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Something Special Fund Application Information

The Something Special Fund was founded by Promises2Kids to provide money for life-enhancing activities and services for children currently within the foster care system in San Diego County. The premise is to enrich the lives of foster children by allowing them to participate in activities that they would otherwise not be able to afford. Please be aware that this is a privately funded program; all requests will be reviewed by Promises2Kids, but not all requests will be granted due to funding or other issues.

Some examples of previously funded requests:

Karate / Kung Fu / Tae Kwon Do 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 currently within the San Diego County Foster care system who have not yet been emancipated. ***The request limit is \$75 per child per year.***

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.

What can the Something Special Fund not pay for?

Child care, food, clothing, furniture, school supplies or anything else not mentioned that the county/foster parents are obligated to provide.

Please note that our preferred method is to provide a check written **directly** to the vendor/company **before** the activity takes place. **ONLY** in special circumstances 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). Please allow 2 – 3 weeks from the date Promises2Kids receives the completed application and supporting documents for check processing.

If the recipient of the funds is over age 6, a thank-you note is much appreciated, and will go a long way toward helping us to obtain more donations, thus helping more foster youth. Confidentiality and child's identity will be respected.