

Kinship Fund

Description:

The Kinship Fund, which is administered by the Connecticut Children's Trust Fund, provides grants of \$500 per child, up to \$2,000 per family. Grants are intended to help children and their legal guardian adjust to new circumstances. Funds can be used to improve children's health, which include paying for eyeglasses, dental care and hearing care, and to enrich children's lives by paying for such things as school trips, clubs, sports, educational classes, art supplies and materials, cloths, school uniforms, photographs and other memorabilia for important school functions, lessons such as karate and driver education courses, summer camps, vacations and vocational or trade school supplies. Funds are distributed through the Office of the Probate Court Administrator to select Probate Courts in the state. Grants are based upon available funding, are available one time per calendar year and are awarded at the discretion of the Administrative Judge or his/her designee.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- The child must live with a grandparent or another relative caregiver who either has guardianship through a Probate or Superior Court.
- Cannot be receiving monetary support from the Department of Children and Families (DCF).
- Must apply and qualify for a fee waiver through the Probate Court.

Service Areas:

Program is based upon available funding.

Program Year:

January 1 – December 31

Contact Information:

For additional information and applications:

A guardian appointed in a Probate Court or Superior Court who resides in a city or town that is served by a Regional Children's Probate Court may apply for the kinship fund grant at those courts. Regional Courts and the cities/towns served are listed on the next page.

Regional Courts

New Haven Regional Children's Probate Court
873 State Street
New Haven, CT 06511
Telephone: 203-773-9556
Fax: 203-773-9685
Clerk: Tara Courtmanche

Towns Served:

Branford	New Haven	Orange
East Haven	North Branford	West Haven
Hamden	North Haven	Woodbridge
Milford		

Meriden-Wallingford Regional Children's Probate Court
Meriden City Hall, Room 116
142 East Main Street
Meriden, CT 06450
Telephone: 203-630-4620
Fax: 203-238-8050
Clerk: Cathie Topper

Towns Served:

Meriden	Wallingford
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New London Regional Children's Probate Court
470 Bank Street
New London, CT 06320
Telephone: 860-437-6253
Fax: 860-437-6259
Clerk: Doris Sanders

Towns Served:

Colchester	Ledyard	Salem
East Lyme	Montville	Stonington
Griswold	New London	Waterford

Waterbury Regional Children's Probate Court
65 Center Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
Telephone: 203-573-5080

Fax: 203-573-5088
Clerk: Sherri McPartland

Towns Served:

Cheshire	Southbury	Woodbury
Prospect	Waterbury	

Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court at Willimantic
90 South Park Street
Willimantic, CT 06226
Telephone: 860-450-2653
Fax: 860-450-2657
Clerk: Kelley Gamache

Towns Served:

Andover	Mansfield
Eastford	Windham

Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court at Brooklyn
69 South Main Street, Suite 23
Brooklyn, CT 06234
Telephone: 860-779-5674
Fax: 860-779-5675
Clerk: Cheryl Hurley

Towns Served:

Ashford	Eastford	Plainfield
Brooklyn	Killingly	Putnam
Canterbury		

A guardian appointed in a Superior Court for Juvenile Matters who resides in a city or town that is not served by a Regional Children's Probate Court may apply for the kinship fund grant through Court Services by contacting:

Stephanie Janes,
Program Manager
State of Connecticut
Office of the Probate Court Administrator
c/o Court Services
1194 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514
Telephone: 203-287-3980 Ext. 19
Fax: 203-2873984

Related Information:

[*Grandparent Respite Fund, refer to page III - 4*](#)
[*National Family Caregiver Support Program, refer to page III – 18*](#)