

## **21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund for Delaware's Children, Inc. Grant Guidelines and Procedures**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund for Delaware's Children is a public/private partnership formed to address the special needs of at-risk children in Delaware. The intent of the fund is to provide grants that help children and youth define their strengths, improve their self-esteem and build a sense of hope for their future. Examples include paying for fees for sports and day camps, music lessons, prom related expenses and other opportunities to achieve a child's potential in a particular talent or interest otherwise not affordable or available to them. Children receiving services from state agencies and community programs/organizations in Delaware are eligible for funding.

### **Application Process:**

1. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Only one grant will be provided to an individual child per year.
2. Applications for 21st Century Funds must be completed by an individual/organization worker providing service to a child or youth up to the age of 18. Applications are also accepted for youth up to age 22 for those aging out of the Foster Care system.
3. Applications for requests for \$100.00 and under will be reviewed and determined if the request is consistent with the intent of the fund.
4. Applications for funds in excess of \$100.00 require approval of the 21st Century Fund Grants Committee. Requests exceeding \$100.00 must include information specific to what other organizations were contacted for assistance prior to applying for funding.
5. Mail or fax completed applications to :
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund  
C/o Delaware Community Foundation  
100 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 115  
P.O. Box 1636  
Wilmington, DE 19899-1636  
Ph: 302-504-5229  
Fax: 302-507-1553  
Attn: Calisa Emerson  
cremerson@delcf.org
6. Checks will be made payable to the requesting organization worker or vendor who will provide the service. Approved funds will be mailed to the requesting worker. If the check is to be picked up by the client, call Calisa in advance. Appropriate identification is required.
7. Receipts are required. The requesting organization is responsible for obtaining all receipts verifying the appropriate use of the funds. Mail or fax the original receipt to:

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