A Texas identification card (ID) is free to the following persons if funding is available in the Identification Fee Exemption Account:

- Youth less than 18 years of age in the managing conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)
- Young adults 18 to 21 years of age residing in a paid DFPS foster care placement

These applicants are also exempt from the standard residency requirements to obtain an ID.

**All Original Identification Card (ID) Applicants Must:**

- Apply in person at a Texas driver license (DL) office.
- Present documents that verify the applicant’s *identity*.
- Present documents that verify the applicant is a *U.S. citizen or has lawful presence*, all information on each document must match. Additional documentation may be required to verify conflicting information, incomplete names, and/or date of birth.
- Surrender any other DL or ID issued by any other state or country, including Texas.
- Present proof of *Social Security Number*. If the applicant does not have a Social Security Number, a Social Security Affidavit form is available at the DL office.
- Complete the application for an identification card; adult (DL-14A) or minor (DL-14B)
- Present proof of *Texas residency*.
  - Eligible youth will present the DFPS Form 2042, *Youth or Young Adult in Foster Care Residency Verification for a Driver License or State ID Fee Waiver* – no additional proof of residency documents are required. This form is completed by the caseworker.
- Consent to be photographed, fingerprinted, and provide a signature at the time of application.

**Additionally Foster Youth or Young Adults in Paid DFPS Placement Must:**

- Complete all requirements for an original ID applicant (see above).
- Be between 15 and 18 years of age and in the managing conservatorship of DFPS or be 18 to 21 years of age and reside in a paid DFPS foster care placement.
- Use the address of the DFPS caseworker office (recommended) or placement if intended to be permanent (with their consent) when completing the ID application.
  - The mailing address should normally be the caseworker office address.
  - Provide completed DFPS Form 2042, *Youth or Young Adult in Foster Care Residency Verification for a Driver License or State Identification Card Fee Waiver*. This form is completed by the caseworker.

For more information about Texas Identification Card Issuance please visit:

[http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/applyforID.htm](http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/applyforID.htm)

**NOTE:** Caseworker means the DFPS primary caseworker or other authorized DFPS staff such as the SSCC caseworker.

**Note:** Notarization of the ID application form is not required if the responsible adult is not accompanying the foster youth.