

# Free Money for Career and Technical Training or College for Current or Former Foster Youth APPLICATION

**New Chafee Grant student? Fill out and mail or fax this application to the California Student Aid Commission.  
Renewal Chafee Grant student? Don't fill out this application. *The Commission will contact you if you are eligible for renewal.***

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CAREFULLY

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	*SSN / Dream ID									
ADDRESS (Include Apt #)		CITY	STATE ZIP CODE									
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: HOME		WORK/CELL										
BIRTHDATE ____/____/____	EMAIL ADDRESS											
CALIFORNIA COUNTY WHERE YOU WERE IN FOSTER CARE (BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 18)		YOUR AREA OF STUDY OR MAJOR										
FULL NAME OF COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (Please, no high school name)		CITY	STATE									
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COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL LEVEL FOR (Check only one)		HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) OR CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT APPLICATION (CADAA)?										
FRESHMAN (FEWER THAN 30 UNITS) SOPHOMORE      SENIOR JUNIOR            OTHER _____		YES      NO										
ARE/WERE YOU IN FOSTER CARE, COURT DEPENDENT, BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16-18? **			YES      NO									
<p><b>HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANT PROGRAM?</b></p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Independent Living Program (ILP County or College)</td> <td style="width: 25%;">California Student Aid Commission</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Mail</td> </tr> <tr> <td>School financial aid officer or school counselor</td> <td>One-Stop Career Center</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other _____</td> <td>Social Worker/Probation Officer</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>				Independent Living Program (ILP County or College)	California Student Aid Commission	Mail	School financial aid officer or school counselor	One-Stop Career Center		Other _____	Social Worker/Probation Officer	
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***The fine print-***

I declare, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California and of the United States, that this form has been examined by me and to my knowledge, all information provided is true, correct and complete.

I authorize the Commission and the California Department of Social Services to receive and to release my records, information regarding this application, including confidential information, and other information I have provided concerning my application with institutions and appropriate public and private agencies.

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

**\*Undocumented students are eligible for a Chafee Grant. If you are undocumented, please complete a CADAA instead of the FAFSA and enter your Dream Act ID number instead of a SSN.**

**\*\*KinGap and/or guardianship placement youth who are/were eligible to receive ILP services are ineligible to receive the Chafee ETV unless court dependency was established (at any time) between the ages of 16-18.**

## ***Here are some questions and answers on the Chafee Grant Program- for current and former foster youth***

### **What is a California Chafee Grant?**

The California Chafee Grant Program is free money for current or former foster youth to help pay for college or career and technical training.

### **How do I qualify?**

To qualify, you must:

- ◆ be eligible, or have been eligible, for foster care between your 16th and 18th birthday,
- ◆ not have reached your 22nd birthday as of July 1 of the award year

### **How do I apply?**

File two forms:

- ◆ *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*. File online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) or complete the paper form. (Undocumented students can complete a CADAA at [caldreamact.org](http://caldreamact.org) in place of the FAFSA)
- ◆ *California Chafee Grant Program Application*. Submit online at [chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://chafee.csac.ca.gov) or complete the paper form and mail to the Commission.

*Note: These forms are year-specific. Be sure to complete the applications that correspond with the academic year you will be attending school.*

### **What is required to apply?**

You must be enrolled in:

- ◆ an eligible career or technical school or college
- ◆ a course of study at least half time
- ◆ a course of study that is at least one year long
- ◆ and you must maintain satisfactory academic progress

### **What criteria are used?**

The following selection criteria are used to make awards.

- ◆ Students who are renewal students.
- ◆ Students who are aging out of the system.
- ◆ Students who have dependents.
- ◆ Students who have unmet need of \$5,000 or more.
- ◆ Submission date of completed application.

### **Can I apply online?**

Yes, log on to the Commission's Chafee Grant Program website at [chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://chafee.csac.ca.gov). There you can complete and submit online applications electronically.

**We encourage you to apply online.**

### **What happens after I apply?**

- ◆ The Commission will review your FAFSA/CADAA and Chafee Grant Application.
- ◆ The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) may verify your foster youth status. If CDSS is not able to verify your status, please complete and mail the Foster Care Eligibility Certification Form.
- ◆ Your school financial aid office will determine your financial aid eligibility.
- ◆ Once all of the above is completed, the Commission will send you a letter telling you of your award status.

### **How will I get the grant?**

Your grant will be sent to the career or technical school or college where you are enrolled. Check with your school's financial aid office about how the school will distribute the grant.

### **Can others help me learn about Chafee Grants?**

Yes. For more information, contact your:

- ◆ high school counselor
- ◆ college counselor
- ◆ college financial aid office
- ◆ county/college ILP Coordinator
- ◆ One-Stop Career Centers
- ◆ social worker/probation officer

### **How can I contact the Commission?**

If you have questions regarding the California Chafee Grant Program:



**Visit** the Commission's Chafee Grant Web site at: [chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://chafee.csac.ca.gov)



**Email** your questions to the Commission at: [chafee@csac.ca.gov](mailto:chafee@csac.ca.gov).  
(In the email subject line enter: Attn: Chafee)



**Call** the Commission at:  
1-888-224-7268 Monday through Friday from  
8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (PST)



**Write** the Commission, or mail your application to:

California Student Aid Commission  
Specialized Programs Operations Branch  
Attn: California Chafee Grant Program  
P.O. Box 419029  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029

