

Northern Black Hills REALTORS® For Kids Funding Guidelines

Requests for funding are judged based on the following criteria:

- Age – Children under the age of 18 are eligible. Requests for children 18 and over (still attending high school) will be considered.
Geographic Area –The child must live in one of the Northern Black Hills area communities or attend school districts served by the Mount Rushmore Area Association of Realtors®. These communities include Belle Fourche, Deadwood, Lead, Newell, Nisland, Spearfish, St.Onge, Sturgis, and Vale as well as the Belle Fourche, Lead-Deadwood, Meade, Newell, Spearfish and Harding County School Districts.
- Need – Children in homes that have suffered a temporary or long term financial hardship will be considered for requests that involve school and/or community activities (ie. school band, sports programs, leadership workshops, pre-school, etc.).
- Medical needs – Children with medical needs that require immediate and ongoing treatment. Requests for funds to help offset expenses to travel to medical treatment facilities out of the area will be considered.
- Community-based organizations that provide care for children that have special needs, are abused, neglected or abandoned. Annual funding allocations may be considered for organizations, the funds must be directed to the specific child and not put in the operational accounts and a follow up report is required. (see appendix A) An example of such programs are Northern Hills Area CASA, Suncatcher’s Therapeutic Riding Academy, Canyon Hills, and others.
- Clothing Guidelines will vary upon age and size per child per request. If additional funding is needed then have another request submitted for review. We ask that original receipts be returned to RFK.
- Daycare / Pre-School Guidelines – if the care is prepaid, a return form is required to be signed by the provider stating any unused funds will be returned to RFK if the child drops out, does not attend or if the guardian stops paying their portion of the bill. The Board can approve term requests but the facility will be funded in three month increments upon receipt of an invoice and updated report from the provider that the child is still in attendance. (see appendix B)
- Multiple funding requests for the same child will be limited to \$750 per year. Funding for expenses above \$750 per year will be considered on a “case by case” basis and must be reviewed, discussed and voted on via email or the next scheduled board meeting with a quorum of at least 6 directors.