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Maintain an expense line.

Required expenses

Sponsoring a Terrific Kids or Bring Up Grades program requires a commitment of time and financial support by your Kiwanis club. The initial program kit includes everything needed for program start-up: a promotional banner, posters, parent brochures, buttons, certificates and a resource CD. Materials are provided for a maximum of 50 students.

Additional program supplies can be purchased from the Kiwanis Family Store at www.kiwanis.org/store to continue recognizing Terrific Kid and Bring Up Grade recipients throughout the year.

Sponsoring Terrific Kids and Bring Up Grades in three or more schools

Several Kiwanis clubs sponsor the Terrific Kids and/or Bring Up Grades programs in more than one school. Purchasing materials to recognize students in several schools can be challenging. To assist with additional expenses, consider recruiting a business sponsor. More information about how to solicit assistance from a business sponsor is included on the Terrific Kids and Bring Up Grades resource CD included in each program kit.

Another cost-saving tip is to select Terrific Kids and Bring Up Grades recognition items that fit within the club's budget. If providing buttons to all honorees is too expensive, consider purchasing stickers, pencils or certificates, which are all sold in bulk at the Kiwanis Family Store.

Additional recommended expenses

A major component of both the Terrific Kids and the Bring Up Grades programs is recognition of students. The Kiwanis club could sponsor a party to recognize honorees. Be sure to invite parents. Work with the school to identify current business partners associated with the school willing to offer party supplies for a discount. Research pricing and use the accompanying Excel spreadsheet to calculate what the club will spend.

Other things to consider

Recognition of business sponsors at the end of the year is a great way to say thank you. Make sure you have extra funds to purchase a gift, such as a Terrific Kids or Bring Up Grades T-shirt, or a signed photograph of honorees. Other recognition ideas are listed on the Terrific Kids and Bring Up Grades resource CD.

