

California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth

Free money for foster youth for college or career training

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If you are or were in foster care 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.

To qualify, you must be a current or former foster youth and not have reached your 22nd birthday as of July 1 of the award year. The court must have established your dependency when you were between the ages of 16 and 18. (KinGap youth who are or were eligible to receive Independent Living Program services, guardian placements and voluntary placements are not eligible for the California Chafee Grant, also known as the Chafee Education Training Voucher, unless court dependency was established, at any time, between the ages of 16 and 18.)

In addition, you must have financial need. You must also enroll at least half time in an eligible school, your program of study must be at least one academic year long, and you must attend class regularly and get good grades.

To apply, you must submit two forms: the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) and the California Chafee Grant Program Application. You may complete and submit the [Chafee Grant application online](#) or print and mail in your application (see below). If you prefer to complete the paper FAFSA, you can download it at www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov or call toll free 800-433-3243 to have one mailed to you. (If you don't have a Social Security number or are an undocumented student, contact the Commission for assistance.)

To learn more, read the [Chafee Grant Fact Sheet](#) or contact your high school counselor, college's financial aid office, county or college Independent Living Coordinator, One-Stop Career Center, social worker or probation officer.

If you've applied for a Chafee Grant, go to [WebGrants for Students](#) to check on the status of your application.

Already have a Chafee Grant? Your Chafee Grant may be renewed through your 23rd birthday. To renew your grant, you'll need to complete the FAFSA but you don't need to submit another Chafee Grant application. If you have moved, changed your name or transferred to another school, please call the Commission toll free at 888-224-7268 or complete the Chafee Grant Update and Change Form (see below) and mail it to the Commission:

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The Chafee Grant is federally and state funded and is subject to the availability of funds each year.

Chafee Grant materials:

- ▶ [Chafee Grant Application for Academic Year 2008-09](#)
- ▶ [Chafee Grant Update and Change Form for Academic Year 2007-08](#)
- ▶ [Chafee Grant Update and Change Form for Academic Year 2008-09](#)
- ▶ [Foster Care Eligibility Form](#)
- ▶ [Chafee Grant Needs Analysis Report for Academic Year 2007-08 \(for schools\)](#)
- ▶ [Chafee Grant Needs Analysis Report for Academic Year 2008-09 \(for schools\)](#)
- ▶ [Chafee Grant Fact Sheet](#)
- ▶ [More Ways to Pay for College Fact Sheet](#)



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