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## Egg Donation on the Rise

Why are more young women looking into this tough procedure?

This year, fertility clinics are reporting an upswing in the number of young women interested in donating their eggs. And some reproductive specialists suspect the slumping economy is driving the surge. Donors typically are compensated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for their eggs—a hefty sum for many young women trying to pay for college or the cost of living expenses, explains Nancy Block, founder and director of the Center for Egg Options, in Illinois.

But keep in mind that donating your eggs is physically taxing, and experts warn that any woman who does it should have an altruistic motive as well.



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