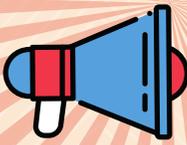


Financial Help Available for Foster Youth and Young Adults Until August 31, 2022



There is extra financial help available for current and aged out foster youth ages 14-20 through **August 31, 2022!**

Do You Need Help:



Getting a computer or other equipment for school?



Paying for internet access? *



Paying money to participate in activities at school?



Any other costs that will help you with school, including graduation related expenses?



Fixing your car so you can drive to work or school or making an insurance payment?



Keeping your cell phone turned on while you are looking for a job?



Paying deposits for an apartment or utilities?



Paying medical, car, or some other kind of important bills? *



Getting equipment or clothes needed for a job or training program?



Taking driver's education or paying for needed time to practice driving so you can get your license?



Childcare? *



Winter clothing and supplies?



Bedding, sheets, kitchen items, or household necessities?



Help paying fees to renew your Lawful Permanent Resident Card (green card) or file your application to become a U.S. citizen?

Anything else?

** These expenses may only be approved by PAL in limited circumstances. But you should still ask for help and contact the Texas Foster Youth Justice Project if you are denied.*

If you are struggling to come up with money for something important, you should ask for financial help to pay for it.

Understand this is NOT just a cash payout- you need to:

- identify specific items you need,
- explain why the items are important, and
- ask ahead of time.



How to Get Help

Ask your PAL worker or Aftercare Worker/Transition Service Coordinator about getting financial help. You can find your PAL worker by going to bit.ly/31lsD4k or call the **PAL State Office** at **512-460-7394**. Remember, if you are not able to speak with someone directly, you **MUST** leave a **voicemail**. You need to make it clear in your voicemail that you are a foster youth who needs help.

Be sure you also leave your name and phone number.

If you have reached out to your PAL worker for help and were told they cannot help you or if you have trouble getting anyone to help you with your request, contact the **Texas Foster Youth Justice Project**.

The Project can provide you with free legal help from attorneys. Call **877-313-3688** or email **info@TexasFosterYouth.org**.

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EXTRA ETV (Education Training Voucher) funds are available too! If you are in college or a post-high school/GED training program that is 1-year or longer, you may be able to get up to \$12,000 of assistance through **September 30, 2022**