

# California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth

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If you are or were in foster care between the ages of 16 and 18 as a dependent or ward of the court and have financial need, you may qualify for up to \$5,000 a year for career and technical training or college. You don't have to pay this money back. You may also be able to use your grant to help pay for child care, transportation and rent while you're in school. You can use your Chafee Grant at any eligible California college or university or career or technical school, as well as schools in other states.

## Chafee Foster Youth Eligibility Requirements

To qualify, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current or former foster youth who was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18.
- Youth who are/were in Kin-GAP, a non-related legal guardianship or were adopted, are eligible only if the youth was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18.
- Not have reached your 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday as of July 1<sup>st</sup> of the award year.

## How To Apply?

To be considered for a California Chafee Grant, you must complete the following:

- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online; or
- If you do not have a Social Security Number (SSN), submit the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) online. (**Dream Act Id required to submit a Chafee Grant Application**)
- Submit the California Chafee Grant Application online

*Note: Forms are year-specific. Be sure to complete the applications that corresponds with the academic year you will be attending school.*

### **More Information**

- Chafee Grant Fact Sheet - [Download](#)
- More Ways to Pay for College Fact Sheet - [Download](#)
- California College Pathways - [Visit Site](#)
- The Community College Foundation - [Visit Site](#)
- California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office - [Visit Site](#)
- California Department of Social Services (CDSS) - [Visit Site](#)
- CDSS Children and Family Services Division - [Visit Site](#)
- CDSS Foster Care Help - [Visit Site](#)
- California Youth Connection - [Visit Site](#)
- Foster Club - [Visit Site](#)

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