



Something Special Fund Application Information

The Something Special Fund was founded by Promises2Kids to provide funding support 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 their caregivers cannot or will not provide. Please be aware that this is a privately funded program; Promises2Kids will review all requests, but not all requests will be granted based on funding availability.

Some examples of previously funded requests:

Martial Arts lessons / Band / Cheerleading / Sport Uniforms or equipment / Musical Instruments / Music Lessons / 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 that have open-dependency cases, are in out-of-home placements in San Diego, and 18 years or under. Funding is limited to \$200 per youth per year to ensure more children will benefit from this program.

Who may apply for Something Special Funds?

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

What can the Something Special Fund not pay for?

Childcare, food, clothing, furniture, medical or dental supplies such as glasses or braces, mixed martial arts/kick boxing, day care, school supplies or anything else not mentioned that the county or foster parents are obligated to provide.

Exceptions:

- 1). Special requests, such as applications requesting funds in excess of our limit will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and are subject to approval by the CEO.
- 2). Summer camps will only be funded if youth has been denied a campership and may require a cost share agreement.

Please note that our preferred method is to provide payment 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). 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 future donations, thus helping more foster youth. Confidentiality and child's identity will be respected.