



Tickets for Children's Charities

“If you never did, you should. These things are fun, and fun is good.” – Dr. Seuss

For nearly three decades, **Kennywood**, along with **Sandcastle**, has donated thousands of days of summer fun through our **Tickets for Children's Charities** program, by providing tickets to organizations that **directly serve disadvantaged children and/or children with disabilities.**

This particular program is dedicated toward making an immediate, and direct, impact on youngsters with those particular special needs. It offers children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience one of our parks, a day filled with fun and laughter, and the promise of wonderful memories for years to come.

Written requests from tax-exempt 501C-3 charitable organizations whose requests fall within the program guidelines are accepted all year long by **Kennywood** and **Sandcastle**.

Following the review of requests, in order of receipt, organizations receive a letter of acceptance or declination no later than March 31, 2020. Please understand that we receive hundreds of requests and a limited number of tickets are available for distribution.

How to request **Tickets for Children's Charities**:

Step 1: Review Mission Statement to determine if your organization qualifies:

The mission of Tickets for Children's Charities is to provide tickets to 501C-3 not-for-profit organizations to be used directly by disadvantage children and/or children with disabilities, and to provide tickets for fund-raising purposes for agencies that work directly with such children.

Step 2: Submit Letter of Request and Application Form

Include information about your organization, **the children you serve** and summary information regarding the number of tickets and who will utilize the tickets. **Every request MUST include a letter of request, application form, and proof of 501C-3 status or WILL be disqualified.**

The application form, along with Frequently Asked Questions, can be found on page 2 of this document.

Requests must be received by January 15, 2020.

Please mail completed form with an accompanying letter & brochure (if available) to:

Tickets for Children Charities
c/o Kennywood Park
4800 Kennywood Boulevard
West Mifflin, PA 15122

Frequently Asked Questions regarding the *Tickets for Children's Charities* program:

Q. Who qualifies to receive these tickets?

A. The mission of *Tickets for Children's Charities* is to provide tickets to 501C-3 not-for-profit organizations **to be used directly by disadvantaged children and/or children with disabilities**, and to provide tickets for fund-raising purposes for agencies that work directly with such children.

Q. Just what do *Tickets for Children's Charities* offer?

A. There are two categories of tickets: one benefiting individual children, and the other benefiting an organization that directly supports children.

Q. Are individuals raising funds privately eligible to receive tickets?

A. No. All tickets are disbursed via charities that directly benefit children, i.e., tickets are granted to 501C-3 organizations directly rather than through individual fundraising activities.

Q. May our group use tickets to raise money for our children with door prizes, raffles, etc.?

A. Yes. Charitable Trust tickets may only be sold to raise money to directly benefit the children at the 501C-3 organization.

Q. Do you accept proposals from 501C-3 non-profits outside the western Pennsylvania area?

A. Yes.

Q. Do past ticket recipients automatically receive tickets?

A. No. Each year is autonomous. You may also reapply if you did not receive tickets previously.

Q. When are applications for *Tickets for Children's Charities* accepted?

Applications may be submitted all year long but must be received by January 15, 2020 for the 2020 summer season. Applications are reviewed by date of receipt. Awards and distribution generally occur in March.

Q. Who decides which groups receive tickets?

A. A rotating committee, made up of representative from each Kennywood department, meets in February to award tickets

Q. If I have further questions, whom should I contact?

A. Matt Phillips, Charitable Trust Coordinator, Kennywood Park, 412.461.0500 x1244

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Organization Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Organization Website _____ Tax Status/501C-3 # _____

Contact Title _____

Contact Email _____ Contact Phone _____

of Tickets requested for **Kennywood** _____ **Sandcastle** _____