Unified Champion Schools ®

Special Olympics New Jersey

Examples of Expenses which are not Reimbursable

In reviewing applications, we saw some trends in schools requesting funding for expenses which are not reimbursable. To help prevent any surprises or complications down the road (not to call anyone out, promise!), here are some examples of purchases we cannot reimburse:

- Food/drink of any kind, including snacks and water
- Stipends for activities taking place during contracted hours
- Field trips
    - Transportation and facility fees for interscholastic sports teams is allowed
    - We can reimburse for your bowling team going to Bowlero to practice, but can't reimburse for your Unified Club going
- Officials' fees for more than 3 competitions per interscholastic Unified sports team
- New sports uniforms each year
    - Supplemental uniforms are allowed
- Parties, sports banquets, etc.
- More than $100 for non-durable items (including craft supplies)
- DJ / entertainment
- Entry fees for public events such as 5ks
    - Entry fees for Unified sports tournaments are generally ok
- Permanent items: Pop-up tents, shelves, furniture, walkie talkies
- Hoodies, jackets, hats, bags
- Supplies which are reasonably available:
    - E.g. bowling balls,
- Decorations
- Trophies, awards, senior gifts, participation prizes
- Supplies that won't be used by a group
- Funding for activities / events that aren't Unified
    - Please remember that an inclusive event is not necessarily Unified
    - Unified = approximately equal number of students with and without ID
    - For example, a Unified field day that the entire school participates in is inclusive, not Unified

We're happy to help if you have any questions!
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