

Free Money for Career and Technical Training or College for Current or Former Foster Youth APPLICATION

New Chafee Grant student? Fill out and mail or fax this application to the California Student Aid Commission.
Renewal Chafee Grant student? *Don't fill out this application. The Commission will contact you if you are eligible for renewal. Just call the Commission for more information.*

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CAREFULLY

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	* SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER - -	
ADDRESS (Include Apt #)		CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: HOME ()			WORK/CELL ()		
BIRTHDATE / /		EMAILADDRESS			
CALIFORNIA COUNTY WHERE YOU WERE IN FOSTER CARE			YOUR AREA OF STUDY OR MAJOR		
FULL NAME OF COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (Please, no high school name)			CITY	STATE	
YOUR DEGREE GOAL					
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate or Diploma (for Occup. or Tech. or Educ. program of at least two years)		<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate or Diploma (for Occup. or Tech. or Educ. program of less than two years)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree (Occup. or Tech.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree (Gen. Ed. or transfer)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Bachelor's Degree		<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Credential Program			
<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Bachelor's Degree		<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate or Professional Degree			
COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL LEVEL FOR (Check only one)			HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)?		
<input type="checkbox"/> FRESHMAN (FEWER THAN 30 UNITS)			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (The FAFSA must be completed prior to receiving any Chafee Grant funds. The FAFSA can be filed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov)		
<input type="checkbox"/> SOPHOMORE <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR					
<input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____					
ARE/WERE YOU IN FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT UNDER COURT DEPENDENCY? **					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANT PROGRAM?					
____ Independent Living Program (ILP County or College)		____ California Student Aid Commission		____ Mail	
____ School financial aid officer or school counselor		____ One-Stop Career Center			
____ Other _____		____ Social Worker/Probation Officer			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. I authorize the Commission to provide my personal contact information to its partner organizations to be considered for additional resources to assist me in continuing my education. These resources are provided by organizations who partner with the Commission and its outreach program, California Cash for College. <input type="checkbox"/> No. I do not authorize the Commission to share my contact information.					
I declare, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California and of the United States, that this form has been examined by me and to my knowledge, all information provided is true, correct and complete. I authorize the Commission and the California Department of Social Services to receive and to release my records, information regarding this application, including confidential information, and other information I have provided concerning my application with institutions and appropriate public and private agencies.					
_____ Signature of Applicant			_____ Date		

*Undocumented students are eligible for a Chafee Grant. Contact the Commission for more details at 1-888-224-7268.

**The California Department of Social Services will determine your foster youth eligibility status.

Here are some questions and answers on the Chafee Grant Program- for current and former foster youth.

What is a California Chafee Grant?

The California Chafee Grant Program gives money to current or former foster youth to use for career and technical training or college courses.

How do I qualify?

To qualify, you must:

- ◆ be eligible, or have been eligible, for foster care under court dependency,
- ◆ not have reached your 22nd birthday as of July 1 of the award year

How do I apply?

File two forms:

- ◆ *Free Application for Federal Student Aid*, or FAFSA. File online at fafsa.ed.gov or get a paper form from your school. (Undocumented students may contact the Commission for further instructions.)
- ◆ *California Chafee Grant Program Application*. Submit a paper copy or an online application to the Commission. *Note: These forms are year-specific. Be sure to complete the applications that correspond with the academic year you will be attending school.*

What is required to apply?

You must be enrolled in:

- ◆ an eligible career or technical school or college
- ◆ a course of study at least half time
- ◆ a course of study that is at least one year long
- ◆ and you must maintain satisfactory academic progress

What criteria are used ?

The following selection criteria are used to make awards.

- ◆ Students who are renewal students.
- ◆ Students who are aging out of the system.
- ◆ Students who have dependents.
- ◆ Students who have unmet need of \$5,000 or more.
- ◆ Submission date of completed application.

Can I apply online?

Yes, log on to the Commission's Chafee Grant Program Web site at csac.ca.gov. There, you can complete the online application and submit it electronically.

We encourage you to apply online.



If you are filling out the paper California Chafee Grant Application, be sure to mail it to the Commission's address above.

What happens after I apply?

- ◆ The Commission will review your FAFSA and Chafee Grant Applications.
- ◆ The California Department of Social Services will verify your foster youth status.
- ◆ Your school financial aid office will determine your financial aid eligibility.
- ◆ Once all of the above is completed, the Commission will send you a letter telling you of your award status.

How will I get the grant?

Your grant will be sent to the career or technical school or college where you are enrolled. Check with your school's financial aid office about how the school will distribute the grant.

Can others help me learn about Chafee Grants?

Yes, for more information, contact your:

- ◆ high school counselor
- ◆ college counselor
- ◆ college financial aid office
- ◆ county/college ILP Coordinator
- ◆ One-Stop Career Centers
- ◆ social worker/probation officer
- ◆ csac.ca.gov

How can I contact the Commission?

If you have questions regarding the California Chafee Grant Program:



Visit the Commission's Chafee Grant Web site at: csac.ca.gov, click on *Commission Programs*.



Email your questions to the Commission at: studentsupport@csac.ca.gov. (In the email subject line enter: Attn: Chafee)



Call the Commission at:
1-888-224-7268 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:55 p.m.



Write the Commission, *or mail your application to:*

California Student Aid Commission
Specialized Programs Operations Branch
Attn: California Chafee Grant Program
P.O. Box 419029
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029

