WHAT WE DO

The Arizona Friends of Foster children Foundation funds a variety of activities and items for children in foster care that are not otherwise funded by the state or other programs. We fund items in one of two ways: 1) a check is made payable directly to the vendor/service provider and mailed to the caregiver or 2) we reimburse the caregiver for a purchase AFTER the application is approved.

(Please remember that AFFCF cannot reimburse any purchase made prior to receiving approval from AFFCF.)

Check out this list of what AFFCF can consider funding. This is not a complete list. For additional information, visit **affcf.org/general-awards/awardguidelines**. Please keep in mind that we can consider funding only one activity at a time per child. The only exception to this guideline is swimming lessons.

ACTIVITIES

BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, SKATES, SKATEBOARDS*

Funding Limits:
Bike Ages 1-6: $135 ($100 bike; $35 helmet/lock)
Ages 7-13: $200 ($150 bike; $50 helmet/lock)
Ages 14+: $250 ($200 bike; $50 helmet/lock)
Scooter $150 ($100 scooter; $50 helmet/pads
Skates $150 ($100 skates; $50 helmet/pads)
Skateboard $150 ($100 skateboard; $50 helmet/pads)

Payment: Reimbursement
Frequency: Every two years

**Must choose from either a bicycle, scooter, skateboard or skates every two years.*

EDUCATIONAL

BOOKS

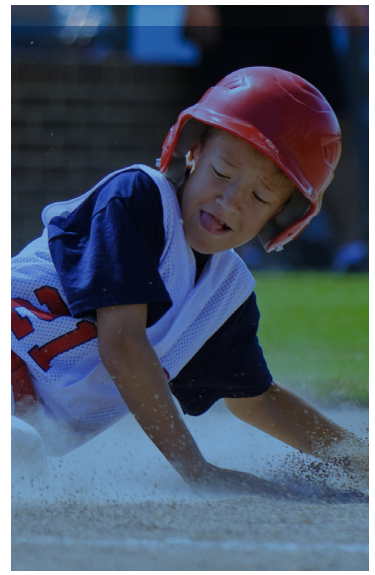
Funding Limit: $50
Payment: Reimbursement
Frequency: Once per year

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Funding Limit: Once per semester
Payment: Check made payable to vendor/provider
Frequency: Semester

GED TESTING FEE

Funding Limit: Considered individually
Payment: Check made payable to vendor/provider
Frequency: One time



CLASSES/LESSONS

Funding Limit: $375/3 months ($125/month)
Payment: Check made payable to vendor/provider
Frequency: Up to 12 weeks at a time

GRADUATION EXPENSES

Ex. cap, gown, tassel, class ring, etc.
Funding Limit: Considered only after the $220 state maximum has been used
Payment: Check made payable to vendor/provider
Frequency: One time

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

Funding Limit: $450
Payment: Check made payable to vendor/provider
Frequency: Ongoing

SCHOOL PICTURES

Funding Limit: $50
Payment: Check made payable to vendor/provider
Frequency: Once per year

TUTORING

Funding Limit: $500/three months
Payment: Check made payable to vendor/provider
Frequency: Up to 12 weeks at a time

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT RENTAL

Funding Limit: Considered individually
Payment: Check made payable to vendor/provider
Frequency: Up to 12 weeks at a time

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Ex. uniforms, protective gear, etc.
Funding Limit: $200 (including $75 for shoes)
Payment: Reimbursement
Frequency: Ongoing

SPORTS REGISTRATION

Ex. baseball, football, soccer, etc.
Funding Limit: Considered individually
Payment: Check made payable to vendor/provider
Frequency: Ongoing

BABY/TODDLER NEEDS

CAR SEAT

Restricted to children in kinship placements
Funding Limit: $125
Payment: Reimbursement
Frequency: One time

HIGH CHAIR

Restricted to children in kinship placements
Funding Limit: $50
Payment: Reimbursement
Frequency: One time

STROLLER

Restricted to children in kinship placements
Funding Limit: $100
Payment: Reimbursement
Frequency: One time

WEIGHTED BLANKET/VEST

Funding Limit: $100
Payment: Reimbursement
Frequency: One time

SOCIAL/OTHER

APARTMENT SETUP

Restricted to youth aging out of foster care
Funding Limit: $350
Payment: Gift card to store of choice
Frequency: One time

CAMP

Funding Limit: $400
Payment: Check made payable to vendor/provider
Frequency: Once per calendar year

HAIR CARE

Natural hair styles, braids,extensions and protective hair styles, e.g. straw sets, twists for African American hair care.
Funding Limit: $100
Payment: Check made payable to vendor/provider
Frequency: Once per month

PROM EXPENSES

Ex. gown, tuxedo rental, shoes, tickets, etc.
Funding Limit: $350
Payment: Reimbursement
Frequency: Once per year

SPECIAL EVENT CLOTHING

Ex. 8th grade promotion, quinceañera, etc.
Funding Limit: $100
Payment: Reimbursement
Frequency: Ongoing

SUPPLEMENTAL CLOTHING

Ex. school uniforms, back-to-school clothing, etc.
Funding Limit: $150
Payment: Reimbursement
Frequency: Once per year

THEME PARK ADMISSION (IN ARIZONA)

Funding Limit: $50
Payment: Reimbursement
Frequency: Once per year

THEME PARK ADMISSION (OUT OF STATE)

Funding Limit: $200
Payment: Reimbursement
Frequency: Once per year

APPLY ONLINE: AFFCF.ORG/APPLY

HOW IT WORKS

The only eligibility requirement for an award from the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation is that the child is a current adjudicated dependent ward of the court in Arizona.

COMPLETE AN APPLICATION

To receive funding, whether by check or reimbursement, all requests must go through AFFCF's application and approval process.
Anyone can submit an application on behalf of a child in foster care. Visit **affcf.org/apply** to access our application. Our application asks for contact information for the child's DCS or Tribal caseworker, as we must verify the child's current status as a ward of the court in foster care in Arizona.

ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Documentation can be a brochure, a screenshot from a web page or a flyer from the provider of the activity or service. The documentation must display exactly what is being requested and the exact cost of the request.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

From the time you submit an application to the time it is approved takes about 10 to 14 days. Check payments are made payable to the vendor/provider and are mailed to the caregiver address listed on the application. For reimbursement items, AFFCF notifies the caregiver listed on the application in writing that the application has been approved and provides directions on how to receive reimbursement.

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KEYS TO SUCCESS

The AFFCF Keys to Success program offers one-on-one career development and employment services tailored to fit the unique needs of each youth we serve.

Keys to Success services include:

- In-depth assessment of each youth's skills and abilities
- Career exploration and planning
- Job-readiness training
- Employment
- Education attainment
- Skill building
- Career coaching

Youth ages 16-20 in foster care in Maricopa County are eligible to apply. Visit **affcf.org/keys/youth** to learn more or call 602.252.9445.

POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS

AFFCF's Post-Secondary Scholarship program funds tuition and fees for young people who age out of foster care in Arizona and wish to attend a university, community college or vocational education program.

- Applicants must have been wards of the court in Arizona when they turned 18 years of age.
- AFFCF will not consider first-time applicants older than 24 years.
- University applicants are eligible to receive awards up to $5,000/academic year ($2,500 per semester).
- Community college applicants are eligible to receive awards up to $2,000/academic year ($1,000 per semester).
- Scholarships are available for a maximum of 10 semesters and are renewable on a semester-by-semester basis.

For details, visit affcf.org/scholarships.

PENSON FUND

The Penson Fund is there to help when things don't go right, or when an emergency pops up for a youth enrolled in post-secondary education. Applicants for the Penson Fund must be under age 21 and aged out of foster care.

For details, visit affcf.org/penson.

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