

Grant Guidelines APPLICATION FOR TARGETED ACTIVIST YOUTH

The Mission of the Rosenberg Fund for Children

The Rosenberg Fund for Children (RFC) was established to provide for the educational and emotional needs of children whose parents have suffered because of their progressive activities and who, therefore are no longer able to provide fully for their children. The RFC also provides grants for the educational and emotional needs of activist youth whose targeting has resulted in a significant adverse life impact. Professionals and institutions will be awarded grants to provide services at no or reduced cost.

Who Can Apply

Applications may be submitted by or on behalf of targeted activist youth in the United States whose pursuit of progressive values (i.e. that all people have equal worth, that people are more important than profits, that world peace is a necessity, and that society must function within ecologically sustainable limits) has left them unable to fully provide for themselves for reasons such as:

- They have lost a job.
- They have been harassed, suffered physical injury or mental disability.
- They have been imprisoned.

What the Rosenberg Fund for Children Funds

The RFC funds institutions and individual providers who support the values listed above. Subject to our financial ability, we will fund school tuition, camp tuition, counseling, cultural lessons, recreational programs, and after-school programs. While we primarily provide such funds for the benefit of those under 19 years old, we do make "Carry it Forward" awards of \$600 per year to young adults to help pay for books and supplies for college or a similar program designed to prepare them for adult life. We also make one-time "Special Travel" awards to young adults between the ages of 19 and 24. We also have a "Prison Visit Program" for children whose activist parents are in prison (see separate application form).

What the Rosenberg Fund for Children Does Not Fund

The RFC is unable to consider grants for general living expenses, like housing, clothing, and food, or for the benefit of those who have sufficient alternative sources of support. The RFC usually does not make grants directly to activists, custodians or guardians. **The RFC does not pay for legal defense costs.**

We are currently able to make regular grants of up to \$3,000 per year, but for no more than \$2,000 in any granting cycle. There are two granting cycles per year (see Granting Process below).

Granting Process

The RFC Board of Directors will award all grants. Grants will be awarded in April and November. The deadline for applications for April grants is March 21st and for November grants is October 13th. ***Grant requests requiring immediate attention because of special needs may be considered at other times on an individual basis.*** Applicants should complete the attached application form and mail it to the RFC at the above address. For questions or assistance, please call us at 413-529-0063.

Targeted Activist Youth Application Form

1. A. Targeted Youth Activist (Person unable to fully provide for his/her self because s/he was specifically targeted as a result of progressive activity as described in the guidelines).

Please provide us with a summary of your progressive activities that caused you to be fired, harassed, injured, imprisoned, etc. as described in the guidelines and explain how the targeting has had a significant adverse life impact. We will be unable to review your application if your answer provides us with insufficient information; however, please limit your response to three pages. Documentation such as a newspaper article, when available, should be attached for verification. **(Please type if possible.)**

B. Please describe your current situation including your financial, work, living, and health situation.

NOTE: Discrimination is not enough. We have received applications from those who have endured discrimination. While we deplore such discrimination, the RFC only funds those who have suffered discrimination in response to their activism. That is what we mean by "targeting." You do not fall within our guidelines unless you have been targeted.

2. A. Name and address of targeted activist youth.

Name _____
Address _____
_____ zip _____
E-Mail _____
Telephone
day (____) _____ eve (____) _____

B. Name and address of legal guardian if the targeted activist youth is under age 18.

Name _____
Address _____
_____ zip _____
E-Mail _____
Telephone
(____) _____ (____) _____
day eve

Note: *The legal guardian must consent to this application if the activist youth is less than 18 years old.*

Parent/Guardian Signed Date

C. Gender and birth date of activist youth.

Date of birth ____/____/____
Gender (circle one) F M

NOTE: *The targeted activist youth is required to sign this application.*

Activist Youth Signed Date

D. Name and address of person completing this form if other than activist youth.

Name _____
Address _____
_____ zip _____
E-Mail _____
Telephone
(____) _____ (____) _____
day eve

3. Special Circumstances: Please describe anything special about the activist youth's current living situation, health or emotional state. (For example, activist youth is not living with parent/guardian.)

4. Reference. Please provide a letter of reference from a person who is familiar with the applicant's activism (not a relative and preferably not a close personal friend) and is aware of this request for services.

Name _____
Address _____
_____ zip _____

Phone (area code): day (____) _____
eve (____) _____
E-Mail address: _____

5. Type of Request: (Please check all that apply)

See page 2, Basic Information Sheet ("Granting Programs Basic Overview")

___ Regular RFC Granting Fund

___ Carry it Forward (CIF)*

___ Special Travel (For travel that has educational or therapeutic value.)

Special Travel cannot be used to fund a vacation.

*CIF applicants, please indicate year in college or expected date of completion for other training programs below.

6. Provider. (School, camp, therapist, etc.) Regular Grants will usually be made directly to institutions or providers.

If you have a non-professional relationship with the provider, such as family ties or friendship, please note it. In most situations, we cannot provide grants to close family members for services.

Name _____ Nature of Service Provided _____

Address _____

_____ zip _____

(school, camp, cultural program, counseling, etc.)

Phone (____) _____

Include a copy of the provider's brochure (if they have one) and a letter from the provider indicating that the provider is aware of this application and is willing to cooperate with the RFC.

If you do not have a provider at the time of application, you may not receive the full amount requested.

7. Grant Request

Amount of Support Needed: \$ _____

(Maximum Regular Grant amount is \$2,000 per activist youth per cycle with a \$3,000 yearly limit)

Date service to start: _____ Date service to end: _____

Any deadline we should know about: _____

List below other sources of support for these services. (Use additional page if necessary.)

Please attach an additional sheet if the space provided for the answer to any question is inadequate.

CHECKLIST - We must have the following before we can review your application:

1. Completed application form.
2. Material verifying targeted progressive activity (Question 1).
3. Letter of reference (Question 4).
4. Brochure or similar material from service provider, if applicable (Question 6).
5. Letter from service provider (Question 6).

PLEASE MAIL TO:

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116 Pleasant Street, Suite 348
Easthampton, MA 01027

OR CONTACT US FOR ASSISTANCE. IT'S OUR JOB TO BE HELPFUL.

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