



## Providing Everyday Essentials for Students in Need

At times, students with disabilities may have a critical need arise or an emergency situation that directly affects their ability to meaningfully engage in the learning process. The Special Education Foundation (SEF) offers Critical Needs services - a solution to provide immediate funding to those students served by the Special School District (SSD) where the family is either unable to financially meet the need, has exhausted community resources, or is at risk for a student medical emergency that may result in the loss of independence or academic failure.

The Special Education Foundation's Critical Needs program provides everyday essentials which help eliminate obstacles for student learning in or out of the classroom. Learn more about the SEF Critical Needs program and how to apply.



## SEF helps provide the following, among other supports:

- Incontinence supplies – child and adult sizes when Medicaid or private insurance allotment has been used
- Prescriptions – when uninsured, underinsured, awaiting insurance
- Nutritious foods – when crisis strikes and nutritious foods aren't immediately available in food deserts
- Basic needs – shoes, socks, undergarments, deodorant, bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, coats, gloves, hats
- Dental services – many students may require sedation during routine cleaning and advanced dental treatment
- SSD holds annual coat and food basket drives to provide winter weather items and food for families in need

## How It Works

- Applications are to be completed by a social worker, teacher or administrator through the SEF website, submitted to Adrienne Eaglin at [aeglin@ssdmo.org](mailto:aeglin@ssdmo.org) or mailed to the Special School District Learning Center at 900 Hornet Drive, Hazelwood, MO 63042.
- Approval is based on documentation of the emergency, the financial need being detailed, and after all other resources have been exhausted.
- Applications are accepted year-round.

