



CFEF NEWS

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STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

CHANGES TO OUR WEBSITE

We've made some exciting changes to our website to improve your experience! While the site is still under construction, please note that the vendor list may not be fully up to date. If you have any questions about approved vendors or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out.

We're happy to help!

Parent resources can be found [here](#).

Vendor applications can be found [here](#).

Donation information can be found [here](#).

RECEIPT/INVOICE REQUIREMENTS

Before submitting reimbursement or purchase requests, please ensure all receipts or invoices include:

- **Date of transaction**
- **Business or provider name**
- **Itemized costs (products/services) and payment method**
- **Student's name (for services)**

Receipts must be clear, itemized, and free of personal purchases. Screenshots alone (e.g., Venmo payments or Amazon confirmations without proof of purchase through Amazon) and handwritten receipts are not accepted. Incomplete submissions will be denied. Full details are on pages 5–6 of the [Reimbursement Guidelines](#).

These policies help meet state audit requirements and support timely processing of thousands of monthly requests. Thank you for your attention to detail and for helping the program run smoothly! We appreciate you.

DATE REMINDERS

- **Reimbursement Requests:** Submit by 10 PM on the **last day of the month** to receive payment by the **25th of the following month**.
- **Purchase Requests:** Submit by 10 PM on the **15th of each month** to ensure fulfillment by the **end of that same month**.

LEGOS

LEGO® can be a great tool for hands-on STEM learning! Approved [STEAM kits](#) and other eligible sets may be reimbursed up to the \$750 annual LEGO® materials limit. STEAM-related subscriptions may also qualify. If not clearly labeled as STEAM, families should confirm the educational value of each installment. General sets are still eligible with the educational context provided.

NEW PRE-APPROVAL FEATURE

The [pre-approval form](#) now includes an option to receive a confirmation email. To get a copy for your records, just select this option before submitting:

☐ Send me a copy of my responses.

Submit

25/26 FUNDS

Any homeschool student awarded after July 1st should have funding currently available. If you log into your account and the system does not default to the 25/26 program year, click the student's name on the left hand side and a drop down should show the 25/26 student account and reflect the 25/26 funding. Please reach out if you have not received your first quarterly disbursement, we are happy to get that corrected for you.

OUTSCHOOL RECEIPTS

Outschool has recently updated its pricing structure and now operates using a credit-based system. While this change may affect how pricing is displayed, rest assured that their support team (support@outschool.com) remains available and happy to help. They can provide detailed receipts upon request, which include the following helpful information:

- Learner's name
- Class name and educator
- Dates and times of instruction
- Number of class meetings
- Total credit cost, along with the credit-to-dollar equivalency

If you have any questions or specific requirements regarding receipts or invoices, please don't hesitate to reach out to their support team directly. They're committed to making the process as smooth as possible.

VENDOR APPLICATIONS

Please note that, moving forward, all vendors must complete the vendor application process through our website. This includes large or public entities such as recreation centers, public schools (if enrollment in the school or district was not required), universities, and hospitals. Before submitting a request, please check our approved vendor list to confirm whether your provider is already approved.

Previously, these types of organizations were exempt from the application process. However, under new guidance from our auditor and executive director, all vendors, regardless of size or type, must apply so we have appropriate documentation on file.

If you or a vendor experience any issues during the application process, or they're unresponsive, please contact Jessica at jessica@childrenfirsteducationfund.org or **385-204-5331**, and she will be able to assist.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Your Feedback Matters...

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Vendor Spotlight:



HARMONY
MUSIC THERAPY

Harmony Music Therapy offers a wide range of skills and experience, specializing in using music as a **therapeutic tool** for individuals with special needs and mental health challenges. Through **expressive music therapy**, clients can connect with their emotions and experiences in a creative, healing way. The services provided help **children and adults** with conditions such as Autism, ADHD, Down Syndrome, and developmental delays to improve communication, social skills, and emotional regulation.



With **both group** and **individual sessions** available, **Harmony Music Therapy** is dedicated to fostering growth and connection through the power of music.



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