



## 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/guidelines](http://affcf.org/guidelines). 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

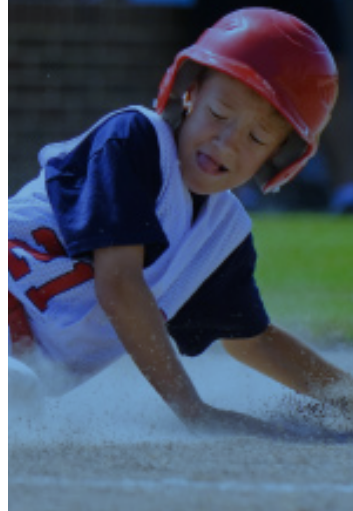
### GED TESTING FEE

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

### 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



### CLASSES/LESSONS

**Funding Limit:** \$375/3 months (\$125/month)  
**Payment:** Check made payable to vendor/provider  
**Frequency:** Up to 12 weeks at a 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:** \$400/one month  
**Payment:** Check made payable to vendor/provider  
**Frequency:** Monthly

### 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:** \$125/month  
**Payment:** Check made payable to vendor/provider  
**Frequency:** Ongoing

## BABY/TODDLER NEEDS

### CAR SEAT

Restricted to unlicensed caregivers  
**Funding Limit:** \$125  
**Payment:** Reimbursement  
**Frequency:** One time

### HIGH CHAIR

Restricted to unlicensed caregivers  
**Funding Limit:** \$50  
**Payment:** Reimbursement  
**Frequency:** One time

### STROLLER

Restricted to unlicensed caregivers  
**Funding Limit:** \$100  
**Payment:** Reimbursement  
**Frequency:** One time

### WEIGHTED BLANKET/VEST

Child must be no less than 1 year old and blanket or vest must not weigh more than 10% of the child's body weight.  
**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:** \$375  
**Payment:** Check made payable to vendor/provider  
**Frequency:** Once per calendar year

### ETHNIC 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:** \$100  
**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



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 and western Yavapai County are eligible to apply. Visit [affcf.org/keys](http://affcf.org/keys) 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).
- Eligibility for scholarship is for two semesters. Students can submit renewal documents to continue in the scholarship program, however, renewal is not guaranteed.

For details, visit [affcf.org/scholarships](http://affcf.org/scholarships).

**PENSON FUND**

The Pension 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 Pension Fund must be under age 21 and aged out of foster care.

For details, visit [affcf.org/penson](http://affcf.org/penson).

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT AFFCF**

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**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](http://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.

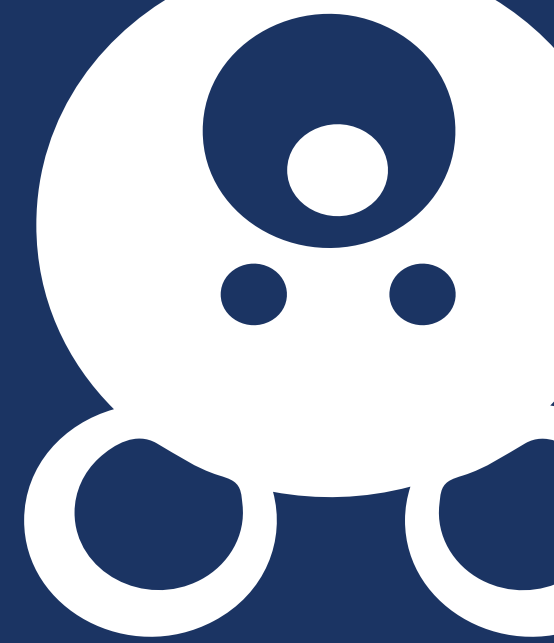
**ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

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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