



The mission of **The Pablove Foundation** is to fund pediatric cancer research and advances in treatment, educate and empower cancer families, and improve the quality of life for children living with cancer through hospital play, music and arts programs.

The Pablove Foundation is named after Pablo Thraikill Castelaz, the son of Jo Ann Thraikill and Jeff Castelaz and the little brother of Grady Gallagher. Pablo was six years old when he lost his valiant year long battle with bilateral anaplastic Wilms Tumor, a rare form of childhood cancer in June 2009. Imbued with his spirit and inspired by his strength, the Pablove Foundation is dedicated to the daily, global fight against childhood cancer and the suffering that comes in its wake. We fight on in order to amplify one simple message: kids get cancer too. The Pablove Foundation awarded our first three Childhood Cancer Research Grants in 2011.

We are pleased to announce that we will be awarding a minimum of two research grants at \$50,000.00 each (direct costs) in 2012. The purpose of these research grants is to fund senior postdoctoral fellows/junior faculty (M.D. or Ph.D.) or to provide seed money to established investigators for innovative basic, translational, clinical and epidemiological research directed to pediatric and adolescent cancer. Applications that focus on Wilms tumor and rare childhood cancers will be given preference. Applications from senior fellows and junior faculty investigators are particularly encouraged.

Applications are due by March 15, 2012.

The Scientific Advisory Committee chaired by Leo Mascarenhas, M.D., M.S. will review the applications and make recommendations for funding to the Board of Directors. Successful applicants will be notified by May 30, 2012 following approval of the Board of Directors. The award will be effective July 1, 2012 for a period of 1 year.

Consideration will be made for a second year of identical funding dependent on satisfactory progress, demonstration of need to continue with promising results and availability of funds at the discretion of the Board of Directors. This progress report should be submitted to Megan Rudebeck by email at megan@pablove.org by **January 31, 2013**.

The Scientific Advisory Committee is represented by:

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Application forms may be downloaded from www.pablove.org



GUIDELINES:

1. Area of Research

The research proposal should be in the area of Childhood or Adolescent Cancer. Special consideration will be given to proposals that focus on Wilms Tumor and rare childhood cancers. Proposals addressing mechanisms of disease, genetics, preclinical models, biomarkers and surrogate markers, prognostic factors, diagnosis, innovative clinical therapeutic trials, minimal residual disease detection, treatment, supportive care and prevention or amelioration of long-term effects of therapy will be considered.

2. Investigator

The Principal Investigator should be a postdoctoral level (M.D. or Ph.D.). Senior fellows or junior faculty with or without funding, but show a potential to successfully compete for federal grants will be given priority. Seed funding for new projects from Senior Investigators will also be considered.

3. Amount of Budget

Amount awarded will be a maximum of \$50,000 direct costs. These funds may cover investigators' salaries, supplies, technical help and travel. Indirect costs at a maximum of 5% of the grant amount will be provided to sponsoring institutions on submission of the progress report for the funded year. Budget will cover one year, **July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013**. The opportunity for an additional year of funding will be considered based on productivity, progress demonstrated within the first year and available funds.

4. Application

An application form is enclosed and follows the NIH guidelines. It contains:

- I) a front page with title, name and signature of investigator and an abstract (250 words);
- II) an investigator's biographical sketch (NIH format);
- III) ~~the~~ budget form;
- IV) present sources of funding;
- V) ~~the~~ research plan, maximum of 8 pages (including specific aims, background, preliminary data, research strategy including significance, innovation and approach, and references); No appendix should be included.
- VI) a letter of support from the applicant's Division or Department Head documenting the institution's commitment to the applicant and their proposed research and two letters from scientific/medical colleagues familiar with the investigator and his/her proposal. Post-doctoral fellows should include a letter from their research mentor. **Applications that do not follow this format will not be evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Committee.**

5. Human Subjects and Vertebrate Animals

In case human subjects will be used in the proposed study, the ~~investigators~~ should send a letter or standard form from the Institutional Review Board on human subjects investigation of their institution approving the project, as well as a copy of the informed consent. In the case of the use of vertebrate animals, the investigator should submit an approval letter from the Animal Care Committee of its sponsoring institution. Funding cannot be initiated for a successful application until these documents are received by The Pablove Foundation.

The grant application should be submitted electronically by March 15, 2012 to Megan Rudebeck (megan@pablove.org).

Notification of successful application and award: May 31, 2012
Funding starts: July 1, 2012 Funding Ends: June 30, 2013
Renewal application due: January 31, 2013
Progress Report due: August 31, 2013



**APPLICATION FOR RESEARCH GRANT FROM THE
The Pablove Foundation- fighting childhood cancer with love.**

I. Front Page:

1. Project Title: _____

2. Principal Investigator:

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

3. Applicant's Organization:

Name

Address

Phone

Email

4. Human Subjects: Yes No

5. Vertebrate Animals: Yes No

6. ABSTRACT (250 Words)

7. Applicant's Signature and Date: _____

II. NIH BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

III. BUDGET:

A. Personnel

	Name	Position Title	Time Effort %	Salary	Fringe Benefits	Total
1.						
2.						
3.						

Total _____

B. Equipment

Total _____

C. Supplies

Total _____

D. Travel

Total _____

E. Other

Total _____

TOTAL COSTS

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IV. SUPPORT:

- 1. Present Support:** (include source, title principal investigator, % effort of applicant, cost and period)
- 2. Pending Support:** (include source, title, principal investigator, % effort of applicant, cost and period)

V. RESEARCH PLAN:

1. Specific Aims
2. Background and Rationale
3. Preliminary Data
4. Methods
5. References

(Should not exceed 8 single spaced pages, minimum 11 pt font Arial)

VI. Letters of support/recommendation:

1. Division/Department Head _____

2. Research Mentor (for post-doctoral fellow) _____

3. _____

