QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PATIENT/PARENT SPONSORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER TIF CONFERENCE

On November 17-19, the Thalassaemia International Federation will hold its 14th International Conference on Thalassaemia & Haemoglobinopathies and 16th TIF International Conference for Patients & Parents in Thessaloniki, Greece. The Cooley's Anemia Foundation is pleased to make available a limited amount of funding for up to 10 U.S. thalassemia patients or parents of thalassemia patients to help defray some of the costs associated with traveling to and attending the Conference. Individuals interested in applying for this support should fill out the form below and **return to <u>cbutler@thalassemia.org</u> (or fax to 212-279-5999) by August 10, 2017**. Decisions on funding will be made by **August 20, 2017**. Please note that submission of this application form does not guarantee funding.

Recipients of support from the Cooley's Anemia Foundation are responsible for registering for the Conference, and completing all hotel and travel arrangements. Patients may wish to room with other patients in order to cut down on their hotel costs. The Foundation will request copies of receipts to verify expenses; any unused support provided by the Foundation should be returned to the Foundation.

Those selected to receive support are expected to attend three days of meetings (Nov. 17-19) unless health issues preclude full participation. Individuals with health issues should check with their doctors to determine what accommodations/ arrangements they may need to make in order to safely travel internationally.

For information about the Conference, please visit <u>www.tifevents.org</u>. Any questions concerning the Conference should be forwarded to TIF or the Conference organizers, rather than to the Cooley's Anemia Foundation.

1. What is your name and contact information (email, phone)?

2. What is your age? _____

3. Do you have a valid passport? _____

4. Have you attended a Cooley's Anemia Foundation Patient-Family Conference? If so, which one(s)?

5. Have you attended an international thalassemia conference before? If so which one(s)?

6. Are you willing to participate in roundtable discussions during the Conference?

7. Have you participated in a Cooley's Anemia Foundation CareWalk, either as a Walker or a donor?

8. Do you or your parents belong to a Cooley's Anemia Foundation chapter? If so, which one? _____

9. Do you speak any languages other than English? If so, which one(s)?

10. Will you be able to spend 3 days (Nov. 17-19) in meetings?

11. Travel time will most likely be about 12/14 hours on an airplane; are you comfortable on long distance flights?

12. In the space below, please tell us the main reason(s) you would like to attend this international thalassemia conference?

If chosen and sponsored, you will be asked to give a brief summary of your experience highlighting the sessions that gave you the most value.