



Two Probate Court Grants Available to Help Guardians



Probate Court-appointed guardians caring for children may be eligible to receive grants of up to \$2,200 a year from the Kinship Fund and Family Respite Fund programs. Rent, eyeglasses, camp and clothing are among eligible expenses. Apply today!

The **Kinship Fund** awards grants of up to \$550 a child, up to a maximum of \$2,200 per family. Grants must be used for the child or children for:

- Health (eyeglasses, dental care, hearing improvement treatment)
- Enrichment (summer camp, clubs, sports fees, tutoring, art supplies, books)
- Development (clothing for social functions that mark developmental milestones, photographs or other memorabilia)
- Basic needs (school clothes and supplies, coat, hat, mitten, boots, sneakers or related items)

The **Respite Fund** makes grants of up to \$2,200 a year. Grants may be used for a child or children for:

- Housing (rent, property taxes, maintenance, insurance)
- Food (groceries, school meals, restaurants)
- Transportation (public transportation, car purchase, insurance, gas, maintenance)
- Clothing and personal care items
- Education (tuition, books, supplies, uniforms)
- Child care (day care, babysitting, camp, vacation, rec equipment, reading materials)
- Spending allowance

Guardians can apply for both funds. A separate application is required for each. Find the grant application at ctprobate.gov, or contact your local Probate Court.

To be eligible for either grant, a guardian must meet all of the following requirements:

- Is a guardian for a minor child as the result of an appointment by the Probate Court or Superior Court Juvenile Matters
- Qualifies at the time of the grant application for a Probate Court fee waiver or is determined by a Probate Judge to be in need
- Is not receiving benefits from DCF
- Has submitted a grant application with all required documentation