



Support Guidelines

- Hope Chest for Breast Cancer Foundation provides support to patients being treated within the state of Minnesota.
- To receive support, you must be in active treatment for breast cancer (chemotherapy, radiation or surgery with a recovery time more than four weeks). Hormone therapy, palliative and hospice care are not considered active treatment.
- Hope Chest for Breast Cancer pays for non-medical, basic living expenses, including mortgage, rent, utility bills (heat, electric, water and phone), car payments and licensed childcare.
 - Payment is sent directly to the creditor, so the application requires the mailing address and account number for the payment.
 - Hope Chest for Breast Cancer is unable to communicate directly with your creditor regarding payment. You must handle all contact.
 - When completing the application, patient must attach or upload a copy of a bill, statement, or first page of lease, for the amount requested, which shows the patient's name.
 - Payment must be cashed by creditor and applied to patient's account within 90 days of issuing, or it will be cancelled.
- Grant requests of \$500 or less will be processed and in the mail within 5-7 days. You will receive an email when a decision has been reached on your application. Requests over \$500 require additional review and processing time.
- As part of the grant application, you must provide name, email address and phone number for their Oncologist, Registered Oncology Nurse or licensed medical Social Worker. They will be contacted to verify treatment before the application can be processed.
- Breast cancer patients living in the inner Twin Cities metro area are eligible for Hope Chest Meals that Heal, in cooperation with Open Arms of Minnesota. To receive application information for this program please select the box for this type of support when completing the application, and Open Arms will be in touch with you.
- Qualification for support is not a guarantee for funds. Hope Chest strives to support as many people as possible and your application will be given every consideration.

