



"Raising Hope for Families with Lyme"

Doctor Letter Requirements

LymeLight Foundation determines medical eligibility with the assistance of the applicant's treating U.S. physician. For an application to be considered fully submitted for grant consideration, the physician's letter must meet **all** of the following requirements:

- Written on official physician letterhead
- Addressed to LymeLight Foundation
- Include applicant's full name and date of birth
- Confirmation of a diagnosis of Lyme disease:
 - May be a clinical diagnosis based on signs and symptoms
 - According to the CDC, Lyme disease is diagnosed based on symptoms, physical findings (e.g. erythema migrans rash), and the possibility of exposure to ticks
 - Must state there is a "diagnosis of Lyme disease", "diagnosis of tick-borne illness" or "diagnosis of vector-borne illness"
- Provide a brief clinical case history
- Signed by the treating physician

Additionally, it is helpful to include commentary regarding the applicant's financial need.

Additional Information

- Letters that do not clearly confirm a diagnosis of Lyme disease will not be accepted.
- A positive laboratory test does not replace the requirement for a physician letter.
- Letters that do not meet all requirements will be returned for re-issue.
- A treating physician is defined as a Lyme-literate MD, ND, DO, PA-C, or NP.
- Naturopathic Doctors (NDs) must have graduated from a [CNME-accredited institution](#).
- The grant application will not be considered complete or eligible for Board review until the physician letter is received.
- The physician letter remains valid for two (2) years.