

HAR Cares for Youth – Donation Guidelines

Mission: *To engage with and support youth in our community by conducting outreach activities and fundraising to provide health, safety, and educational resources. We serve individuals and supportive organizations in Humboldt County through knowledge, compassion, and empowerment to assist youth in reaching their full potential.*

1. Donation Focus Areas

To ensure that all donations align with our mission and maximize impact, HAR Cares for Youth prioritizes support in the following areas:

- **Health Resources:** Access to hygiene products, wellness supplies, and first aid items.
 - **Safety Needs:** Items that improve youth safety, including clothing, shelter resources, and school supplies.
 - **Educational Resources:** Books, technology resources, school supplies, backpacks, learning materials, and sports equipment.
 - **Note:** *The committee will not consider request for utilities payments.*
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2. Eligibility for Support

We provide support to:

- **Youth under the age of 18 or Foster Youth under the age of 21** residing in Humboldt County.
 - **Non-profit and community-based organizations** serving youth directly in Humboldt County.
 - **Schools, shelters, and programs** focused on child/youth development, physical health, safety, or education.
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3. Allocation of Resources

- All funds and resources will be **used within Humboldt County**.
 - Prioritization is given to **urgent and underserved needs** identified through outreach and partnerships.
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4. Request Process for Support

Individuals or organizations can request support by:

- Submitting a **Donation Request Form** (online or paper) and returned to info@harealtors.com.
 - Requests are reviewed by the HAR Cares for Youth committee on a monthly basis at their regularly scheduled meetings held on the last Thursday of the month. The committee does not meet in July or December.
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5. Request Limits

Organizations limits:

- Requests can not be made more than once a year by the same group or individual. Social Service organizations are exempt, but are subject to the same limits as individual donation requests.
- Preference will be given to donation requests that distribute funds to groups of youth.
- Donations are capped at a maximum amount of \$2,000 per year, per organization.

Individual limits

- Donation requests will not be made to individuals in excess of \$300 or \$1,000 per household per year (in the event that a household is seeking support for multiple children).
- Unless special circumstances warrant it, cash will not be provided for individual donations, rather, HAR will purchase items requested or gift cards that can be used to purchase items will be given. If request is being facilitated by an organization, the preference will be for the individual from the organization to facilitate the purchase of the item.
- For all donations that are given in the form of gift cards or cash, the committee requires that proof of purchase be provided.