

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.

Who Can Apply

Applications may be submitted by or on behalf of targeted activist youth (TAY) 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

Subject to financial considerations, the RFC funds such things as: counseling, school tuition, camp tuition, cultural lessons, and after-school programs for TAY up to age 18. TAY ages 18 to 24 are eligible for "Carry it Forward" awards of \$600 per year to help pay for books and supplies for college or skills training courses designed to prepare them for adult life, and for Development Grants made once a year to further their education, support their emotional needs or develop their organizing skills. Whenever possible, the RFC prefers to make grants directly to programs or providers (e.g. tutors, dance instructors, summer camp, etc.), but when necessary will process grants as reimbursements to parents, legal guardians, or TAY.

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 applications who have sufficient alternative sources of support. **The RFC does not pay for legal defense costs.** The RFC does not make grants to institutions that the Board believes operate in opposition to one or more of the beliefs listed above.

Granting Process

The RFC Board of Directors will award all grants. Grants are awarded in the Spring and Fall. The postmark deadline for applications for Spring grants is March 21st and for Fall 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.

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 for targeted activist youth (TAY) who have not yet completed high school. TAY who have completed high school may be eligible for Carry It Forward awards (CIF) or Development grants (see Basic Information Sheet). 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 the targeted activist youth's current situation including financial, work, living, and health situation. (For example, he/she is not living with parent/guardian or has special health needs.)

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 _____

Email _____
Telephone: home (____) _____
work (____) _____ cell (____) _____

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

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

Name _____
Address _____

Email _____
Telephone: home (____) _____
work (____) _____ cell (____) _____

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

Name _____
Address _____

Email _____
Telephone: home (____) _____
work (____) _____ cell (____) _____

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

Parent/Guardian Signed Date

3. Reference: Please provide a letter of reference from a person who is familiar with the applicant's activism and targeting (not a relative and preferably not a close personal friend).

Name _____ Phone (area code): home (____) _____
Address _____ work (____) _____
_____ zip _____ Email address: _____

4. Type of Request: (Please check all that apply) See page 2, Basic Information Sheet ("Granting Programs Basic Overview") for additional information.

- _____ **Regular Grant (only for those 19 or younger who have not yet completed high school)**
- _____ **\$600 Carry it Forward award (CIF)***
- _____ **\$1000 Development Grant**

*CIF and Development grant applicants, please indicate year in college or expected date of completion for other training programs, the name of your college or university and your academic major or focus (if known);

5. If you are requesting a Development Grant, please explain how you plan to use the funds and the anticipated impact of the grant. Please be as specific as possible.

Applicant's Name: _____

6. Provider (for regular grants only). Regular Grants will usually be made directly to institutions or providers. (Note: there is a maximum of 2 providers per beneficiary). **If you are requesting a computer, a completed Computer Request Form MUST be submitted with your application (available at www.rfc.org/application).**

Please indicate if you have a non-professional relationship with the provider, such as familial ties or friendship. 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 (____) _____ Website: _____

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 for a regular grant at the time of application, you may not receive the full amount requested.

7. Grant Request: Amount of Support Needed: \$ _____

(Maximum Regular Granting amount is \$2,000 per activist youth per cycle with a \$3,000 yearly limit for applicants through age 18. CIF grants are for up to \$600 once a year; TAY Development grants are for up to \$1000 once a year.)

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.)

8. How did you learn about the RFC? _____

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 if applicable (Question 6).

PLEASE RETURN TO: Rosenberg Fund for Children
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OR CONTACT US FOR ASSISTANCE. IT'S OUR JOB TO BE HELPFUL.
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