

FAFLC Financial Assistance

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Purpose: To offer financial assistance to a member of the Foster and Adoptive Families of Larimer County (FAFLC) or their foster, foster/adopt, guardianship, kinship, or adopted children, birth children will not be considered. Assistance will only be provided if not otherwise covered by Medicaid, a county department of human services, a member's agency affiliation, or any other source available to a member.

Qualification: Must be a current, active, in good standing, member of FAFLC or the child of a member. The foster family must have been a member of FAFLC for six months before accessing Financial Assistance as well as completed a minimum of four (4) hours of volunteering to benefit the association, unless the opt out of volunteering has been paid. Timeliness is of the utmost importance requests for reimbursement must be submitted within 60 days of the occurrence should the request be submitted after 60 days it will not receive consideration.

A request must be submitted to the FAFLC Board of Directors and received by the Treasurer with the amount specified and there must be supporting documentation attached such as a receipt, cancelled check, a letter from an institution or agency.

The FAFLC has a limited amount of funds and requests are reviewed and voted upon by the Board of Directors, this process can take 30-45 days to complete. If a submitted request is denied a letter of explanation will be provided.

Requests not considered – FAFLC will not reimburse for daycare expenses, attorney fees, or any type of personal loans.

*****FAFLC will cover the below items (Camp/Sports, Personal Enhancement, Tutoring, Eye Glasses and Medical Needs) with appropriate submittal and board approval. It will be a cumulative total not per item for a given year. Reimbursement will not exceed \$500 per child. The year for membership and Financial Assistance requests is from March 1st to February 28th.**

- **Camp/Sports** – FAFLC will offer up to \$500 per child per membership year for camps, sports, or recreation programs. The family must submit to the Board of Directors a request for the funding. A copy of the receipt or a copy of the cancelled check along with information, or course schedule must accompany the request.
- **Personal Enhancement Activities** – FAFLC will offer up to \$500 per child per membership year. Only a total of \$500 will be offered in a year. Items under this category may include but are not limited to: music lessons, art classes, modeling, and dance lessons
- **Tutoring/Summer School** – FAFLC will offer up to \$500 per child per membership year for needed tutoring or summer school programs. The family must write the association and request for the funding and state the child's need for the activity or request from an instructor. A copy of the cost of the tutoring and the center/instructor the child will attend and the course schedule must accompany the request.

Educational Needs - FAFLC will consider reasonable requests that are not covered by a child's school district IEP or 504 plan. A submittal must include documentation of the expense and why the school district is not covering the expense.

Respite – FAFLC will consider reasonable requests based on child and family need

Eye Glasses/Contacts – FAFLC will cover any expenses incurred that are not covered by Medicaid as long as funds are available and a family can demonstrate a need in their request.

Dental / Medical Needs/Therapies – FAFLC will cover any expenses incurred that are not covered by Medicaid and a family can demonstrate a need for the request and an explanation why Medicaid does not cover the request. All reasonable requests will be reviewed by the FAFLC Board of directors

Orthodontics – FAFLC will offer financial assistance not to exceed \$1500 per child requiring orthodontics. A copy of orthodontist's quotation must be submitted along with a letter stating why the orthodontia is being requested. The foster family must write a letter of request and state that if it is a foster or kinship child is a long-term placement so the association can be assured that the child will follow through the entire course of appointments. The family also must illustrate that other sources of assistance have been sought out. FAFLC requests that a family exhaust all other means of financial support including out of county sources. Should a child receiving financial assistance from the FAFLC move to another foster home or be returned home during the course of treatment the financial assistance will be reviewed by the FAFLC Board of Directors

First Aid/CPR – FAFLC will reimburse for current certification classes taken for an adult member for either the 1st Aid class, CPR training or combination. A class receipt or a copy of the certification card must be submitted to the FAFLC Treasurer.

Classes or Trainings - FAFLC encourages members to expand their knowledge with education regarding the care of children. It will reimburse for any educational classes taken provided they are not covered by any other means and are directly related to the benefit of a child. A copy of the class description, receipt of payment and some type of acknowledgement that the class was attended must be submitted. The association would also like a brief description/summary of the training submitted. Reimbursement may also be made for members to attend National, State, County or local trainings regarding housing, travel, registration and meal expense. Prior approval should be made to be sure the expenses would be allowed.

High School Graduates – FAFLC will assist any child who is a high school graduating senior with their graduation expenses not to exceed \$150.00, provided the association is assured the student will graduate from high school. The funds can be used for cap & gown, announcements, senior pictures, etc. The request must be a direct expense to graduation and not expenses such as class ring, senior trip, a graduation party, etc.

Any other assistance – FAFLC will consider any other request that a member or a member's child submits. All requests must be submitted in writing with supportive documentation attached. The request must be submitted to the Board of Directors and approved by a majority of the directors prior to receipt.

*****NOTE if a child is over the age of 18 and has a Medicaid waiver, they are not eligible for financial assistance.**

Definitions:

Foster Child — a child who is cared for by someone who is not the natural or adoptive parent and whose legal custody is held by a Department of Human Services

FAFLC considers the following as kinship when reviewing financial needs requests:

Kinship Care – the care of a child by relatives or close family friend

- Relative - an adult related to a child by blood, adoption or affinity with the fifth degree including stepparents, stepsiblings and all relatives whose status is preceded by the words "great" or "grand" or the spouse of any persons even if their marriage was terminated by death or dissolution.

Guardian – a person who is entrusted by law with the care of another such as a minor incapable of managing his or her own affairs.

FAFLC will only recognize those parent/child relationships that have been acknowledged by the court system or other supportive documentation stating a parental custody relationship exists.