



Grant Approval Guidelines

The *Iowa Friends of Foster Children Foundation* is a nonprofit which was established in 1991 to provide funds for items that benefit foster children, but are not covered by the state's foster care or medical programs.

The Friends Foundation was started by and continues to be run by volunteers. It has no paid staff members, so all funds received go directly towards the foster children grants. All grant applications are reviewed by a Grant Committee, which is made up of Friends Foundation Board members.

Items **not** covered by the Friends Foundation include:

- Medical expenses (those covered by medical programs)
- Birthday or holiday gifts
- Clothing
- Furniture
- Any other items covered by foster care payments

We have a limit of \$200.00 per child, per year. To help only half of the 5,000 foster children in Iowa each year, it would cost \$500,000. On an average year, the foundation has been able to offer assistance to 200 children.

Every item or opportunity that is granted is meant for the children, and must be taken by the child when they leave their placement. Requests that would qualify for grant dollars would include items such as senior pictures, class rings, summer camp, etc. **The amount requested needs to be detailed and itemized including the business name and full mailing address. The check will be written out to the business and can be mailed to you or directly to the business. If items have already been purchased and you would like to be reimbursed, a copy of all receipts must be submitted with your application. Applications that are received without receipts, cannot be processed.**

To be considered for a Friends Foundation grant, please complete an application and send it along with copies of receipts to the address listed below. Please note: Grant applications are only reviewed once a month. Please allow time for the grant to be reviewed when considering the date for your grant request. You will be notified in writing of the decision by the Board of Directors. Decisions will be made on an individual basis.

If you have questions concerning an application, please call 800-277-8145 or via e-mail at friends@iowafosterchildfund.org.

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