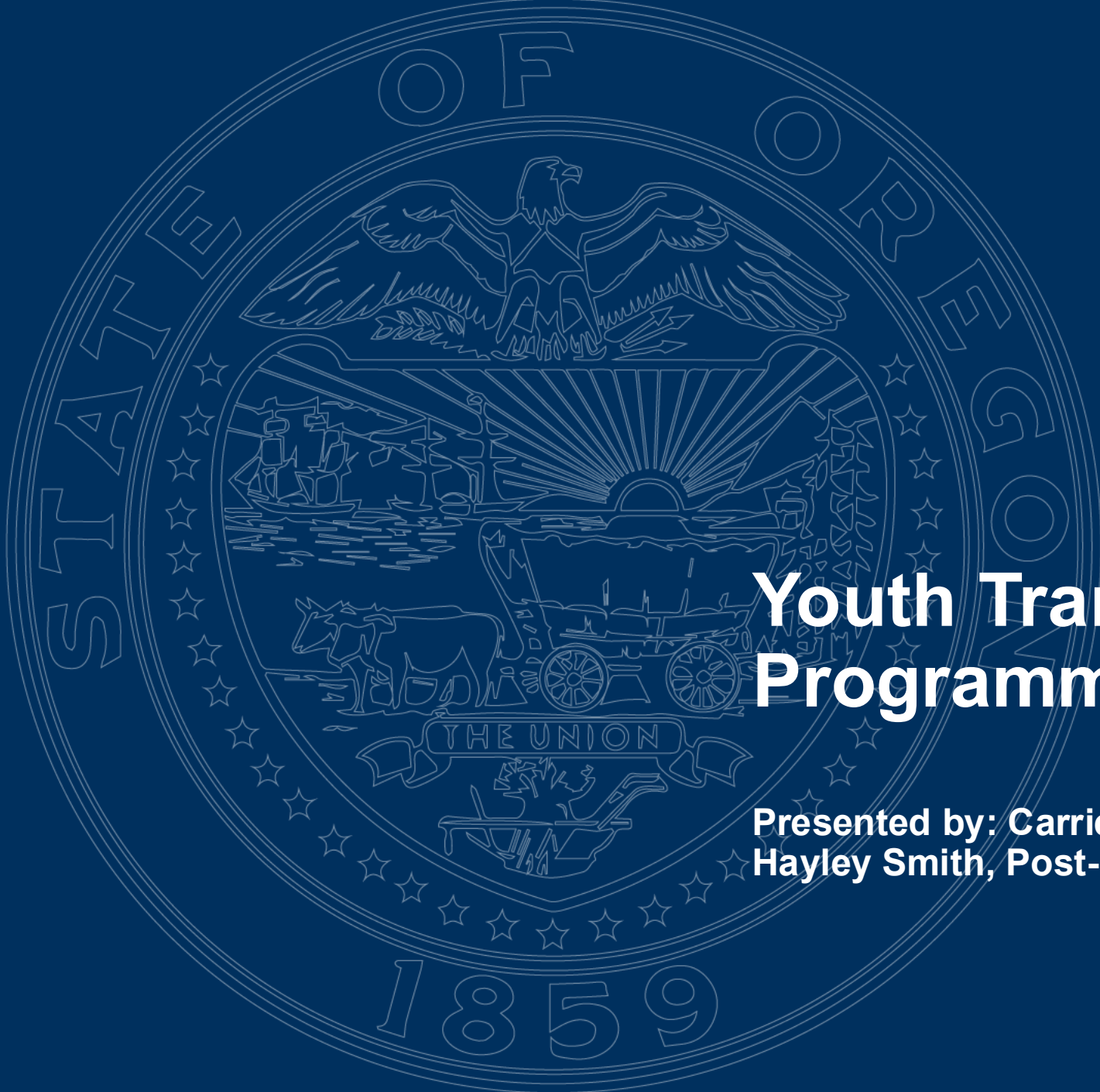




Youth Transitions Programming 2025

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Helpful resources

- ODHS CW Procedure Manual- Youth Transitions Ch 5 Sections 15 & 29

<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/rules-policy/Documents/cw-procedure-manual.pdf>

- Youth Transitions External Website

<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/foster-care-transition/pages/default.aspx>

Agenda



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A low-angle, close-up shot of a person's legs and feet walking on a paved path. The person is wearing dark sneakers with light-colored soles. The path is made of light-colored gravel or small stones, and there are dark, curved shadows cast on the ground. The background is blurred, showing some greenery and a clear sky.

Independent Living Program Skill Building Services (ILP)

Eligibility:

Age 14 or older and in
substitute care,

or a former foster child who
left substitute care placement
at age 14 or older and had at
least 180 days of substitute
care placement services
after age 13.

*Currently, services are
available until a young
person's 24th birthday.

INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (ILP) SERVICES

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GROUPS (AGES 14-23)

Group-based skills workshops and experiential learning events (at least 90 minutes in duration) shall be provided monthly to allow for peer exposure and community building. Group events will rotate target populations monthly within a quarter (older population, younger population, and group outings/experiential learning in the community). Ongoing ILP services are not required to participate!



2

ILP SKILL BUILDING SERVICES (AGES 14-23)

ILP Skill Building Services (minimum of 60 minutes, one-on-one and in person) are to facilitate access to individualized services and supports across all independent living domains guided by the young person's transition plan goals or immediate needs. Contractor shall include the young person in determining the services to be provided. ILP services require the development of a YAS and YTP within 90 days of enrollment. Flex Funds are available as a means to promote engagement.

3

ILP PLUS (AGES 16-23)

ILP+ additional skill building activities are intended to support a young person that would benefit from more intensive skills training focused on developing internal assets and external resources, during a time of higher need or transition. Services can be provided in increments of 30 minutes (not to exceed 150 minutes/month).



4

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (AGES 16-23)

Young people will be supported to access leadership activities, which allow them to develop their skills, work closely with others, share ideas and influence change. ILP skill building services will assist in preparing, supporting and debriefing the experience. Young people will be compensated for their time by being provided a leadership stipend.

5

ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS ONLY (AGES 14-23)

Engagement Efforts Only is a service type to support the Contractor's unsuccessful attempts to engage a young person in group or skill building activities within a given month.



Discretionary Funding

Provides items, services, or extra-curricular activities that will help Youth Transitions Services eligible young people achieve the goals identified in their transition plan while gaining life skills for a successful transition to adulthood



Funding Guidelines

Youth Transitions Funding Guidelines

YT funding can be used for the following items, services and extra-curricular activities that will help young people (age 14 to 23) achieve the goals identified in their transition plan while gaining life skills for a successful transition to adulthood.

Cell phones



- Cell phones - **\$400** max per life of case
- Monthly service - **\$400** max per life of case (up to 6 months of support, submitted as a multi-month, one-time payment)

Cars insurance and maintenance



- Car insurance (with driver's ed completion only) – **\$1,200** max per life of case (up to 6 months of coverage, submitted as a multi-month, one-time payment)
- Maintenance and repairs - **\$250** max per fiscal year

DMV fees



Payments are made out to the local DMV office unless it's a reimbursement.

Bikes and skateboards



- Bike, skateboard, longboard, etc. – **\$300** max every 24 months
- Safety equipment and accessories – **\$150** max every 24 months

Housing start-up costs (moving costs, household items, bedding, etc.)



- If furniture is included - **\$1,200** max per life of case
- Without furniture - **\$800** max per life of case

One-time housing (required deposits, rent, monthly expenses)



Must be eligible for either Chafee Housing or ILP Housing Subsidy Program funding.

Laptops



- **\$350** max through junior year*
- **\$500** max senior year and beyond*

*Written educational recommendations are required for potential additional funding. Laptops under warranty will be repaired or replaced as allowed. Replacements are only available after 24 months and after warranty expiration.

Funding Guidelines

High school costs



- Yearly activity fees, yearbooks – **\$300** max
- Yearly school supplies – **\$150** max
- Senior photos – **\$250** max
- Graduation packages – **\$175** max

Camp fees



- **\$500** max yearly

Other allowed expenses



- Securing or replacing personal documents
- Special equipment (tools, uniforms, work attire)
- Tutoring or music lessons (written provider agreement is required)

Items not covered by YT funding



- YT does not replace lost or stolen cash.
- YT does not cover orthodontic, medical, vision or dental care.
- YT does not cover major car repairs.
- YT does not cover non-work related clothing.

Documentation and signatures



All submissions require pertinent **signatures** (young person, caseworker, Tribal Nation worker, ILP provider, etc.) and **documentation** (how request connects to transition plan, receipts, screen shot showing items and cost, quotes, estimates, etc.).

- Child Welfare Branch Manager approvals are required for any \$500+ requests.
- Receipts are required and will be tracked. When receipts are not provided, future funding opportunities will be limited to vendor direct payments or reimbursements only.
- Receipts within 90 days of purchase are required for all reimbursements.

Incomplete requests will be sent back and will need to be resubmitted.

Driver's Education

<https://www.whydriewithed.com/find-a-provider/>

Free Driver Ed for Young Adults with Foster Care Experience



If you experienced Foster Care as an older teen (age 14+ and had at least 180 days of foster care after age 13), Driver Ed may be free for you. Oregon Department of Human Services has funding to pay the costs of your driver education class. You can pick any APPROVED provider and your caseworker or ILP Provider will make the arrangements.

Why Driver Ed?

- Young people who complete the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) approved Driver Ed course have a 21% lower crash rate than young people who don't.
- Young people who take Driver Ed have a 57% lower rate of traffic convictions and can save up to 15% on car insurance.
- Young people who complete an ODOT approved Driver Ed course get to waive the Oregon DMV driver test to get their license.



TALK TO YOUR CASEWORKER OR
ILP PROVIDER TODAY!

Find a Provider:
Why Drive With Ed
<https://www.whydriewithed.com/find-a-provider/>



Education Incentive

\$500 Education Incentive



Young people in the custody of Child Welfare who earn their high school diploma or GED after October 1, 2022 will receive \$500

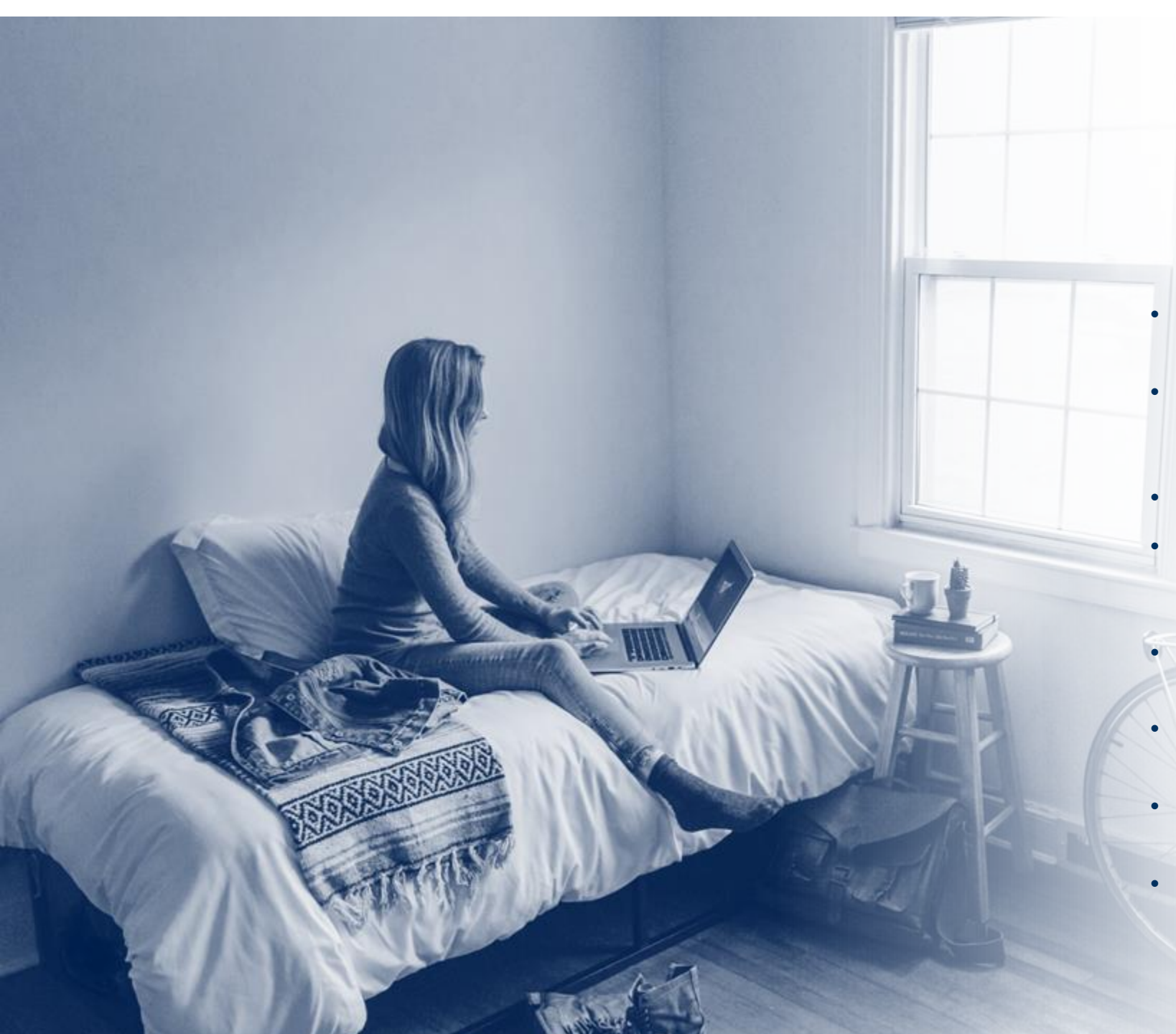
How?

Caseworkers must upload the young person's diploma or GED into the OR-Kids file cabinet and update their education tab. Then they will submit notification with the young person's name, person # and the caseworker's branch address to ILP.Central@odhsoha.oregon.gov using the subject line Education Incentive Verification.

*Direct deposits are also available and encouraged.



Youth Transitions

A woman with long blonde hair is sitting on a bed in a room with white walls and a large window. She is using a laptop. The bed has white linens and a patterned blanket. A small wooden stool with a cup and books is next to the bed. A bicycle wheel is visible in the foreground.

Independent Living Housing Subsidy

- Age 18+ (exceptions are required for 16 and 17-year-olds)
- Currently in the legal care and custody of ODHS Child Welfare (with a previous substitute care placement)
- Court approval
- 36 hours of productive time activities per week (paid employment, school, volunteer activities or a combination of the three)
- High school graduate, GED or actively working towards educational goals
- Enrolled in ILP skill building services (including financial literacy)
- First 12 months – maximum monthly rate of \$1,022 (need based)
- Starting month 13 the rate gradually decreases for the next 18 months

Chafee Housing Program

- Age 18+ but not yet 24
- Left ODHS **or Tribal** Child Welfare care and custody at age 18 or older with at least 180 days of placement services after age 13
- 36 hours of productive time activities per week (paid employment, school, volunteer activities or a combination of the three)
- *Requires at least 4 hours of paid employment
- High school graduate, GED or actively working towards educational goals
- Enrolled in ILP skill building services (including financial literacy)
- Maximum monthly rate of \$1,022 (need based)
- Maximum amount available before 24th birthday = \$12,000





Transitional Living Housing Programs (YT TLP Contracts)

TLPs are a great option for young people preparing to leave foster care or those that have recently exited that aren't quite ready to launch into full independence. They are designed to help young people gain and practice self-sufficiency skills.

- **New Meadows** (14-unit apartment style TLP in Portland)
- **Molalla House** (4 rooms, 5 bed shared home arrangement TLP in Oregon City)
- **Compass Complex** (4-plex, (3) 2-bedroom unit TLP in Beaverton)

Teen Retreat



Rewind, Recharge, Reset! June 24-27 at the Oregon Outdoor Education Center in Salem, OR. A chance for foster youth ages 14-18 to step away, connect and recharge.

- For ages 14-18
- **June 24- 27**
- Oregon Outdoor Education Center
- West Salem, OR

DREAM Conference



How Far We've Come, July 29-August 1 at the University of Portland. If you're 16-23 and have experienced foster care, DREAM together about the future.

- For ages 16-23
- **July 29-Aug 1**
- University of Portland
- Portland, OR

Highlights will include a new and improved Pathways Fair and a Lip-synching event all on a beautiful campus overlooking the Willamette River.

Native Teen Gathering



The Native Gathering is a 4-day camp for Native teens and young adults who are currently in or in the past have been in foster care in the state of Oregon. We will gather for educational workshops, arts & crafts, storytelling, and more. The interactive camp is intended to connect young people to each other and Native culture and to learn tools to help you live in balance.

- For ages 14-23
- **August 12-15**
- Chiloquin, OR (KOSS Campground)

Facilitated by the Native Wellness Institute

A man with a shaved head and safety glasses, wearing a green t-shirt and a black apron, is focused on working on a wooden structure in a workshop. He is using a hand plane. In the background, another person is visible working at a different station. The workshop is filled with various tools and wooden materials.

Chafee Education and Training Grant

The Chafee ETG assists qualified young people with college, university or training program expenses. A student may receive up to a maximum of \$5,000 per academic year. The amount is based on need and funds available. Students must be accepted and enrolled in a post-secondary education or training program to receive funds. Students may access the program for up to five years, or prior to the term in which they turn 26-years-old, and they must reapply every year. Students must also complete and submit the Chafee ETG application, be making satisfactory progress and be considered in good academic standing.

Eligibility:

- **Currently be in Child Welfare custody, or have foster care experience for at least 180 days after your 13th birthday and exited substitute care at age 14 or older, or**
- **be a former foster youth who was adopted or entered a guardianship on or after your 13th birthday, and your adoption/guardianship finalized after 9/1/2015**

<https://oregonstudentaid.gov/grants/chafee-education-and-training-grant>

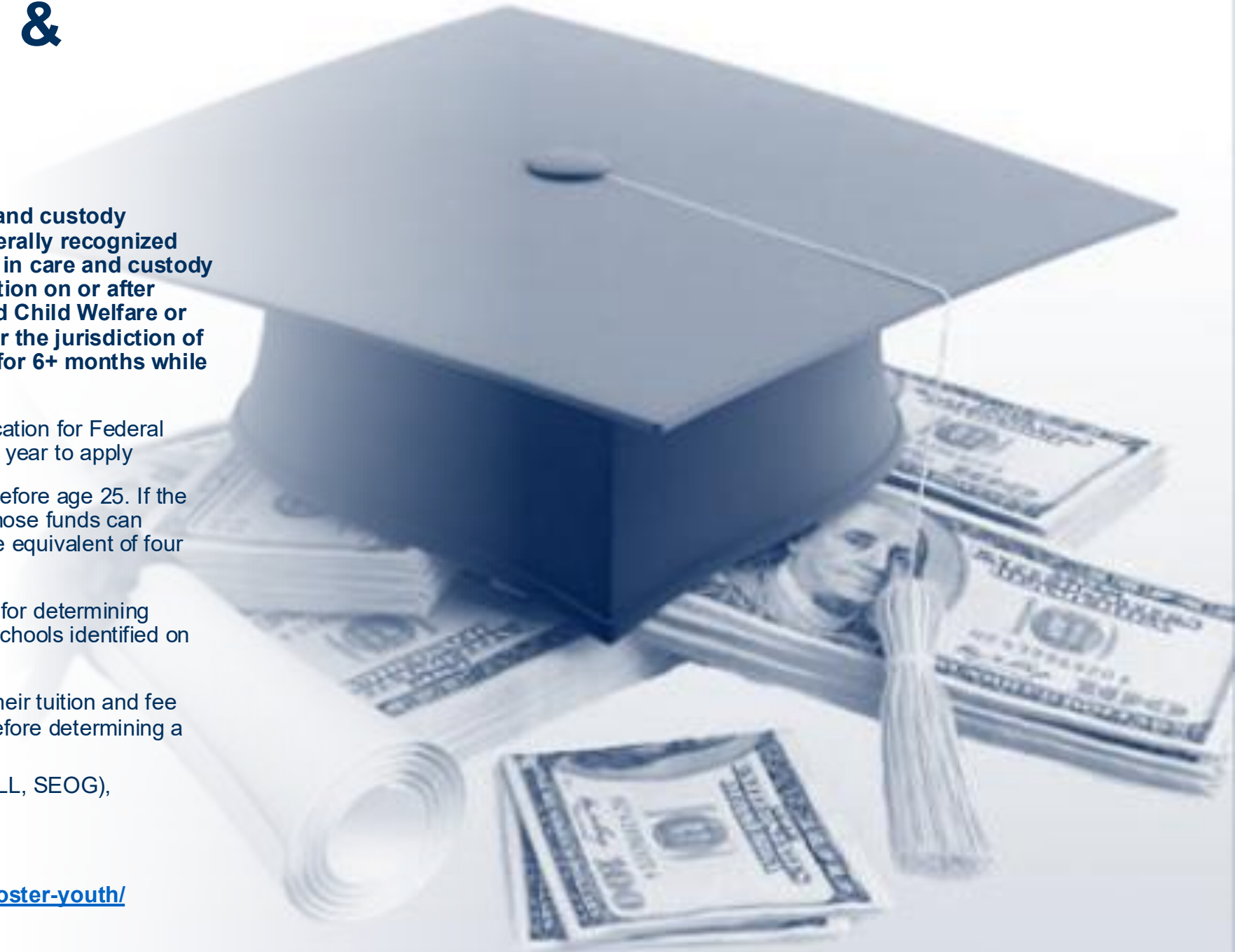
Oregon Tuition & Fee Waiver

Eligibility:

Students 16 or older in substitute care and custody through Child Welfare or one of the federally recognized Tribes in Oregon or Students who were in care and custody for 6+ months prior to adoption finalization on or after January 1, 2012, or a student who exited Child Welfare or Tribal custody at age 16+ and was under the jurisdiction of a Tribal court or Child Welfare custody for 6+ months while between 14-21 years of age.

- The student must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year to apply
- The student must be receiving funds before age 25. If the student is receiving funds at age 25, those funds can continue until the student accesses the equivalent of four years of undergraduate education.
- Youth Transitions partners with OSAC for determining eligibility. OSAC notifies participating schools identified on the student's FAFSA.
- Each school will notify the student of their tuition and fee waiver eligibility and amount, if any. Before determining a need for the waiver, schools will use:
 - A student's Federal Grants (PELL, SEOG),
 - Oregon Opportunity Grant, and
 - Other school aid.

<https://oregonstudentaid.gov/foster-youth/>



Oregon Tuition & Fee Waiver

- **Senate Bill 449** expanded the Oregon Tuition and Fee Waiver eligibility to include those children who were wards of the court (State or Tribal), experienced foster care for at least six months *and* were adopted after January 1, 2012, creating the new definition of “adopted former foster child.”
- **Undocumented/ DACA student resources:** Undocumented students, including DACA students, are **NOT** eligible for federal financial aid (including the Federal Pell Grant), but may be eligible for other types of aid by filing the ORSAA application.
- **As of the 2023-2024 academic year**, these populations were eligible for Oregon’s Tuition and Fee Waiver at Oregon State Community Colleges and Universities.

Find resources at:

<https://oregonstudentaid.gov/fafsa-orsaa/>



Thank you!

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