



# FLIGHT OF THE HUMBLEBEE

**The mission of the Humble Bumble Project's Flight of the Humblebee program is to provide eligible patients and families with financial assistance for travel related expenses incurred while traveling to and from cancer treatment.**

- Patient must have a cancer diagnosis and be receiving active cancer treatment.
- Patient must be 39 years old or younger.
- Patient must reside at least 2 hours or 100 miles from the treatment facility.
- Flight of the Humblebee is not meant to be the sole source of travel assistance for a patient/family to get to treatment.
- All applications must be submitted by a member of the patient's oncology team.
- Referrals must be completed entirely and truthfully with any false or misleading information resulting in an automatic denial.

## **What to know before applying:**

- Flight of the Humblebee provides up to \$1,000 in assistance providing all eligibility criteria are met\*\*.
- Requests are limited to one per patient. Subsequent applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors (BOD) on a case-by-case basis. Potential approval of any initial or subsequent application/allocation is at the discretion of the BOD and dependent upon the availability of funds.
- Assistance is only available for travel within the continental United States (international travel, including Canada, is ineligible).
- Active cancer treatment is defined as chemotherapy, radiation, stem cell transplant, surgery, and/or clinical trials.
- Please provide as much lead time on travel dates as possible.
- The Humble Bumble Project is unable to reimburse for travel expenses already incurred.
- The Humble Bumble Project requires a completed referral form and consent form for each request for travel assistance with both emailed to [info@humblebumbleproject.com](mailto:info@humblebumbleproject.com)

## **The program does not assist with:**

- Travel for second opinions (i.e. cancer diagnosis has not yet been confirmed), follow up appointments after active cancer treatment is complete, and non-cancer treatments (dentist, physical therapy, etc.).
- Travel for visitations.

## **For Mileage requests:**

- Allocations are based on a standard mileage rate of \$0.58 per mile. Mileage will be provided for portal-to-portal travel only. The total number of miles will be determined by entering the patient's home address and the destination facility's address in MapQuest.

## **For Airfare requests:**

- Allocations are for domestic air travel within the continental United States on commercial flights only (international travel, including Canada, is ineligible). Additional fees for checked baggage is the responsibility of the patient/family. Airfare will be provided for the patient and a caregiver, not to exceed the \$1,000 maximum allocation.

## **For Lodging requests:**

- Allocations are based on a standard per diem rate of \$94 per night and the number of nights stay identified (exact dates of travel must be provided). Lodging is for room and tax only, no incidentals.

## **For Meals & Incidentals (M&I) requests:**

- Allocations are based on a standard per diem rate of \$20 per day, per person. M&I will be provided for the patient, a caregiver, and a caregiver support person for a single calendar day of travel, unless otherwise noted in Section 5 of the application. The amount received for the first and last day of travel will be based on a standard per diem rate of \$10 per day, per person.

Applications are accepted for active cancer patients of James P. Wilmot Cancer Center, Penn State Health, Golisano's Children's Hospital, Geisinger Cancer Center, Janet Weis Children's Hospital, or UPMC – Hillman Cancer Center and will be reviewed in the order in which received with patients residing in Bradford, Lycoming, Potter, or Tioga (PA) counties taking priority. Potential approval is at the discretion of the Board of Directors and is dependent upon the availability of funds.

*The Humble Bumble Project reserves the right to change these guidelines at any time without notice and to apply these guidelines at its reasonable discretion.*

## **'Putting family over finance'**

**\*\*Meeting the qualification criteria does not guarantee approval.**