

Youth Development Funds

Youth development funds are available to committed youth age sixteen (16) through age twenty-one (21) (extracurricular activities are eligible to youth ages fourteen (14) through seventeen (17) or until youth has graduated from high school), to support participation in extracurricular and enrichment activities. These funds should only be requested when other funding sources have been explored and exhausted (such as foster parent per diem, community programs, etc.).

All youth development requests may only be requested up to two (2) times per year.

Directions: Complete all sections of the form and return to the regional independent living specialist along with receipts for expenses or invoice from vendor. Please note: If requesting reimbursement, you must provide a dated receipt that clearly documents the service/purchase and the child's name. Example of requester may be foster parent, committed child, or PCC. Example of vendor to be paid directly includes a high school, driving education program, etc.

Child's Name:	Date of Request:
DOB:	Case Number:
Region of Service:	County of Service:
SSN:	Requested Amount:
Payment to: <input type="checkbox"/> Requester <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor	
Requester's Name (Printed):	Requester's Phone Number/Email:
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For Direct Payment to Vendors

Vendor Name and Address: (A new vendor must include a Vendor Resource Form)

Youth Age 14 and Older

- Extracurricular Activities (up to \$500 per year)

Youth Age 16 and Older

Check applicable category (Lifetime maximums apply):

- Driver Education and Documentation (up to \$500)
- Transportation (up to \$500)
- Employment (up to \$300)
- Education (up to \$500)

Youth Age 17 and Older

Check applicable category (Lifetime maximums apply):

- Computer (up to \$400)
- College Preparation (up to \$300)
- Second Chance Scholarship (\$1000); Additional Documentation Required

Have other funding sources been explored and exhausted? Yes No

Explain:

Describe the expenditure requested:

Describe why the expenditure is needed and how it will assist the youth towards self-sufficiency and independence:

Central Office Only

Approval Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Extracurricular Activities include recreational, enrichment, and school-related activities that are age and developmentally appropriate, and promote normal youth development of self-esteem, social, and independent living skills. Examples include, but are not limited to school clubs, dance classes, gymnastics, karate, church groups, team sports, band, cheerleading, school related trips (excluding senior trip), etc.

Computer includes computer and computer software (such as Microsoft office, etc.). Youth must be enrolled in a post-secondary program and have a need after applying all other financial aid (such as ETV, Pell Grant, etc.).

Driver Education and Documentation includes the costs to complete a state approved driver education program.

Transportation includes purchase of a bicycle and safety supplies, moped, etc. Eligible youth must be at least seventeen (17) years old.

Employment includes the purchase of work related clothes or supplies. Eligible youth must be at least seventeen (17) years old.

Education includes GED prep courses, GED testing, tutoring services, summer school classes (secondary school only), E-School, dual credit courses, etc. Tutoring services rate may not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) per hour and two (2) hours per week.

College Preparation expenses include SAT/ACT prep programs, SAT/ACT testing, application fees, college orientation and registration fees, housing fees, dorm room supplies such as bedding, etc.

Second Chance Scholarship: The purpose of the second chance scholarship is to give foster youth another opportunity to return to college and further their education. The scholarship will give foster youth financial assistance toward paying off delinquent accounts at post-secondary institutions so they can return to school. To be eligible for the scholarship, the youth must have established a payment plan with the institution and be making payments toward the debt. The scholarship will match up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
