

The Chafee Program supports current and former youth who have experienced foster care as they move toward independent living. One way it helps is by providing financial assistance. Youth may qualify for general flex funds, room and board funds, and education and training vouchers.



This brochure was created specifically for current and former youth who have experienced foster care eligible to participate in the North Dakota Chafee Program.

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## The Chafee Program: Financial Resources

A simple guide to help eligible youth access flex funds and Education and Training Vouchers (ETVs).

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## General Flex Funds

### What are they?

Money to help with non-housing needs that support a youth's transition goals.

Examples:

- Work uniform
- Driver's education classes
- Necessary car repairs

### Who is eligible?

- Current or former youth who have experienced foster care
- Youth actively participating in the Chafee Program
- Youth who have a current transition plan

### Amount:

**Up to \$250 per youth each year**

## Education and Training Voucher

### What is it?

Money to help pay for college, job training or other postsecondary education costs.

### Who is eligible?

- Youth who have aged out of foster care
- Youth who have stayed in care past age 18
- Youth who have not reached age 26
- Youth adopted from foster care or who entered kinship guardianship after age 16
- Youth enrolled in and making progress toward completing a post-secondary program
- Youth who earned a high school diploma or GED before age 18 and have a plan to stay in care until age 18

### Amount:

**Up to \$5,000 per year, \$25,000 lifetime limit**

## Room and Board Flex Funds

### What are they?

Money to help with rent, deposits and utilities. These funds help youth move into stable housing, not extend dependency.

### Who is eligible?

- Youth who have aged out of foster care
- Youth ages 18 to 23
- Youth actively participating in the Chafee Program
- Youth with a current Chafee transition plan

### Amount:

**Up to \$1,000 lifetime limit**

### Important Notes

- Chafee funds should not be used as the first or only funding option. Other community resources must be used first.
- All funds must be approved before purchases or reimbursement.