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Something Special Fund FAQ's

What is the Something Special Fund?

The Something Special Fund provides funding for special activities and items beyond the scope of daily living that provide life-enrichment and joy for children in foster care. In other words, the fund does not support items such as groceries or clothing or items that the caregiver or the county is responsible for providing. These are items and activities that enhance the child's life and that their caregivers are unable to provide.

Are all requests that fall within the scope of eligibility funded?

The program is funded through grants, individual and corporate contributions. Requests are reviewed by Promises2Kids for *appropriateness* and subject to availability of funds.

What are some examples of eligible request?

Martial Arts lessons / Band / Cheerleading / Sport Uniforms or equipment /Musical Instruments / Music Lessons/ Sports Camps / Swim Lessons / Zoo / Legoland / Sea World passes/ Senior Pictures/ Class Ring /Field Trips / 6th Grade Camp/ Grad Night/ Sports Registration Fees.

Who is eligible for Something Special Funds?

Children who are currently in the San Diego County Foster care system.

How much can I ask for?

Funding is limited so a minimal request ensures more children will benefit from the program. Our average request amount is \$100.

Who may apply for Something Special Funds?

Something Special Fund applications may **ONLY** be submitted by **County social workers, ILS case workers, city or county agencies, or the Public Defender's office.**

How long will it take to process my request?

Please allow 2–3 weeks from the date Promises2Kids receives the completed application and supporting documents for check processing.

How are the checks distributed/paid?

We provide a check written directly to the vendor/company before the activity takes place. **ONLY** in special circumstances and with prior approval can we reimburse caregivers for prepaid items or services. We require that a clearly printed official receipt be attached to the form (applications missing official receipts will not be processed).

Is there any additional follow up I need to do after the request is filled?

If the recipient of the funds is over age 6, we ask that you provide a thank you note or card from the child. We never release personal information on any child in the foster care system without court approval.