an account to access the Applicant Portal and submit a grant application.

**Sign Up**

*Previous applicants & recipients are already in our system. If you have previously applied or received an award, use the password reset link below to enter the portal.*

[Reset your password](#)

*If you have already set up your account, please click the link below to login to the portal.*

[Click here to login](#)

# Why can't I move forward with my application?

- If you are unable to continue with your application, and receive a message similar to those pictured on the right, it may be because you are not eligible.
- Please check that you meet [these eligibility requirements](#) under “Frequently Asked Questions” again.
- If you do meet the listed requirements, and still cannot move forward, please email [grants@thesamfund.org](mailto:grants@thesamfund.org).

We're sorry, but you do not meet the age requirement for this Samfund grant. You may use the 'Go Back' button to return to the previous page, and review your birthdate. If you have any questions, please email us at [grants@thesamfund.org](mailto:grants@thesamfund.org). Click 'finish' to exit the applicant portal.

We're sorry, one of your answers indicates that you are not currently eligible for a Samfund grant. Please click 'Go Back' and carefully review your responses. If you have questions about eligibility, please review the application FAQ [here](#). If you are having problems, or have additional questions, please contact [grants@samfund.org](mailto:grants@samfund.org).

# Medical History Verification Form

- Download the form from within the application (on our [website](#) NOW), fill in your name and contact info, and send it to your doctor (either a digital or printed copy). You can do this before the application is available!
- The doctor will then need to fill out the other fields on the form, select the appropriate eligibility criteria, and sign it. The completed and signed form should then be returned to YOU. If you need our help uploading your form, email us at [grants@thesamfund.org](mailto:grants@thesamfund.org)
- This form is required before your application can be submitted, so download it and get it to your doctor right away.



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# Tax Returns/Affidavit

- You will be asked to submit the **FIRST TWO PAGES** of 1040s from the last two years you filed taxes or an [IRS tax transcript](#)
- If you did not file taxes in both those years, you will be asked to download and submit an Affidavit– a form stating why you did not file taxes in one or both years– which must be signed by at least one witness

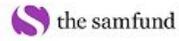
# Submitting forms

If you can't upload the forms yourself, you can send them to us to upload for you:

- Our email address: [grants@thesamfund.org](mailto:grants@thesamfund.org)
- Our fax number: 866-496-8070

Please send in any forms no later than **January 29<sup>th</sup>** to ensure that they are uploaded in time.

# Review Documents



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Application Instructions

Start a New Application



## Grant Application

Please complete each section of the application as thoroughly as possible. At the bottom of each page, you can save your answers by clicking 'Save and Next.' If you log out before submitting the application, your progress will be saved. When you log in again, click through each application page to continue from where you left off.

Once submitted, you cannot edit your application, but you will be able to review your responses and documents by clicking on the 'Review Application Responses' and 'Review Documents' tabs from the home page of this portal.

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# To continue an application

## Expect Miracles Foundation's Samfund Applicant Portal

Welcome back to the Spring 2021 Samfund Grant Application portal!

### TO RESUME YOUR APPLICATION:

*Your application progress has been saved. Please click on Continue Application below to resume your application.*

Please email questions to [grants@thesamfund.org](mailto:grants@thesamfund.org) or call us at 617-938-3484. The application deadline is Tuesday, February 2 at 5pm Eastern Time. No late submissions will be accepted. Only ONE submission will be accepted per applicant.

We estimate that funding decisions will be emailed to you around mid-March.

Thanks and good luck!

Application Instructions

Continue Application



# One last word...

Please be sure everything is correctly filled out and uploaded **before** you submit!

Unfortunately we cannot check applications for errors **AFTER** you submit, but we are more than happy to answer questions **BEFORE** you submit.

Applications that are incomplete or have incorrect forms will not be reviewed, sorry!

# Timeline

- Application available beginning **Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**
- **Deadline: Tuesday, February 2<sup>th</sup> at 5pm EST.**
- Suggestion: get that Medical History form to your doctor ASAP! No late forms accepted!
- All applicants notified about the status of their application by mid-March 2021.

# Good luck!

- For more info and the link to the application, go to:  
<http://www.thesamfund.org/get-help/grants/>
- Email us at [grants@thesamfund.org](mailto:grants@thesamfund.org) with any questions!



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