The Four Wish Types

Wishes typically fall into four main categories:

**I wish to go...**
Whether it’s a sunny beach, a magical theme park or a visit with a favorite relative, travel wishes offer a family a stress-free experience no vacation can match.

**I wish to be...**
Stepping into the shoes of a police officer, astronaut, zookeeper or ballerina can fulfill a lifelong dream and instill a much-needed sense of hope for the future.

**I wish to have...**
Acquiring that special something—a computer, a bedroom makeover or even art lessons—can give a child a sense of control during a difficult time.

**I wish to meet...**
Coming face-to-face with a hero or celebrity can be one of the most powerful experiences a wish child can have.

Who Qualifies for a Wish?

A child qualifies to receive a wish if he or she:

- Is between the ages of 2½ and 18 at time of referral,
- Has not previously received another wish from any other wish-granting organization and
- Is diagnosed with a progressive, degenerative or malignant medical condition that has placed his or her life in jeopardy, as determined by the treating physician.

This year alone, more than 500 children across Wisconsin will be diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition that qualifies them for a wish. With help from a thriving community of donors, medical professionals and volunteers, we are ever closer to reaching the ultimate goal of granting the wish of every medically-qualified Wisconsin child.
Fiscal Integrity

Make-A-Wish Wisconsin is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization funded by donations from individuals, corporations, small businesses, foundations and community organizations. Companies and individuals also donate a variety of in-kind services and products that enable us to make wishes come true.

As responsible stewards of the funds we raise, we strive to keep our administrative and fundraising costs to a minimum so a vast majority of every dollar goes directly towards wish granting. More than 80 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to granting wishes.

Get Involved!

Helping grant a wish doesn’t just change the life of a child; it can have a profound impact on you, as well. Find more ways to get involved at wisconsin.wish.org/ways-to-help.

Refer a Child
If you know a child who may qualify for a wish, please have his or her family call 800.236.WISH (9474) or begin the referral process online at wisconsin.wish.org/refer.

Become a Volunteer
Become one of the more than 600 trained volunteers across Wisconsin who make a difference by helping us fulfill our mission. Learn how at wisconsin.wish.org/volunteer.

Make a Donation
Whether it’s through a planned/estate gift, a workplace giving program or in honor or memory of a loved one, your gift will have a direct impact on a child in need. To learn more, please visit wisconsin.wish.org/ways-to-help/giving.

Kids For Wish Kids® / Wishmakers On Campus®
Your school, university, group or club can help grant wishes by creating and running your own fundraisers to benefit Make-A-Wish. Learn more at wisconsin.wish.org/k4wk.

Wishes in Flight® Air Miles Donation Program
More than 75% of our wishes involve air travel. Help make them come true by donating unused airline miles from American Airlines, Delta, United or Southwest. Once given, miles never expire. Donate today at wisconsin.wish.org/miles.

Wishful Thinking Newsletter / Wish-A-Week
Stay up-to-date with the latest wish stories, news and volunteer opportunities by subscribing to our quarterly print newsletter or weekly e-newsletter. You can sign up for both online at wisconsin.wish.org/signup.

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Make-A-Wish® Wisconsin grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.