

Dear (Funder's name or the name of the organization from which you are requesting assistance):

My name is x. I am writing in hopes that your (insert organization) might be able to help **me/our family**, attend the annual Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Conference in Long Island, NY this coming April.

Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome, or HPS, is a rare form of albinism that causes legal blindness and a bleeding disorder. In some cases, bowel disease (much like Crohn's disease) and pulmonary fibrosis, (a scarring of the lungs) can also occur. Pulmonary fibrosis is ultimately fatal.

This genetic disorder, HPS, is very rare. Because HPS is so rare, most doctors have never heard of it, and still fewer have experience treating the potential complications.

I/we would like the opportunity to attend the HPS Network's annual conference in Uniondale, NY, April 9 – 11, 2026 (www.hpsnetwork.org). The conference would allow **me/us** to meet others with HPS (a rare experience), share experiences living with HPS and meet and hear from the world's leading experts on HPS. **I/we** will learn about the latest research and be able to ask questions to doctors who have treated several hundred patients with HPS. In addition, **I/our** family will have the chance to learn more about basic HPS care, first-aid for a bleeding disorder and meet the experts who could help **me/us** in a crisis.

We are trying to raise the money to pay for **spell out what you need. Showing a budget and what you can contribute, or have already raised is helpful.**

I/we feel attending this conference would provide **me/us** not only with medical information, but the opportunity to build a support system which is crucial living with an ultra-rare disorder.

Thank you so very much for your time and consideration.