



# Summary of Available Support and Subsidy Funds for Foster Youth

Permanency is vital for the healthy development and well-being of youth. The importance of permanency to a child through reunification, adoption or guardianship, and the youth’s wishes, far outweighs any benefits a youth may or may not receive. However, it is important to know the difference in benefits a youth will receive based on the youth’s age and length of time in foster care.

<p><b>Age 14 – 15</b>  <b>Active/Open</b>  <b>In Custody</b>  <b>Less than 180 Days</b>  <b>in Foster Care</b></p>	<p><b>Age 16 – 20</b>  <b>Active/Open</b>  <b>Foster Care/</b>  <b>Custody</b>  <b>180 Days or More</b>  <b>in Foster Care</b></p>	<p><b>Age 16 – 20</b>  <b>Closed</b>  <b>Foster Care Ended at</b>  <b>Age 16 or Older</b>  <b>More than 180 Days</b>  <b>in Foster Care</b></p>	<p><b>Younger than Age 16</b>  <b>Closed</b>  <b>More than 180 Days</b>  <b>in Foster Care</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Skills Training via DHS caseworker, foster parent or other support</li> <li>•ILP Discretionary Funds</li> <li>•Eligible for DREAM Scholarship via OSAC application</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ILP Housing if age 16 or older</li> <li>•ILP Skills Training</li> <li>•ILP Discretionary Funds</li> <li>•Chafee Education and Training Vouchers</li> <li>•Tuition &amp; Fee Waiver</li> <li>•Prioritized for Oregon Opportunity Grant via FAFSA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•ILP Skills Training</li> <li>•ILP Discretionary Funds</li> <li>•Chafee Housing when dismissed at age 18+</li> <li>•Chafee Education and Training Vouchers</li> <li>•Tuition &amp; Fee Waiver</li> <li>•Prioritized for Oregon Opportunity Grant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Does not qualify for ILP services or funds</li> <li>•If in care at age 13, will qualify as an “independent student” through the FAFSA (does not need to claim any parental income in college)</li> </ul>

If a youth leaves foster care at age 16 or older with at least 180 days of substitute care after age 14, whether they participated in ILP or not, they retain eligibility for ILP services until age 21. All youth may apply for college funding through OSAC, <http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/default.aspx>.

**ILP Skills Training.** Contracted training and classes to prepare youth to live independently as adults.

**ILP Discretionary Funds.** Flexible funding to assist a youth with achieving his/her goals for transition.

**ILP Subsidy Housing.** Qualified youth may receive up to \$600 per month (based on monthly need) to live independently for a maximum of one year.

**Chafee Education and Training Grant (ETG).** Can provide funds to assist youth with post-secondary education or training to age 23.

**Chafee Housing.** A payment to assist an eligible youth between age 18 and 20 in covering the costs of room and board.

**Oregon DHS Independent Living Program,** [http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/fostercare/pages/ind\\_living/ilp.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/fostercare/pages/ind_living/ilp.aspx)

**Former Foster Care Youth Medical Program,** <http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/fostercare/docs/FFCY%20Medical%20Flyer.pdf>

**Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver,** [http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/fostercare/docs/faq\\_supportive\\_adults.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/fostercare/docs/faq_supportive_adults.pdf)

**Foster Care to Success,** <http://www.fc2success.org/programs/scholarships-and-grants/> **FosterClub,** <https://www.fosterclub.com/>

**Chafee ETG Application,** <http://oregonstudentaid.gov/chafeeetv.aspx> **FAFSA Application,** <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>