



OUR MISSION

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation creates opportunities to build self-esteem and empower children and youth in foster care by funding items and services to enrich their life experiences and ensure their successful transition to adulthood.

We've been funding activities and services to give children and youth in foster care the same opportunities as their peers since 1984. From swimming lessons to career development services to college scholarships, we are here to improve the lives and enhance the self-esteem of youth in foster care across Arizona.

CHILDHOOD ACTIVITIES FUNDING

Check out this list of what AFFCF can consider funding. This is not a complete list. For the most up-to-date information, visit affcf.org/childhood-activities/what-we-fund. Also included are additional resources available for that category to help support youth in foster care.

ACTIVITIES

We can consider funding only one activity at a time per child. The only exception to this guideline is swimming lessons.

- **ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT**
Ex. uniforms, protective gear, etc.
- **ATHLETIC REGISTRATION**
Ex. baseball, football, soccer, etc.
- **CLASSES/LESSONS**
Ex. dance, music lessons
- **MUSICAL INSTRUMENT RENTAL**



BABY/TODDLER NEEDS

Restricted to unlicensed caregivers and three years old and younger dependents of youth in foster care

- **CAR SEAT**
- **CHILD CARE START UP FEES**
- **HIGH CHAIR/BOOSTER SEAT**
- **PACK AND PLAY**
- **STROLLER**

SOCIAL/OTHER

- **APARTMENT/DORM SETUP**
Restricted to youth aging out of foster care
- **BICYCLE, HELMET AND LOCK**
One request every two years
- **CAMP**
- **ETHNIC HAIR CARE**
Natural hair styles, braids, extensions and protective hair styles, e.g. straw sets, twists for African American hair care.
- **PROM EXPENSES**
Ex. gown, tuxedo rental, tickets, etc.
- **SCOOTERS, SKATES, SKATEBOARDS, HOVERBOARDS**
One request every two years
- **SPECIAL EVENT CLOTHING**
Ex. 8th grade promotion, quinceañera, etc.
- **SUPPLEMENTAL CLOTHING**
Ex. school uniforms, back-to-school clothing, etc.
- **THEME PARK ADMISSION (IN ARIZONA)**
- **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.

EDUCATIONAL

- **BOOKS**
- **DUAL ENROLLMENT**
- **GED TESTING FEE**
- **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION EXPENSES**
If any expenses after DCS stipend used.
- **SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS**
- **SCHOOL PICTURES**
- **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**
Excludes home office supplies (printer ink, file folders, etc.)
- **TUTORING**



APPLY ONLINE: AFFCF.ORG/APPLY

**AFFCF can reimburse only for purchases made AFTER the application is approved.*

**AFFCF reserves the right to deny a Childhood Activities request for any reason or no reason at all.*



HOW IT WORKS

The eligibility requirement for a request from the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation is that the child is a currently adjudicated dependent ward of the court in Arizona or tribal court of Arizona.

COMPLETE AN APPLICATION



To receive funding, all requests must go through AFFCF's application and approval process. Anyone can submit an application on behalf of a child in foster care. Use the QR code to the left or visit

affcf.org/apply to access our online application. Our application asks for contact information for the child's DCS or Tribal case manager, as we must verify the child's current status as a ward of the court in foster care in Arizona.

ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Required documentation is specified for each category. 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 7 to 10 business days.
- Check payments are made payable to the vendor/service provider and are mailed to the caregiver address on the application.
- For reimbursement items, AFFCF notifies the applicant via email that the application has been approved and provides directions on how to receive reimbursement.

Please remember that AFFCF cannot reimburse any purchases made prior to receiving approval from AFFCF.



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

Keys to Success services include:

- Career exploration and planning
- Work readiness training and job search assistance
- Development of education plans and assistance to attain goals
- Life skills training
- Financial literacy education
- Connections to resources that will eliminate barriers to career and life success

Youth ages 16-26 must who in Maricopa, Pima or Yavapai County are eligible to apply. Visit affcf.org/ways-we-help/keys-to-success 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 or tribal foster care in Arizona and wish to attend a university or community college.

University applicants are eligible to receive scholarships up to \$5,000/academic year (\$2,500 per semester). Community college applicants are eligible to receive scholarships up to \$2,000/academic year (\$1,000 per semester). To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be ages 17 - 24.
- Have reached (or will reach age 18 as a ward of the state of Arizona.
- Be enrolled (or will enroll) in at least six college credit hours for the upcoming semester.

For details, visit affcf.org/scholarships.



FOCUS FORWARD FUND

The AFFCF Focus Forward Fund helps when things don't go right, or when an unexpected emergency pops up for a youth enrolled in post-secondary education.

For details, visit affcf.org/ways-we-help/post-secondary/focus-forward-fund.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT AFFCF

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