**Fostering Futures Christmas Sponsorship Application 2022**

Read **ALL** information before completing application.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED!** – Do not print this form and fill out by hand. Handwritten forms will not be accepted. If you can’t type in this form, please type ALL answers in an email.

**Criteria:** This application is only available for children and youth currently in foster care – no closed cases or trial home visits.

**One exception:** young adults who aged out of foster care within the last 2 years may be referred. You may also fill out a separate application for children of foster children to be referred as well, if they are residing with their parent.

This program is to assist youth who are receiving little to no Christmas presents. If the youth you are referring will be receiving an adequate Christmas or has been referred to another agency, please do **not** submit this application.

**Sibling Groups/Foster Groups**: Each child in a sibling or foster group must have their own application completed. When submitting applications for groups, PLEASE include them all in the same email and specify that they are a group. Also, please be sure to note if they reside together or separate and if they will be spending Christmas together. This is important because we try our very best to ensure that siblings and foster groups receive an equal number of gifts.

**Wish List items**: Please be considerate of what you are requesting, as far as price and age appropriateness. Be specific when possible (examples: dolls – what kind? There are a lot of different kinds, clothes – what styles and colors?, video games – which ones so they don’t receive ones they already have, for what gaming system?). Any applications with only **gift cards** on the wish list will not be accepted. **Gift cards** can be included on the wish list, but other items must be listed as well.

**Pick Up Locations:** Our two pick up locations are: South St. Louis County and St. Charles County. Pick up person needs to pick up their gifts in a timely manner once contacted by Fostering Futures. Any pick up person who fails to pick up their child’s gifts will **not** be eligible for our Christmas program the following year. Gifts should be picked up ASAP, as we have very limited space to store them.

Applications are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Submitting an application is not a guarantee of Christmas sponsorship. Please fill in all information as detailed as possible. Do not include any identifying information on your child and review wish list to assure that items requested are appropriate (ex. Not extremely expensive or not age appropriate). **Incomplete forms will not be accepted** and will delay the child’s application.

If donors have questions regarding gifts, you will be contacted by Fostering Futures for information. Please respond promptly, as the donors are likely waiting to hear back from you before shopping.

Please submit all completed applications to [erin@fosteringfuturesmo.org](mailto:erin@fosteringfuturesmo.org) by **October 14th**.

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Person completing this form and relationship to child: Click or tap here to enter text.

I verify that I have ready all of the above information before completing this application:

Foster Parent’s Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Agency of Child’s Case Manager:Click or tap here to enter text.

Case Manager Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone Number:Click or tap here to enter text.

CM Supervisor Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email Address:Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Name of person responsible for picking up the gifts: Click or tap here to enter text.

Pick up location (South St. Louis County or St. Charles County): Click or tap here to enter text.

I verify that this child is not being referred to any other Christmas assistance programs: Click or tap here to enter text.

I promise to ensure that the gifts received from this program will be given to this child: Click or tap here to enter text.

I promise that if this child moves to a new placement before gifts are received, that I will make arrangements to either deliver them myself or ask the new caregiver to pick them up: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Note: All information below, except for child’s last name, will be shared with assigned sponsor.**

Child’s Name (**First AND Last** – only first name will be shared with sponsor. If you would prefer the child’s true first name not be shared, then please note a different first name you would like to be used.):Click or tap here to enter text.

Age:Click or tap here to enter text.

Sex:Click or tap here to enter text.

Race:Click or tap here to enter text.

How long child has been in care:Click or tap here to enter text.

ABOUT: (**This section is required and should be about a paragraph (at least 5 sentences). If this section is too short, the application will not be accepted. This section allows the donors to get to know the child they are shopping for. This WILL be shared with the donor, so please do not include identifying information. Fostering Futures does not have time to proofread every application we receive. Please refer to examples at the bottom of this page):**

Click or tap here to enter text.

Wish List (NO gaming systems, phones, or pets): Click or tap here to enter text.

Clothing sizes and shoe sizes if requesting shoes (**please specify child/adult sizes, please double check and do not guess on sizes**): Click or tap here to enter text.

Interests/hobbies: Click or tap here to enter text.

Favorite Color(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

Favorite Movies/Characters: Click or tap here to enter text.

Examples for ABOUT Section

* Abby is a baby girl who was placed in foster care at birth. She has been experiencing some health issues, but she has a lot of supports in place to help her succeed. Abby is able to reside in the same foster home as her big brother, who loves her dearly. Abby loves listening to her foster mom sing and giggling at her silly brother. She loves to nap during the day, but not so much at night.
* Jeff is an energetic, fifth- grade boy. He is adjusting to being in foster care and missing his older brother who lives in a different placement. Jeff is doing very well in school and loves to play sports. He loves soccer and basketball and has joined these teams at his school. Jeff is a helper around the house and with the younger children in his foster home. He is happiest when he has visits with his big brother.
* Sara is a 20 year old young woman who has spent the last ten years in foster care. She will be aging out of foster care on her next birthday. Sara is close to her two younger siblings, who reside in a different foster home. She is able to visit with them often. Sara graduated from high school and is employed full-time. She has been filling out applications for college, which she hopes to attend next school year. Sara would like to obtain a degree in early childhood education and become a teacher. She has been working hard to prepare herself for independence after foster care. She is currently saving money to purchase her own car.