



## Redwood Empire Foster Parent Association

### **Scholarship/Special Needs Request Guidelines**

The scholarship application is available on [www.refpa.org](http://www.refpa.org) and is to be completely filled out by the social worker or Resource Parent. Scholarship requests will be presented on the first Monday of each month at the REFPA Board Meeting.

Sonoma County foster youth with an open CPS case, ages newborn to 18 (still in highschool), 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 and Fitness
- Sports: shoes, uniform, and costs associated with sports (ie: football, baseball, martial arts, dance, swim)
- School Activities: field trips and calculators
- Extracurricular Activities
- Music: instrument and lessons
- Camps: cheerleading, football, summer camp/programs

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 requests when possible.

#### **Section B:**

Foster youth graduating from highschool may also be entitled to an additional scholarship of no more than \$400 to cover one time expenses such 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.