



Candlelighters of Central Arkansas

Policies for Financial Assistance

The mission of Candlelighters of Central Arkansas is to promote public awareness of childhood cancer, and provide emotional, educational, social, and practical assistance to children with cancer, their families, and the staff who care for them.

General Guidelines for Financial Assistance

- (1) Candlelighters of Central Arkansas provides financial assistance for families experiencing the challenges of childhood cancer. Support is provided to families for a variety of reasons including
 - Basic living expenses such as rent/mortgage, utilities, car repairs
 - Travel costs related to treatment and doctor visits
 - Food and lodging related to treatment and doctor visits
 - Long-distance expenses related to treatment
 - Pharmacy expenses
 - Funeral expenses
- (2) Families of any child diagnosed or treated with cancer on or before his/her 21st birthday are eligible for consideration.
- (3) Families of children living in or receiving treatment in Arkansas are eligible for consideration.
- (4) Families are eligible for up to \$500.00 in financial assistance annually.
- (5) For legal and tax reasons, Candlelighters cannot pay families directly, but will instead pay the business requiring payment. A copy of the bill or bills needing payment must be attached to the application. Families requesting assistance with meals or gasoline will be provided with vouchers for these items.
- (6) Financial assistance applications must be signed by the child's social worker or doctor.
- (7) Applications will be reviewed and approved by the Financial Assistance subcommittee of the Candlelighters of Central Arkansas Board of Directors

After you complete the application, please forward it to

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