

Basic Information Sheet

Please read this information sheet and the grant guidelines at the beginning of the application before completing the application. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Project Description

The Rosenberg Fund for Children provides for the educational and emotional needs of children of targeted progressive activists and youth who are targeted activists themselves. In most instances grants are paid to professionals and institutions to provide services to beneficiaries. Please see Granting Programs on page 2 for further details.

Definitions/Limitations

The RFC defines “targeted activist” as someone who as a result of their activism has: lost a job; suffered physical or mental injury or disability; been harassed or discriminated against; been imprisoned; or died. “Progressive activities” are actions taken to further the beliefs that:

- All people have equal worth
- People are more important than profits
- World peace is a necessity
- Society must function within ecologically sustainable limits

What the Rosenberg Fund for Children Funds

Subject to financial considerations, the RFC funds such things as: counseling, school tuition, camp tuition, cultural lessons, after-school programs, prison visits, and supplies for college or a similar program to prepare beneficiaries for adult life. Whenever possible, the RFC prefers to make grants directly to programs or providers (e.g. tutors, dance teachers, summer camps, etc.), but when necessary will process grants as reimbursements to parents, legal guardians, or targeted activist youth.

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

Who Can Apply

Applications may be submitted by parents, custodians, and guardians to benefit children in the United States whose parents’ pursuit of progressive values has left them unable to fully provide for that child as a result of being targeted as outlined above. In addition, the young adult children of targeted activists may submit applications on their own behalf.

Applications may also be submitted by, or on behalf of, targeted activist youth (TAY) whose targeting has resulted in a significant adverse life impact.

Applicants must meet the RFC’s funding criteria.

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Granting Cycles

Applications are considered twice each year. The deadline for applications for Spring grants is March 21st and for Fall grants is October 13th. The RFC Board of Directors awards all grants. For questions or assistance, please call us at (413) 529-0063 or email alli@rfc.org.

Granting Programs Basic Overview:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Granting	through age 18	Up to \$3,000 per child annually but no more than \$2,000 per child in any granting cycle with a \$7,500 per family maximum. Open to the children of targeted activists and targeted activist youth who have not yet completed high school.
Carry It Forward	18 through 24	Once a year award of \$600 for supplies for college or a similar program to prepare for adult life. Open to the children of targeted activists and to targeted activist youth post high school.
Development Grants for Targeted Activist Youth	18 through 24	Once a year award of up to \$1,000 to further their education, support their emotional needs or develop their organizing skills. Open to targeted activist youth only.
Attica Fund Prison Visit	up to 24	Once a year award with a \$2,000 per family annual limit, for no more than three visits per year. Open to the children of targeted activists only.

Programs

Regular Granting – this program provides up to \$3,000 per child annually but no more than \$2,000 per child in any granting cycle with a \$7500 per family maximum. For example, someone who receives a grant of \$2,000 in the spring is only eligible to apply for \$1,000 in the fall; someone who receives \$1,500 in the spring can apply for \$1,500 in the fall. Subject to financial ability, the RFC will fund such things as: school tuition, camp tuition, counseling, cultural lessons, recreational programs, and after-school programs. **NOTE: there is a maximum of two providers per child per granting cycle and a completed computer request form MUST be submitted with all computer requests.** This granting program is open to the children of targeted activists and targeted activist youth through age 18 who have not yet completed high school.

Carry It Forward Awards (CIF) – this program provides \$600 per year to beneficiaries 18 through 24 to help with the cost of books and supplies for college or a similar program to prepare beneficiaries for adult life. Beneficiaries submit receipts from the purchase of books and supplies for reimbursement. Beneficiaries can receive a maximum of four CIF awards. **CIF awards can not be used for college tuition.** This program is open to the children of targeted activists and to targeted activist youth who fit within age guidelines.

Development Grants for Targeted Activist Youth (TAY) – this program provides targeted activist youth ages 18 to 24 with special development grants of up to \$1000 per year to further their education, support their emotional needs or develop their organizing skills. Targeted activist youth are eligible for a maximum of four of these grants, which are intended to support their development as activists and their transition to adulthood.

Attica Fund Prison Visit Program – this program provides funds (over and above the amount available for our Regular Granting or CIFs) for children and youth up to age 24 to visit activist parents or grandparents from whom they have been separated because the activist has been imprisoned. Families can only receive one Attica grant per year.