

Name of Foster Care Agency, if not placed directly by DYFS

OR:

Group Home/Residential Facility Director's Name (please print)

Date

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Fostering Wishes for Children awards are distributed until released funding is expended. Approved awards will be mailed out ASAP. A minimum of 8 weeks is required to process the applications and checks. Be sure to include the child's ID# from your board check to expedite processing. If your application is denied, you will receive notification by mail or phone. If you do not receive an award, please feel free to submit another application when funding is released again next year. The items listed below qualify for funding, so long as funding is available and the request is not being met through Flexible Funding or other programs. FAFS' Executive Committee will review applications submitted for activities/items not listed.

Qualifying activities/items for a Fostering Wishes Award

- Rental or purchase of equipment or supplies for special training/instruction, e.g., musical instruments, art supplies (unless cost is assumed by the school);
Specialized training or instruction based upon exceptional ability, skill, or interest demonstrated by the child, e.g., music, art, computer science (unless cost is assumed by the school);
Registration and/or uniform and equipment expenses for organized youth organizations such as Little League and other sports, Girl and Boy Scouts, 4H and other local recreational programs (unless funds are available through DYFS), * Private, public, and parochial school uniforms are NOT covered;
Class trips, field trips (unless cost is assumed by the school);
Graduation/senior class expenses, e.g., yearbook, class ring, prom tickets; **
School Pictures; metal eyeglass frames or contact lens not covered by medicaid

*A DYFS Special Clothing Check may be issued from the LO Bank Account for the purchase of "required uniforms when a child in placement belongs to an organized youth organization, such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Little League, etc."1

**Clothing expenses related to "specific clothing for a child in placement for religious or educational ceremonies that is not part of the child's wardrobe"1 are available from DYFS through special clothing checks. This is generally interpreted to include expenses related to a graduation outfit /caps and gowns.

Please consider my request for \$ towards the following special activity/item:

Please attach available documentation to show cost of activity/item requested.

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Form with fields for Date, County, FAFS Authorization, FAFS BOD Officer, Amount, and checkboxes for Approved and Denied.