

## National Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Resources

### Advocacy, Education, Research

#### American Cancer Society

cancer.org

Expert information available as well as services for those in need such as rides to treatment, local lodging during treatment and reasonably priced wigs available their TLC catalog.

#### National Comprehensive Cancer Network

nccn.org

A network of leading cancer centers provide expert information as well as evidenced- based guidelines for treatment of cancer by site.

- Young adult survivor patient guidelines are available:

<https://www.nccn.org/patients/guidelines/aya/index.html>

#### National Cancer Institute

cancer.gov

U.S. government agency for cancer research provides comprehensive information about cancer and National Cancer Institute supported clinical trials can be found on this website.

- Portal with information and resources specific to AYA cancers

<https://www.cancer.gov/types/aya>

#### Stupid Cancer

stupidcancer.org

Stupid Cancer works in young adult cancer advocacy, research, and support. Stupid Cancer also hosts the annual AYA conference, CancerCon.

#### Teen Cancer America

teencanceramerica.org

Teen Cancer America provides support and programming for young people with cancer and their families, and supports the hospitals and healthcare professionals who care for them.

### Support

#### Cancer and Careers

cancerandcareers.org

Support for people with cancer who are trying to manage their cancer and their career. The organization has free webinars, educational pdf downloads, and resume review service.

#### Dear Jack Foundation

dearjackfoundation.org

- The BreatheNow program offers wellness retreats for young adult cancer survivors and their partners. The retreats are professionally guided and designed to help each couple renew, learn, and grow as they live their lives together post cancer.
- The LifeList is a wish-granting program that offers hope and guidance to adolescent and young adult patients who are currently receiving treatment for life-threatening cancer diagnoses.

#### Elephants and Tea

elephantsandtea.com

Elephants and Tea is a magazine written for and by adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer patients, survivors and caregivers telling their story in their own words.

#### GRYT Health

grythealth.com

The GRYT Health platform is a free online resource that connects young adults to others in the cancer community with similar experiences and to information relevant to your journey.

### **Lacuna Loft**

[lacunaloft.org](http://lacunaloft.org)

Lacuna Loft is a nonprofit organization providing online support programs including journaling and creative expression classes to young adult cancer survivors and caregivers.

### **My LifeLine**

[mylifeline.org](http://mylifeline.org)

MyLifeLine.org is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free personalized websites to cancer patients and caregivers.

### **Triage Cancer**

[triajegcancer.org](http://triajegcancer.org)

Triage Cancer is a national, nonprofit organization that provides education on the practical and legal issues that may impact individuals diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers.

### **Young Survivor Coalition**

[youngsurvival.org](http://youngsurvival.org)

Young Survival Coalition (YSC) is an organization dedicated to the critical issues unique to young women who are diagnosed with breast cancer. YSC offers resources, connections and outreach so women feel supported, empowered and hopeful.

## **Fertility Preservation**

### **The Oncofertility Consortium**

[oncofertility.northwestern.edu](http://oncofertility.northwestern.edu)

The oncofertility Consortium answers fertility preservation FAQ and explores reproductive options for individuals with a history of cancer.

### **Team Maggie**

<https://www.teammaggieforacure.org>

Fertility Assistance Grants up to \$2,500 to assist residents in the US facing cancer treatments with fertility preservation expenses including, but not limited to, egg retrieval, and up to 1 year of storage fees.

### **Verna's Purse**

[vernaspurse.org](http://vernaspurse.org)

ReproTech's program, Verna's Purse, provides discounted long-term reproductive tissue storage for qualifying male and female patients.

## **Financial Support**

### **The SamFund**

[thesamfund.org](http://thesamfund.org)

The SamFund provides financial assistance to young adults as they regain momentum in their lives after cancer. Grant funding support is available twice a year for young adult cancer survivors.

### **The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults Scholarship Assistance**

[ulmanfund.org](http://ulmanfund.org)

UCF provides scholarships to young adults between the ages of 15 and 39 during their own diagnosis/treatment or during the diagnosis/treatment of their parent or sibling or spouse. The application process for scholarships opens in the fall prior to the academic year of the award.

### **Cancer Survivors Fund**

[cancersurvivorsfund.org](http://cancersurvivorsfund.org)

Scholarships are granted for college education of the cancer survivors. Recipients are selected by a committee based on applicants' personal hardship and financial need.

**National Collegiate Cancer Foundation**

[collegiatecancer.org/scholarships](http://collegiatecancer.org/scholarships)

The National Collegiate Cancer Foundation was established to provide services and support to young adults whose lives have been impacted by cancer and who have continued with their education throughout treatment or after their treatment.

**Young Adult Cancer Survivor Camps**

Free outdoor adventure trips focused on peer connection and empowerment. Each organization offers different adventure activities in natural settings all across the country.

**First Descents**

[www.firstdescents.org](http://www.firstdescents.org)

**True North Treks**

[www.truenorthtreks.org](http://www.truenorthtreks.org)

**EPIC experience**

[www.epicexperience.org](http://www.epicexperience.org)

**Camp Koru**

[www.projectkoru.org](http://www.projectkoru.org)

**Base2Summit**

[www.cassiehinesshoescancer.org/camps/chscf-base2summit-camp](http://www.cassiehinesshoescancer.org/camps/chscf-base2summit-camp)