



Office of Children and Family Services

Cash awards are available and you may be eligible!

Were you in foster care on your 14th birthday or after? Are you at least 18 years old and under age 27?

If you were financially impacted by COVID-19, you may be eligible for cash assistance.

Youth who are in and were in foster care have experienced numerous challenges including:

- Housing/homelessness
- Transportation issues
- Utility expenses
- Technology barriers
- Child care challenges
- Food insecurity
- Medical expenses
- Loss of employment/reduced hours
- Serious illness of youth or family
- Financial instability

Awards will be distributed on a first come first serve basis until September 30, 2022 or until exhausted.

Your Age Range	When to Apply
Out of care: 18 and up to 27	July 1, 2021 - Sept. 30, 2021*
Out of care: 18 and up to 21	Oct. 1, 2021 — Sept. 30, 2022
In care: 20 and 21	July 1, 2021 - Sept. 30, 2021*
In care: 20	Oct. 1, 2021 — Sept. 30, 2022

**If you are currently older than 21, DO NOT DELAY. In order to process your application for direct cash you would need to complete your application by September 15, 2021.*

Apply Here: <https://chafeeny.smapply.org/>