



Redwood Empire Foster Parent Association

Policies and Procedures for Scholarship/Special Needs Request

All applications must be **filled out completely** by social worker or resource family and submitted to scholarship.refpa21@gmail.com. The Scholarship form will be available on REFPA.org and may be submitted by Social Worker or Resource Parent.

Sonoma County foster youth with an open CPS case, ages newborn to 18 (still in high school), are eligible for assistance up to \$400.00 annually.

Section A:

Awards up to \$400 a year will be considered for financial assistance for items which may include but are not limited to:

- Health: braces, glasses, fitness
- Sports: shoes, uniform, etc.
- School activities: fieldtrips, calculator, etc.
- Extracurricular activities
- Music: instrument, equipment, lessons
- Camp: cheerleading, football, summer camp/programs, etc.

Upon approval, these scholarships will be paid directly to the service provider, or as reimbursement to the caregiver when receipts are provided.

Scholarship chairperson will investigate alternative methods to fill request when possible.

Section B:

Foster youth graduating from high school may also be entitled to an additional scholarship of no more than \$400 to cover such one time expenses as prom clothing, shoes, pictures, yearbook, class ring, etc.

This one time only scholarship would be in addition to a scholarship from Section A.

These scholarships can be paid directly to the caregiver.

In all cases, any awarded funds that are not used will be refunded to REFPA.

All requests will be considered at monthly Board meeting which is usually the first Monday morning of the month or by email.

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