



Frequently Asked Questions

My income is slightly more than the income requirements listed on the AiRS application. Can I still apply?

Yes, you may apply. Applicants whose income exceeds the income requirements must demonstrate substantial financial hardship will be considered for a grant award.

Do you accept applications from women outside of the United States?

Currently, we only accept applications from residents of the United States.

Do you reimburse for surgeries that have already been performed?

Grant awards are made directly to providers prior to surgery. We do not reimburse patients directly or for surgeries already performed.

Do you pay for breast reconstruction if I choose to use a surgeon out of my insurance network?

We prefer that surgeons are used in-network to reduce expenses. If there is not a surgeon near you that is in network or there are other extenuating circumstances, we will consider your grant request.

Do you help with co-pays for my insurance to have breast reconstruction?

Yes, AiRS may assist with insurance co-pays for breast reconstructive surgery.

Do you help with medical bills such as radiation, chemo, imaging, and other testing?

AiRS mission is to help women with breast reconstruction due to mastectomy; therefore, we do not assist with medical bills not related to breast reconstruction.

I have Medicaid but cannot find a provider in my area for surgery. Can AiRS help?

We prefer to use Medicaid providers first when they are available. If there is not a qualified Medicaid provider within a reasonable distance from your residence, you may apply, and the AiRS Foundation will determine if we are able to help you.

I have not had breast cancer, but I need help with my breast implants. Would you consider helping me?

At this time, we only accept applications from women diagnosed with breast cancer or who tested positive for the BRCA breast cancer gene and who require a mastectomy.

Please email or mail your signed, AiRS Grant Application Form to:

Email: info@airsfoundation.org

Mailing Address: AiRS Foundation, 3104 Lee Pkwy., Ste. 1504, Dallas, TX 75219



I had a mastectomy and reconstruction several years ago and now require additional surgery. Can I apply?

Yes, you may apply, and we will consider helping in case of medical necessity. We do not help for surgery which is considered elective or cosmetic.

Do you accept applications from immigrants without documentation?

Applications are accepted despite citizenship status.

I have insurance but I cannot afford to meet my co-pay or out-of-pocket for breast reconstruction after mastectomy. Can I apply?

Yes, AiRS can assist insured applicants with a full or partial grant award for co-pays relating to breast reconstruction.

How long will it take to review my grant application?

Processing and approval of applications take between 14-30 days. Please allow 30-60 days prior to surgery for approval. For a prompt response, please complete and submit your application prior to calling the AiRS Foundation.

Can I fax my application?

Yes, you can fax your application to (201) 886-1643. You can also return your application via email or US mail. info@airsfoundation.org or 3104 Lee Parkway, Suite 1504 Dallas, TX 75210

I don't need financial assistance, but I would like an advocate mentor to help me through the emotional journey of breast reconstruction. Can I request an advocate?

Yes, AiRS mission is to Advocate, Educate, and support women. Whether you need an advocate to talk to, have questions about reconstruction, or need a referral, we are here to help.

Is there a list of board-certified breast reconstruction surgeons?

Yes. <https://find.plasticsurgery.org/>

Do you help with hotels or lodging prior to surgery?

The American Cancer Society, in cooperation with hotels across the country, provides overnight accommodations for cancer patients prior to surgery. Call the ACS at 1-800-227-2345 to request hotel lodging.

Do you assist with living expenses or transportation to and from medical appointments?

AiRS mission is specifically to assist with breast reconstruction and does not help with living expenses or transportation. Please contact the American Cancer Society or Cancercare.org for referrals to organizations whose mission is to help with living expenses for cancer patients. There may also be local organizations that can help you. Please contact your local United Way for referrals.

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