

Vols for Ukraine

Funding & Financial Support Policy

How Applicants Are Referred

Potential recipients are referred to VFU through our partnering nonprofit organizations. Recipients complete an application specifying the funding amount requested and a detailed description of how it will be used. Volunteer host families may assist with the application process and serve as a reference confirming the applicant's needs.

How Funding Decisions Are Made

VFU decides how much to provide to each applicant based on available funds, the urgency and severity of need, and other factors — including how long the applicant has been in the United States, whether they are receiving support from other nonprofits, churches, or government aid, and whether other resources may be available to help.

Documentation and Use of Funds

Once a decision is made, applicants are informed in writing of the amount and purpose of the funds. Recipients must use funds only for the purpose stated in their application and are required to submit bills, receipts, or other documentation from legitimate providers (landlords, medical providers, grocery stores, transit authorities, etc.). VFU will not request or receive any information protected under privacy laws such as HIPAA. In some cases, VFU pays a bill or contract directly, or distributes funds via gift card. All receipts are kept on file and reconciled to VFU's financial statements as required by law.

Educational Funding

Ukrainian refugees admitted to accredited preschools, schools, colleges, or universities may apply for help with tuition, books, and computers. Eligibility requires proof of Ukrainian refugee status, proof of admittance, and a verifiable statement of account from the school. Support is contingent on funds available through VFU's fundraising efforts, and educational funding will not exceed **\$2,000 per family annually**.

Working With Other Organizations

VFU works closely with other nonprofits — including Bridge Refugee Services and Families First — to refer and coordinate support based on recipient need. There are no fee arrangements between VFU and these organizations, and VFU receives no compensation of any kind if or when its participants are referred for other services.

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