

Wish Limitations

Our goal is to grant the heartfelt wish of every eligible child. Make-A-Wish has established National Performance Standards to ensure the safety and well-being of wish children, their families and our organization. In addition, our chapter has determined an additional guideline.

Chapter Guideline

It is our sincere desire to grant the child's wish within a six-month time period.

National Wish Granting Performance Standards (excerpt):

1. Chapters shall not grant a wish to a child who has previously received a wish from any wish-granting organization (i.e. one wish per eligible child).
2. Wishes must be approved by Make-A-Wish, child's physician and child's parents/guardian(s).
3. Chapters shall ensure that the wish and any enhancements do not result in the delivery of a multiple wish

Wishes we cannot grant include but are not limited to:

- Purchase, use or gift of Firearms/Weapons designed to cause injury
- Direct gifts of money to wish children or their families **(Spending money for travel wishes is permissible)**
- Medical treatment, life-saving or sustaining equipment or services or travel for such treatment **(Purely cosmetic, non-invasive treatment or procedures may be permitted)**
- Soliciting large-scale support from the general public
- Service Animals
- Animals that are illegal to own as a pet or any animal that has to be obtained directly from a source outside the U.S.
- Swim Spas
- In-ground swimming pools, hot tubs or spas **(Above-ground pools, hot tubs or spas may be permitted)**
- Disney theme parks *outside* the United States.
- Wishes involving travel to a country listed on the "U.S. Department of State - Travel Advisory Levels 3 or 4 issued by www.travel.state.gov at the time of the request and/or travel

- Capital improvements that add livable square footage to a home, changes the exterior footprint of the home, or that directly changes the tax basis of the home
(Remodeling existing space may be permitted)
- Motorized vehicles that are capable of serving as primary modes of transportation, including but not limited to:
 - Cars, vans, trucks, motorcycles and SUV's (*Vehicle makeovers may be permitted*)*
 - Aircraft, boats with engines larger than 25hp
 - vehicles designed for living
 - 3-wheeled ATVs*
 - 2 or 4-wheeled off-road or unlicensed vehicles for any child under the age of 16 with the exception of golf carts*
 - Personal watercraft for any child under the age of 16*

**The prohibition of these types of wishes also extends to the use of such vehicles during wish-related activities or excursions.*
- Gifts of real property, dwellings or residences of any kind, or payment of rent
- Wheelchair accessible van conversions