



Our Mission:

Transforming the lives of children in foster care through education.

We accomplish this through:

Improving outcomes for children in foster care so they will have a bright promising future.

Driving student achievement to increase high school completion rates.

Closing the educational gap between what the state provides and what children in foster care need.

Who We Serve

Friends of Wednesday's Child serves foster children and youth who originated within the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Region III, comprised of the 19 counties in North Texas.

Collin	Erath	Johnson
Rockwall	Cooke	Fannin
Kaufman	Somervell	Dallas
Grayson	Navarro	Tarrant
Denton	Hood	Ellis
Palo Pinto	Wise	Hunt
Parker		

How Advocates/Caseworkers Can Submit a Request

1. Complete a 2016 Request Form. (download online)
2. Include supporting documentation for the request.
3. Submit to the proper CPS liaison listed at the bottom of the form.

For more information and resources, please visit our website at

www.wedchild.org

Contact Us:
972-231-1433

For complete processes and details regarding our programs and services, you can download our **FWC Information and Resource Packet** on our website.

Friends of Wednesday's Child

Programs & Services

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Academic Supports

Friends of Wednesday's Child can help youth impacted by foster care find the funding needed to attain their academic goals. Below are examples of types of academic needs FWC supports:

Tutoring

Children and youth in foster care can have serious gaps in their education. FWC works with students, caseworkers, case managers, and certified tutors to ensure youth who need additional support are enrolled and active in tutoring sessions to help bridge their educational gap. FWC helps pay for tutoring up to \$200 per month per student.

Summer School/Credit Replacement

We all sometimes need a little extra help. FWC helps pay for summer school and/or credit replacement to help students stay on track to graduate.

Higher Education Scholarships

Every fall, FWC awards ten (10) new higher education scholarships for youth who are pursuing post-secondary education. Higher Education scholarship applications open March 2016- mark your calendar.

Senior Expenses

We believe in celebrating milestones and High School graduation is an event to be celebrated! FWC helps pay for up to \$150 per student for senior expenses (class rings, senior trip, photo packages, cap & gown, etc.).

Enrichment Supports – Life Beyond the Classroom

Research shows that when youth participate in school and extracurricular activities, they do better in school and in life. The Enrichment Supports program can help pay for a variety of things that youth need to stay engaged.

Sports

Get kids moving! FWC helps pay for team sports, fees and uniforms, necessary equipment, and individual sports like swimming, karate and gymnastics – in school or after school.

Music/Dance/Art

Encouraging passion for music and the arts. FWC helps provide support for piano and guitar lessons, dance club, ballet lessons, art lessons and much more.

Summer Camp

Every summer, FWC awards camp scholarships up to \$200 for youth in foster care to attend the camp of their choice. Summer Camp Applications open at the end of March 2016 – mark your calendars.

School Activities

FWC helps pay for school activities like fees to participate in clubs and sports, educational field trips, and more.

Driver's Education

FWC helps pay for up to \$150 per student for driver's education.

Birthday Memories

Birthday milestones are special to us! We celebrate birthdays by providing a personalized birthday card and a \$20 Walmart gift card for monthly birthdays to children in foster care.

How do you request a birthday card be sent to a student with whom you work?

1. Download the [2016 Birthday Request Form](#) online and submit it to the appropriate CPS contact listed at the bottom of the form.
2. All birthday requests must be submitted by the 21st of the month prior to the child's birthday month.
3. Birthday cards are mailed out at the end of each month to the caseworker or case manager who submitted the request.

Training Supports

Friends of Wednesdays Child provides training for Child Protective Services, Private Placement Agencies, Caregivers and School Districts on how to best provide for the educational needs of children in foster care. For additional training information, please contact arobertson@wedchild.org.

***NEW* – Success in School**

For detailed information on our new educational services program, please email successinschool@wedchild.org