



AJUSD/Project Help Program

Project Help is a program for AJUSD students and their families ONLY!

All School age children living within the household must be attending one of our AJUSD schools regularly to be eligible to apply for our assistance.

The family must also live within our AJUSD Boundaries.

As a program within AJUSD, Project Help is **closed** when our schools are not in Regular Session including All Holiday's and Breaks **when school is out our program is closed.**

Each new school year we have a Back to School program.

We provide New clothing, shoes, backpack filled with school supplies.

These are **not** distributed until the student has attended school a full 2 weeks.

To apply: ALL School age children living within the household must be attending our AJUSD schools regularly and be in good standing.

The Student's Parents/ Legal Guardian is required to come in each new school year and fill out a new application, bring **proof of income for the recent month (**Recent pay stubs, Award letters, Bank statement**), proof of residence (Mortgage payment or a current Up to date Lease agreement) in their name, also **All their monthly bills.****

We provide Emergency financial assistance only if we have the funds.

Our books open for Emergency Financial assistance the First full week of September each new school year.

***We are unable to assist with any financial assistance, if the family has no income or inadequate income to pay their bills regularly.

Before we will assist a family we check the **child's school attendance if they **do not** attend regularly or are not in good standing with behavior and attendance **we will not assist.**

All Families are required to repay **all** assistance by doing community service.

-Two hours a month to shop for clothes and household goods and or receive a food box.

If we assist with financial they must do community service at the rate of (One Hour per \$25.00 we assist with) or pay the full amount money loaned to them for their emergency. They are given a copy of our agreement with a date to repay by and told to call us to ask for an extension if they cannot meet their agreement on time. We also will not help with the same bill within a 12 month period or if we see a pattern of assistance requests.

As always the family cannot receive any **financial assistance** if they owe Project Help any unpaid community service from past financial assistance or owe more then 4 hours for using our shop/food pantry.

***** **WE DO NOT Provide or look for any kind of shelter/ housing!!!!**

***AJUSD/Project Help is funded **100%** by community donations and by us school employees via voluntary payroll deduction.

We ask that you promote payroll deduction to your staff, they just need to contact payroll. We do not receive funding from United Way, City of Apache Junction, State of Arizona or Federal Government. We are not a 501c3 but we are a charitable tax deduction as a program within the school district.

I as the coordinator of Project Help, raise all monies and goods to assist our families.

I am entrusted to administer this program with integrity, honesty and without discrimination to the best of my ability. That is why proof of address, income, expenses, good student attendance and repayment for services is a **must**. I hope you find this information helpful. Please call our office Mon. - Fri. 8:30- 3:30 if we can be of any help.