

# FUNDING SOURCES FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

## CHAFEE

CHAFEE is managed through the Independent Living Program for youth ages 14 - 18, for amounts of \$300 - \$750. There is a specific amount per each age group per each year. I am including the most recent flyer I received from the IL program, advising of the eligible services/expenses. If there is no IL worker assigned, please contact your supervisor who will contact one of the IL supervisors to submit the request. Please know that with request can take up to two weeks to receive an approval.

Information needed to make the request for CHAFEE (to be sent to IL worker)

**1. YOUTH'S NAME**

**2. REQUEST DESCRIPTION (PLEASE REVIEW FLYER TO SEE ELIGIBLE SERVICES OR EXPENSES)**

**3. FUNDING AMOUNT (AS CONFIRMATION OF PRICE, A MOCK INVOICE, A FLYER, VENDOR EMAIL, A PICTURE SHOT OF A SHOPPING CART CAN BE PROVIDED)**

**3. DEADLINE FOR THE REQUEST**

**4. WHO THE COUNTY'S CHECK WOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO OR IF IT IS FROM ONE OF THE APPROVED STORES, I.E., TARGET, WAL-MART**

**5. A CONTACT NUMBER TO VERIFY THAT THE VENDOR WILL ACCEPT A COUNTY'S CHECK AS PAYMENT**

**6. IF APPROVED, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THE CASA VOLUNTEER OR FOSTER PARENT CAN BE REIMBURSED WITH CONFIRMATION OF PAYMENT/RECEIPTS**

# CHAFEE Funds Fast Fact

Chafee Enrichment Grant Funds are available to youth aged 14-18 who have a CURRENT Casey Assessment and Youth Plan on file. Chafee funds are never guaranteed.

## Amounts available per fiscal year:

Youth age 14- limit is \$300

Youth age 16 - limit is \$400

Youth age 18 - limit is \$750

Youth age 15 - limit is \$350

Youth age 17 - limit is \$750

Any exception to the yearly limit requires the approval of the Manager or designee of the Independent Living Unit.

## Eligible services and/or expenses for the use of funds:

### Assistance in obtaining a high school diploma:

- Backpacks & school supplies
- Books, lab fees/materials, class fees, rentals, and PE uniforms
- Cap & gown
- Class ring & other senior items
- Computer software
- One (1) graduation ticket
- Laptop/tablet & accessories
- Proficiency preparation/tutoring
- ROTC uniform
- School/senior pictures & yearbooks
- School trips
- Summer school fees & books
- Tutoring for grade/credit deficiency

### Career exploration:

- College preparation trips
- Drug testing for employment
- Fingerprint for employment
- Health cards
- I.D. cards
- PSAT/ACT/SAT fees & preparation classes
- Right to work (DREAMR, Registered Alien Card)
- TAM cards
- Uniform/work clothing (up to \$150 one time)
- Work permits

### Training in daily living skills:

- Bed: mattress & box springs
- Cell Phones
- Dances, prom & special events
- Uniforms/Clothing (\$150 one time limit)
- Driving (DMV fees, education programs)
- Dormitory & housing costs
- Dresser
- Hair styling & manicures for homecoming, prom, graduation & special events
- Houseware items
- School extracurricular activities
- Storage bins

### Substance abuse prevention, if not covered by Medicaid:

- Drug testing for counseling
- Therapeutic activities
- Therapeutic supplies
- Therapy/counseling

### Prevention health activities, payable in monthly increments, including but not limited to:

- Dance classes
- Gym fees
  - Karate
  - YMCA membership

- Chafee Funds DO NOT cover medical expenses (contacts, braces, glasses, etc.), clothing, food, personal hygiene items, travel, monthly bills (rent, etc.), or sales tax.
- All requests MUST be accompanied by an appropriate invoice prior to IL Specialist submitting the request. Please allow a minimum of two (2) weeks for the processing of all requests.
- Fiscal year is July 1-June 30. All have to be submitted prior to June 15 for end of year processing.

# Children's Foundation of Las Vegas

A request can be made directly through the Children's Foundation of Las Vegas (CFLV), formally the CASA Foundation, for children of all ages. The UNITY number (child identification number) is required to complete this request. The UNITY number is an individual identifier that is generated out of the DFS system of UNITY. This number can be requested from the CASA supervisor or DFS case manager. The person completing the request also needs to know the basics about the request - amount being requested, deadlines, funding amount, acceptable payment types, etcetera. CFLV does not reimburse. If approved, the vendor will be paid directly. Once the request is made, I can follow up with the CFLV ED with any questions or concerns. Helpful Hint: CFLV will only approve 1 request per every 6 months.

## Children's Service Guild

A request can be made through the Children's Service Guild (CSG) for any child in foster care, of all ages, for various services/expenses. The request is made by using their Contact Us page through their website. CSG consist of board members, meeting once a month to review request. Typically, CSG meets at the beginning of the month. CSG will not reimburse. The vendor must be paid directly. For that reason, vendor information, payment deadlines and accepted payment types is very important when making the request. CSG will also require a staff member to be in person to support the request. Because of that requirement, if the below information is provided to me, I will put in the request so that I also know to attend the meeting, supporting the request.

**Contact Us: <http://childrensserviceguild.com/contact-us/>**

### **Information needed to make the request**

- 1. Youth's name**
- 2. Request description**
- 3. Funding amount (as confirmation of price, a mock invoice, a flyer, a picture shot of a shopping cart can be provided)**
- 4. Acceptable payment types (check, credit card, money order, etcetera)**
- 5. A contact number/person to confirm receipt of payment and acceptable payment types**

# Through the Eyes of a Child

Through the Eyes of a Child Foundation provides cultural, athletic and educational scholarships to abused, abandoned and neglected children who are currently or former wards of the state (foster children). This application will be the most time intensive of all funding options. While the above options can likely be completed in less than 10 minutes, this will take a bit more time. The application requires a letter form the program (that I am happy to provide), CASA volunteer and youth if they can write. That said, in the past, they have approved some significant request, including in-home tutoring services. Scholarships up to \$5,000 may be granted on an annual basis and must go directly to the school, program or vendor. I will include their application in the attachment as well. Once submitted, please let me know and I will/can follow up with one of their board members. They ask that all other funder sources have been explored before submitting this request.

## **Limitations: The Foundation is under no obligation to fund a scholarship request.**

Scholarships up to \$5,000.00 may be granted on an annual basis.

Disbursements will be made payable to the school or program, not to the applicant or applicant's guardian.

- \* Scholarships for programs lasting more than 90 days will be funded on a quarterly basis.
- \*\* Scholarships for college tuition and expenses will be reviewed at end of a semester/quarter after receipt of the following documentation:
  - Student maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5
  - Proof of enrollment as a full time student
  - Copy of the class schedule
  - Transcripts must be sent directly to Foundation
- A statement of total Income and Expenses of applicant must be included.

### **Applicants:**

[www.throughtheeyesofachildfoundation.org](http://www.throughtheeyesofachildfoundation.org)

## Bus Passes

Free bus passes are provided through IL for various purposes. Please see flyer for additional information.

# Cash For College

Did you know that youth who experienced foster care, after the age of 13, may be eligible to have their tuition fees waived in the state of Nevada for college? See below for additional requirements: Students must meet all four (4):

- In foster care in Nevada, at the age of 13 years or older (adjudicated “ward of the court” status, for any length of time);
- Graduated from high school or passed the TASC, HiSET, or GED;
- Completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); and
- Under the age of 26 years.

**The below link is the actual application with additional information.  
NSHE Foster Youth Fee Waiver Form**

## Information about NSHE Foster Youth Fee Waiver Fact Sheets:

Who, What, When, Where, & Why

-> Frequently Asked Questions

-> Steps to Obtain

Foster Care-Specific Financial Aid Fact Sheet

Nevada Fostering Success Financial Aid Toolkit

Fostering Success Initiative FAFSA Flyer

Foster Care-Specific FAFSA Fact Sheet