



Instrument Loaner Policy

The purpose of the Instrument Loaner Program are to give children ages 6 to 18th birthday (or graduation from high school – whichever comes first), who are homeless, low-income and foster, an opportunity to be involved music lessons that will build their confidence and increase self-esteem.

Funding is limited and we are not always able to grant each wish. There is no guarantee that an application will be approved. To request an Instrument, a parent or guardian must submit completed forms and documentation for review. Applications will be reviewed weekly and grant notification will be made by phone. Applications can be submitted in person, by fax, or mailed to: **2505 Cedarwood Ave, Ste. 5, Bellingham, WA 98225**

Eligibility Requirements:

- A child must be between the ages of 6 to 18th birthday (or graduation from high school whichever comes first)
- A child must be attending school and enrolled in band/orchestra or private lessons.
- Each applicant must qualify based on need, emergent, or foster status. Parent / Guardian must prove income eligibility or if for a foster child, provide foster child documentation.

Policy:

- Only one instrument can be granted per child per year up to two children per family.
- All documentation is required for each new Instrument Loaner submission.
- Application and required documents must be complete before a request for an instrument can be processed.
- Clients referred from another agency must still provide required documentation.

To Apply:

1. Complete an *Instrument Loaner Application & My Story* form.
2. Provide *income documentation* (see acceptable forms of income documentation below).
Note: If Little Wish is for a foster child, no income information is required, but must provide case number, case worker name & phone number.
3. Provide parent/guardian *picture ID*.
4. Provide *child's ID* - copy of Social Security card, birth certificate, guardianship papers or ASB card.

Acceptable forms of income documentation:

- Two months worth of pay stubs
- If parent/guardians are married – must show income for entire household
- If Self employed - last years tax return(s) for both parents.
- If Unemployed - Unemployment award letter.
- If receiving TANF - Approval letter showing amount for current period.
- If receiving DSHS Food stamps - show award letter or current DSHS free / reduced lunch documentation.
- If receiving SSI /SSD – provide payment verification letter.
- If receiving Medical Coupon – must be current, must list child making Little Wish, and can be submitted in lieu of income documentation and/or child's ID.
- If request is for a foster child – provide placement letter.
- If parent / guardians are separated – Must show income for both parents, or legal separation papers showing child support, or can provide a “No Contact Order” if applicable. Alternatively, if parents are living separately and no other information available, provide non-interested party collateral statement (from landlord, neighbor, other third party).
- If parent/guardians are divorced – show divorce decree child support info or provide child support statement.

NOTE: We do not provide food, housing, furniture, toys, or electronics (other than computers or special needs equipment).



SUBMIT TO: 2505 Cedarwood Ave Ste 5
Bellingham, WA 98225

Little Wishes Instrument Request

Date of Request: _____ Is this your first Instrument Request? Yes No Enrichment Renewal

Referred by: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Child's Name: _____ M/F _____ Age: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Cell: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ # in Household: _____

County: _____ School District: _____ Grade: _____

Guardian Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Eligibility: Homeless Low-Income Foster

Origin: Caucasian Hispanic Russian/Ukraine Native-American African-American Other _____

Blue Skies does not in any way discriminate. Information provided is for grant and reporting purposes only.

Instrument Request: _____

Reason (circle one): School Band / Orchestra Marching Band Music Lessons

Needed by Date: _____ Estimated Return Date: _____

School Information:

School Name: _____ School District: _____

Eligibility - We have the following:

Employment Income \$ _____ (Month / Week) Unemployment Income \$ _____ (Month / Week)

SSI / SSD \$ _____ (Month / Week) Child Support \$ _____ (Month / Week)

TANF Assistance \$ _____ (Per Month) Food Stamps \$ _____ (Month / Week)

Medical Coupons Yes _____ No _____ Reduced School Lunch Yes _____ No _____

Please have your child write below why they want their Little Wish Granted, and how the Little Wish will make their life better at home or at school:

I verify that all information I have submitted is accurate and current to the best of my knowledge as of signing this form. I understand that any falsification of the above information by me can cause loss of eligibility to receive services from Blue Skies for Children.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



My Story

Hi, my name is: _____

I am _____ years old and in the _____ grade.

I have _____ sisters and _____ brothers. I am the (oldest, middle child, youngest).

I live with my: _____

I have _____ pets. What type of pets? _____

My favorite hobbies and interests are: _____

My favorite subject in school is: _____, because _____

I play the following sports: _____

My favorite sport is: _____, because _____

When I grow up, I want to be: _____

Tell us something interesting about yourself: _____
