

Arizona Department of Child Safety Response to the Consolidated Appropriations Act

In effort to support current and former foster youth during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Act allows DCS to provide additional supportive funding to current and former foster youth. Additional opportunities will be available to youth age 14 through 26 until September 30th, 2021. After September 30th, 2021, eligibility will return to youth ages 14 through 20.

To request funds, young adults will complete the following steps:

1. Go to <https://dcs.az.gov/chafee-funding>, and complete the portal information.
2. The PYS Unit will receive the request and communicate with the young adult if there are any questions.
3. The PYS Unit will process the funding request and the young adult will be paid directly. Please allow time for processing payment when making the request.

Chafee Funding Request Types			
**All funding is determined by the Department of Child Safety, based on need(s) of the young adult and availability.			
Type of Request	Description of Needs	Funding Limit	Frequency
Housing	Financial assistance to obtain or maintain housing.	Up to \$1,000 per month	Not to exceed \$12,000 in a calendar year
	Young adult has a need for funding for startup funds related to obtaining housing (move in deposit, utilities, etc.).	Up to \$1,000	Up to 2 times per calendar year.
Employment	Financial assistance to obtain or maintain employment.	Up to \$1,000	As many requests as needed until \$1,000 is reached.
Education	Financial assistance to obtain GED or high school diploma. Any post-secondary (college) needs will be processed through ETV funds.	Up to \$1,000. If intensive tutoring is needed, the PYS Unit may approve additional funding on a case by case basis.	As many requests as needed until \$1,000 is reached.
Family Support	Financial assistance to support youth who are pregnant and/or parenting.	Up to \$1,000.	As many requests as needed until \$1,000 is reached.
Transportation	Financial assistance to youth 15 or older to obtain a driver's license or permit.	DCS will directly fund a driving program or provide funds to the young adult to pay for the program.	One time award.
	Financial assistance to licensed drivers to obtain or maintain their vehicle.	Up to \$4,000 (if a young adult also received funds for a driving program, that funding will count towards the \$4,000 limit).	As many requests as needed until \$4,000 is reached.
	Financial assistance for other transportation costs: bus passes, light rail, etc.	Up to \$500.	As many requests as needed until \$500 is reached.

*****DCS encourages youth to apply for any other needs and they will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.***

Revised 2-9-2021	Voluntary Foster Care for Young Adults 18-20	Re-Entry To Foster Care For Young Adults 18-20	Transitional Independent Living Program (TILP), After-care Services	Education and Training Voucher Program (ETV) AZ Tuition Waiver
Statutory Authority	A.R.S. 46-134(A)(14), 8-521.01, and 8-521.02	A.R.S. 8-521.01, 8-521.02	A.R.S. 8-521.01	P. L. 107-133 A.R.S 15-1809
Participant Qualifications <i>All services are for residents of Arizona only.</i>	Youth who were in out-of-home care and adjudicated dependent, the subject of a dependency petition, or placed voluntarily in the custody of the ADCS when age 18.	Former foster youth who were in out-of-home care and adjudicated dependent, the subject of a dependency petition or placed voluntarily in the custody of the ADCS when age 18.	Former foster youth who were in out-of-home care and adjudicated dependent, the subject of a dependency petition or placed voluntarily in the custody of the ADCS, a licensed child welfare or tribal foster care agency (any state's foster care program) when age 16, 17, or 18.	ETV: Same as Transitional Independent Living Program. Tuition Waiver: In foster care after age 14.
Client Age	18 to 21 st birthday. <i>C.A.A. Youth who turn 21 from January 27th, 2020 through September 30th, 2021, can remain in Extended Foster Care until September 30th, 2021.</i>	18 to 21 st birthday. <i>C.A.A. Youth who exited care due to turning 21 from January 27th, 2020 through April 30th, 2021, can re-enter Extended Foster Care until September 30th, 2021.</i>	18 to 21 st birthday <i>C.A.A. From March 9th, 2021 to September 30th, 2021, funding services only, age is extended to a youth through the age of 26. Contracted TILP service, remains for youth ages 18-21st birthday.</i>	ETV 16-26. Tuition Waiver: 14-23
Services/ Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QYA receives room and board support from DCS. • QYA receives monthly case management services. • DCS provides resources and supports to complement QYA's transition to adulthood plan. • A Quality Extended Foster Care Review is completed every 6 months to ensure QYA is receiving appropriate supports and services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QYA receives room and board support from DCS. • QYA receives monthly case management services. • DCS provides resources and supports to complement QYA's transition to adulthood plan. • A Quality Extended Foster Care Review is completed every 6 months to ensure QYA is receiving appropriate supports and services. 	TILP is an aftercare program of services and support for former foster youth who are now age 18-20. <i>C.A.A. Financial support is extended through the age of 26 until Sept. 30th, 2021.</i>	<p>ETV Funding for accredited post-secondary education and training programs. ETV cannot exceed 5 years of funding, and has a maximum of \$5,000 per year, not to exceed cost of attendance.</p> <p><i>C.A.A. Between April 1st, 2020, and September 30th, 2021, funding can exceed cost of attendance. Maximum award allowance is increased from \$5,000 to \$12,000 per year as of Oct. 1st, 2020 to Sept. 30th, 2022. Arizona recipients will continue to be served based on need.</i></p> <p>Tuition Waiver is specific to AZ State Universities and Community Colleges</p>