

# Dreamers and Believers

Through the generosity of the Dreams R Us Foundation, **embrella** is proud to offer this program for New Jersey children in foster or kinship care, or children adopted through the New Jersey Division of Child Protection & Permanency (CP&P). The Dreamers and Believers initiative helps provide opportunities for special experiences to allow dreams to come true.

**To apply for an award, please complete and submit the attached application form.**

## **Important Information:**

- Qualifying activities:
  - Specialized training or instruction based upon exceptional ability, skill or interest demonstrated by the child
  - Some examples – music lessons or camp, art lessons or camp, science camp, equestrian camp, advanced level tutoring, ballet course, etc.
  - Rental of equipment or supplies for the special training/instruction  
(NO Purchases of Tangible Items)
- Awards are limited to amounts under \$600.00
- Payment will only be made to the vendor or service provider. NO reimbursements will be issued.
- Only signed and fully completed applications will be considered.
- Full award approval is not guaranteed
- Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis
- Quarterly deadlines are as follows (applications must be received in the FAFS office by these dates): March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31. Applications received after the quarterly deadline will be held until the next review period.
- The number and amount of awards is contingent upon funding levels
- Approved awards notification will be mailed three weeks after the calendar quarter in which they are received
- If approved:
  - The caregiver MUST submit proof of deposit for the activity or camp
  - A thank you note to the Dreams R Us Foundation and **embrella** is required prior to payment to vendor
- Decisions of the Awards Committee are final

## **Eligibility Requirement:**

**Dreamers and Believers Awards are granted to children and youth who are currently in foster or kinship care under the authority of the New Jersey Division of Child Protection & Permanency (CP&P) -or- have been adopted through CP&P -or- under Kinship Legal Guardianship (KLG). Recipients must be 21 or under.**

## **Completed applications can be:**

- Faxed to 609.520.1515
- Scanned and emailed to [development@fafsonline.org](mailto:development@fafsonline.org)
- Mailed to **embrella**, Communication & Development Department  
101 College Road East, 3rd Floor ♦ Princeton, NJ 08540
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lynn Patmalnee via email [lpatalnee@embrella.org](mailto:lpatalnee@embrella.org) or by phone at 800.222.0047 Ext. 324



## Dreamers and Believers Award Application

Please type or neatly print the following information.

**PRINT**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Child's ID# (See foster care board check for ID#). If adopted, to obtain the child's ID#, contact Adoption Operations at 609.888.7460. If KLG, attach a copy of the Kinship Legal Guardianship papers.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if the recipient is currently enrolled in the NJFC Scholars Program. ( ) YES ( ) NO  
Dreamers and Believers will not duplicate services provided by the NJFC Scholars Program.

Foster/Kinship/Adoptive Parent's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Foster/Kinship/Adoptive Parent's Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**embrella wants to better understand how this program benefits its recipients. If your application is approved, we will send you a brief follow-up email survey 1-3 months after your funding is distributed. By signing this application, you agree to complete this survey in a timely manner. FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOW-UP SURVEY MAY RESULT IN DENIAL OF FUTURE FUNDING.**

**I have read and understand the information and eligibility requirements for the Dreamers and Believers award process. I also give the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P) permission to confirm any information on this application.**

Foster/Kinship/Adoptive Parent's Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### CP&P Caseworker Contact Information

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Caseworker's Office Location (e.g., Mercer North Local Office) \_\_\_\_\_

### Vendor/Service Provider Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING THREE SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED**

***NOTE: These sections must be filled out by the child if age appropriate.  
If the child is too young, please write from the child's perspective.***

1. Please consider my request for \$\_\_\_\_\_ towards the following special activity:

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2. Describe how this award would assist you in pursuing your DREAM.

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3. If your award were approved, what would you like to say to the Dreams R Us Foundation and embrella for providing this opportunity?

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By checking this box, I grant embrella (formerly Foster and Adoptive Family Services) permission to utilize all or a portion of my or my child's comments, and/or the comments of my child in care, from this application and any thank you notes for the purpose of inclusion in embrella's marketing, information, educational, contractual, fundraising or other materials. I understand only first initials will be used.

**Attach additional pages if needed and available documentation (brochure, flier etc.) to show the cost of activity described.**