



OUR MISSION

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation creates opportunities to build self-esteem and empower children and youth in foster care by funding 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 summer camps 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/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

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

Ex. uniforms, protective gear, etc.
Funding Limit: \$200 (including \$100 for shoes)
Payment: Reimbursement*
Frequency: Ongoing

ATHLETIC REGISTRATION

Ex. baseball, football, soccer, etc.
Funding Limit: \$375/3 months (\$125/month)
Payment: Check made payable to vendor
Frequency: Ongoing

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.*

CLASSES/LESSONS

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

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT RENTAL

Funding Limit: Considered individually
Payment: Check made payable to vendor
Frequency: Up to 12 weeks at a time



EDUCATIONAL

BOOKS

Funding Limit: \$50
Payment: Reimbursement*
Frequency: Once/calendar year

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Funding Limit: Once per semester
Payment: Check made payable to vendor
Frequency: Semester

GED TESTING FEE

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

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

Funding Limit: \$450
Payment: Check made payable to vendor
Frequency: Ongoing

SCHOOL PICTURES

Funding Limit: \$50
Payment: Check made payable to vendor
Frequency: Once/calendar year

SCHOOL SUPPLIES***

Funding Limit: \$50
Payment: Reimbursement*
Frequency: Once/calendar year

****Excludes home office supplies (printer ink, file folders, etc.)*

TUTORING

Funding Limit: \$400/one month
Payment: Check made payable to vendor/provider
Frequency: Monthly

SOCIAL/OTHER

APARTMENT/DORM SETUP

Restricted to youth aging out of foster care
Funding Limit: \$400/Apt or \$300/dorm
Payment: Gift card to store of choice
Frequency: One time

CAMP

Funding Limit: \$425
Payment: Check made payable to vendor
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
Frequency: Once per month

PROM EXPENSES

Ex. gown, tuxedo rental, tickets, etc.
Funding Limit: \$350
Payment: Reimbursement*
Frequency: Once/calendar year



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

SPECIAL EVENT CLOTHING

Ex. 8th grade promotion, quinceañera, etc.
Funding Limit: \$150
Payment: Reimbursement*
Frequency: Ongoing

SUPPLEMENTAL CLOTHING

Ex. school uniforms, back-to-school clothing, etc.
Funding Limits:
 Ages 0-6: \$150
 Ages 7-13: \$200
 Ages 14+: \$250
Payment: Reimbursement*
Frequency: Once/calendar year

THEME PARK ADMISSION (IN ARIZONA)

Funding Limit: \$50
Payment: Reimbursement*
Frequency: Once/calendar year

THEME PARK ADMISSION (OUT OF STATE)

Funding Limit: \$225
Payment: Reimbursement*
Frequency: Once/calendar year

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



HOW IT WORKS

The only eligibility requirement for an award 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 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 5 to 7 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 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
- Connections to resources that will eliminate barriers to career and life success

Youth ages 16-26 must reside in Maricopa, Pima or Yavapai County are eligible to apply. Visit 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 or tribal foster care in Arizona and wish to attend a university or community college.

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). 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

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The AFFCF Focus Forward Fund is there to help 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/focusforward.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT AFFCF

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