

# **EGGS Foundation Fund Application Guidelines**

A Fund to 'Enhance Life Experiences' for the Berkshire County Foster Children.

## **Vision Statement**

The vision of the *EGGS Foundation for Foster Children* is to enhance life experiences for Foster Children through educational gifts, grants and scholarships to achieve a broader exposure to life's opportunities. The goal of the EGGS Foundation is to build the confidence and knowledge of Foster Children in order to make better life choices.

## **Purpose**

The EGGS Foundation Fund is a community resource to 'enhance life experiences' for children in foster care. The goal of EGGS is to create environments that will enable children to develop confidence, self-esteem and goals as they construct self.

## **Awards**

Gifts; a one time gift of monies/gift certificates/products given for categories to include, but not limited to: school, sports, camps, arts, child & infant care, vacations, clothes and medical.

Grants; a sum given on an ongoing basis for categories to include, but not limited to study and education.

## **Eligibility**

Foster Children under the care of the Pittsfield Department of Social Services (DSS) in the following categories; kinship, respite (part time care), foster care and independent living.

## **To Apply**

The application form is to be completed by a foster child with the support of the foster parent and social worker. Application may be submitted in letter or picture format and are to be sent to Berkshire Taconic.

## **Review Process**

Applications will be reviewed by the EGGS Board. This is a committee comprised of individuals who are active in community affairs. Their recommendations will be reviewed by the Berkshire Taconic's Distribution Committee and Board of Directors.

## **Review Criteria**

Applications will be reviewed as to the quality of program/service requested, impact on the applicant and the ability of the applicant to complete the project requested.

## **Deadline**

Applications will be reviewed accepted quarterly. Deadline for each quarter will be January 1, April 1, July 1 and September 1.

## **Notification**

Applicants will be notified of the EGGS Foundation Fund's decision within 3 weeks of the deadline date.

## **Questions**

Please contact Maeve O'Dea, Berkshire Taconic's Program Officer, at 800-969-2823/413-528-8039 or e-mail [maeve@berkshiretaconic.org](mailto:maeve@berkshiretaconic.org)

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of **EGGS Foundation for Foster Children** is to 'enhance life experiences'.

To fulfill this mission, EGGS will :

- **Establish and distribute Educational Gifts, Grants & Scholarships** to promote foster children's ability to pursue extracurricular activities and to seek broader education goals.
- **Approve grants and scholarships** to support new and current educational foster care programs.
- **Build community programs** to coordinate mutual activities to the benefit of foster children.