



Child Sponsorship FAQ

How can I contact my sponsored child?

Fabretto invites each child sponsor to foster a personal connection with their student through the exchange of letters and photos.

As a sponsor you will receive the following communications from your sponsored child throughout the year:

- Back to School Letter in the Spring
- Student Holiday Greeting & photo update in December

To write to your sponsored child, please follow the guidelines as described below:

1. E-mail sponsoredchild@fabretto.org with your letters and photos (please use .doc and .jpg formats)
2. Letters can be sent in Spanish & English. Please keep in mind that it takes an average **of 4** weeks to deliver your letter **and send a response**, partially due to the time it takes for translation. Therefore, we encourage sponsors to communicate in Spanish if possible, as this will help to decrease the delivery time of your letter.

Do you offer translation services for letters sent to and from my sponsored child?

Yes. We work with a wonderful team of volunteer translators who will be happy to translate the letters for you.

What if I want to write to my sponsored child more often?

You are more than welcome to send as many letters as you would like. Your sponsored child will be given the opportunity to send replies to all your letters, so the more you write, the more you will hear from the child.

Can I send pictures to my sponsored child?

Yes! The children love receiving pictures of their sponsors, their families, pets, etc. Pictures of your travels are always interesting to the children as well.

**Pictures deemed inappropriate by Fabretto staff will not be sent to sponsored children.*

Can I ask for pictures of my sponsored child throughout the year?

As a sponsor you will be sent an updated picture of your sponsored child at the end of the school year. The only other occasion where you may receive additional pictures is when you send a gift, as you will receive both a thank you letter and a picture of your sponsored child receiving the gift.

Will I be able to visit my sponsored child?

Yes! In fact, we encourage it. One of the most unique benefits of Fabretto's Child Sponsorship Initiative is the ability for sponsors to visit with their sponsored child in Nicaragua.

You may arrange for a visit with your sponsored child by contacting our Child Sponsorship Coordinator at sponsoredchild@fabretto.org. All visits to sponsored children must be scheduled during the Nicaraguan school year (February-November), since we cannot guarantee that the children will be in town during the vacation months.

The following guidelines apply to all Child Sponsorship visits:

1. Visits will take place at the Fabretto Center or School and be accompanied by Fabretto staff
2. All donors are responsible for the costs associated with the visits, although Fabretto is happy to help with logistics
3. If a donor wants to give a gift to their sponsored child, they must inform the Child Sponsorship Coordinator prior to the visit

What happens when my sponsored child graduates from high school? Can I still support my sponsored child?

Graduating from high school is a very important milestone for your sponsored child. If he or she decides to go to college, we do offer the opportunity to sponsor a college scholarship. When your sponsored child graduates from high school, you will be contacted by the Fabretto Child Sponsorship Coordinator and will be offered the opportunity to continue supporting him or her through a college scholarship if the student plans to attend college.

Why can't I provide my personal information to my sponsored child?

We ask that sponsors do not share personal information (last names, email address, home address, etc.) in order to protect both the child and you, the sponsor. All communication must be made through the Fabretto office, and sponsors or children who violate this policy will be removed from the program.

How can I fund my child sponsorship?

Monthly Donation Methods - \$30/month (Preferred):

- Credit Card (VISA, MasterCard, or AMEX)
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) - automated withdrawal from checking account

Your funding donation will be processed upon enrollment, and then will be automatically processed each month for the duration of your sponsorship. (No reminder is sent prior to Fabretto making these automated withdrawals).

Annual Donation Methods - \$360/year:

- Credit Card (VISA, MasterCard, or AMEX)
- Personal/Foundation Check
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) - automated withdrawal from checking account

All annual child sponsorship funding is processed immediately upon enrollment, and for the following years it is processed on your original enrollment month. By enrolling to pay on the annual schedule, you authorize the Fabretto Children's Foundation to make these yearly transactions to your account. **If you choose to fund your sponsorship via check or EFT, please contact our office for enrollment assistance at 703.348.2343.**

For any further questions, please contact the Fabretto Child Sponsorship Coordinator by sending an email to sponsoredchild@fabretto.org or call 703-348-2343.