

Update on Funding for Driver Education and License Exam Fees for Youth in Foster Care or Experiencing Homelessness and Aged Out Foster Youth

Soon there will be money available to pay for driver education and driver license testing for:

Current and aged foster youth up to age 26

Youth and young adults experiencing homelessness who are McKinney-Vento certified

A law was passed in 2021 ([SB 2054](#)) that lets eligible youth and young adults apply for their driver education fees to be paid from funds donated to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). Many Texans have donated money to DPS for ID cards and driver licenses for youth in foster care or experiencing homelessness.

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) will run the program to help eligible youth and young adults access the funds for driver education costs.

One more law must be passed by the Texas Legislature and approved by the Texas Governor before the program can start. That law is expected to be passed in Spring 2023. TWC already has the program to issue the driving school payments and program [rules](#) in place so they can start the program as soon as the law is passed.

Check back to TexasFosterYouth.org for updates starting in March 2023.

Prepared by [Texas Foster Youth Justice Project](#) 1-20-23.

