

Independent Living Program Activity Card

Category: Education Plan and Study Life

Activity: Complete the Chafee Grant Application

Description: **The objective of this assignment is to:** Complete the Chafee Grant Application. By completing and submitting your Chafee, you become eligible for additional financial aid for college.

How do I get credit for this assignment?

- Take a screen shot of the confirmation email or screen after completing the Chafee
- Turn in the cover sheet and proof of completion to Michelle Estrada at mestrada@orangewoodfoundation.org

You may earn \$10.00 ILP dollars for completing this assignment.

Total Dollars Earned:

<p>\$</p>
<p>(ILP Use Only)</p>

Notes:

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Date: _____

<p>_____ Youth Signature</p>	<p>_____ Date of Birth</p>
<p>_____ Print Name (Youth)</p>	<p>_____ Group Home (If Applicable)</p>

<p>Receipt</p> <p>(ILP Use Only)</p>
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What is the Chafee Anyway?

If you are or were in foster care for at least one day, between the ages of 16 and 18, you may qualify for up to \$5,000 a year for career and technical training or college. You don't have to pay this money back. You may also be able to use your grant to help pay for child care, transportation and rent while you're in school. You can use your Chafee Grant at any eligible California college or university or career or technical school, as well as schools in other states

How do I qualify?

To qualify, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current or former foster youth who was a ward of the court, living in foster care, for at least one day between the ages of 16 and 18.
- If you are/were in Kin-GAP, a non-related legal guardianship, or were adopted, you are eligible only if you were a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, for at least one day between the ages of 16 and 18.
- Have not reached your 26th birthday as of July 1st of the award year.
- Have not participated in the program for more than 5 years (whether or not consecutive).

What do I need to do before I Apply?

To be considered for a California Chafee Grant, you must complete the following:

- Submit the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) online; or
- If you do not have a Social Security Number (SSN), submit the [California Dream Act Application \(CADAA\)](#) online.
- **Dream Act Id or Social Security Number is required to submit a Chafee Grant Application**

Where Do I Go to Apply?

Submit the [California Chafee Grant Application](#) online at:

<https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/fosteryouthapplication>

Note: Forms are year-specific. Be sure to complete the applications that corresponds with the academic year you will be attending school.

Other possible resources for helping with the application process:

- Your Orangewood YSS
- EOPS office at your school
- Guardian scholar program
- Financial Aid office at your school
- High School guidance counselor
- You can also visit the following websites:
 - www.chafee.csac.ca.gov
 - www.communitycollege.org
 - www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov
 - www.fosterclub.com
 - www.childsworld.ca.gov
 - www.cacollege.pathways.org
 - www.cccco.edu
 - www.calyouthconn.org