

## **GALABC Child Assistance Fund Guidelines and Request Form**

The Guardian ad Litem Association of Buncombe County (GALABC) strives to support and enrich the lives of children who are abused or neglected. We maintain a fund, supported by donations and grants, for children in the Buncombe County Juvenile Court System that are above a child's ongoing basic requirements. Social Services (DSS) is required to fund the critical needs of a child in their custody. Children whose court cases have been closed within the year prior to the request are also eligible.

Funding examples: art supplies, camp fees, clothing, gymnastics, swimming and music lessons, school trip fees, sports shoes/equipment, baby supplies and furniture. No medical/therapeutic procedures are funded. We prioritize children with multiple critical needs or emergencies. Kinship placements are given priority. **GALA funding is supplemental and should only be requested when DSS and other community resources have been explored.**

### **Community resources to consider contacting prior to making a request from GALABC:**

- Medicaid (eyeglasses, etc.)
- ABCCM—Asheville/Buncombe Co. Christian Ministries (clothing, food, medical care, etc.)
- Blue Star Program for Orthodontic care,
- Eckerd Kids, Elida Homes
- Eblen Charities, Goodwill Industries, Salvation Army, Hospice Thrift Store
- Lion's Club (scholarships, eyeglasses, etc.)
- Mattress Man
- PTO/PTA and school organizations
- Sleep Tight Kids
- Youth Villages
- Girls on the Run WNC (scholarships to participate)
- Western Carolina Rescue Ministries—furniture, etc., contact Rev. Michael Woods, 828-254-1529

**PLEASE LIST ALL RESOURCES CONTACTED ON THE REQUEST FORM. REQUESTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE PAYMENT. Reimbursements are discouraged but will be considered.**

To serve the greatest number of children, we suggest the following guidelines:

- \$125 per request if the child is in foster care
- \$175 per request if the child is in a kinship placement
- \$ 515 per year for camp fees (overnight or day camps)

**Requests for funding must be discussed with the case social worker.** Requests should also be discussed at a CFT meeting if possible.

**Emailed or deliver your request to the supervising GAL staff member with your last name and case# in the subject line. Copy the case social worker for the child's DSS file.**

The request form must be approved by the supervising GAL staff member. If approved, the request will be forwarded by the supervisor. **Only GAL staff members may submit a request.**

The GALABC Board will vote on all requests in a timely manner, and we strive to fulfill requests within 7-10 days. This request form is NOT needed for the \$50 school supplies gift cards.

Guardian ad Litem Association of Buncombe County  
CHILDREN'S ASSISTANCE AND CAMP FUND REQUEST  
FORM [www.galabc.org](http://www.galabc.org)  
*Red boxes indicate a required field*

**Submit this form to the supervising GAL staff member and provide a copy to DSS**

Date:

Case File #:

Child's zip code (if not currently in Buncombe Co., then original zip code):

GAL Name:

GAL Phone #:

Kinship or Foster placement:

Amount of Request (see suggested guidelines):

What are the funds to be used for?

Have any family or DSS contributions been made so far?

List other funding sources that have been explored?

If a Camp request, provide the location:

Will transportation be needed?

Make check payable to (preferably a vendor):

Will you pick-up the check at the GAL office (31 College Place)?

If not, please provide mailing address: