

Bertha Mead Bequest Grant Guidelines

The Allison Area Foster Parent Support Group is a nonprofit corporation established to provide education, information, services, and support to foster and adoptive families living in Bremer, Butler, Chickasaw, Floyd, Franklin and Grundy Counties in Iowa.

In 2003, we received a bequest from the estate of Bertha Mead to be used to benefit foster children. The board of directors decided to use this bequest to fund scholarships and grants for foster children living in foster homes in our counties or foster children living in homes outside our counties whose foster parents actively participate in our support group.

Grants are intended to be used for items that benefit foster children that are not covered by the state's foster care and Medicaid programs. Requests that would qualify for grant dollars would include items such as musical instruments, senior pictures, class rings, summer camp, prom expenses, class trips, etc. Items not covered by the grant would include medical expenses, birthday or holiday gifts, clothing, furniture, or any other items generally covered by foster care payments.

There is a limit of \$100 per child per calendar year. A copy of the receipt must be included and the payment must be issued to the foster parent. A child may submit more than one grant request during their time in foster care. Every item or opportunity granted is meant for the child. If it is a tangible object, it is to be taken with the child when they leave foster care.

To be considered for a grant, please complete the online application or download an application and send it to the address below. All requests are reviewed within two weeks from the date they are received by members of our board of directors. You will be notified in writing of the decision of the board.

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact us at aafpsg@gmail.com.

Paper applications should be sent to:

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