

The Chafee Independent Living Program provides foster care youth a variety of resources.

One benefit is access to necessary financial assistance.

Education & Training Vouchers, Room and Board Flex Funds, and General Flex Funds are available to help Chafee participants begin the journey toward living independently.

First Apartment



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This brochure was created by the ND Department of Human Services specifically for current and former foster care youth eligible to participate in the North Dakota Chafee Independent Living Program.

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Chafee Independent Living Financial Resources



A guide for eligible foster care youth to access flex funding and the education and training voucher.

General Flex Funds

What are General Flex Funds?

Money used to provide non-housing related goods or services on behalf of a youth participant.

Examples:

- Employment uniform
- Drivers education class
- Necessary auto repairs

Who is Eligible?

- Foster care youth ages 16 to 21
- Youth participating in the Chafee Independent Living Program
- Youth who have a current Independent Living Plan

How Much?

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

Education and Training Voucher



What is an ETV?

Monetary support to meet the education and training needs of foster care youth.

Who Is Eligible?

- Youth who have aged out of foster care,
- Youth who remain in care past age 18,
- Youth who have not reached age 21,
- Youth who were adopted from foster care or entered kinship guardianship after age 16 and who are not yet age 21,
- Youth who participate in this program on their 21st birthday remain eligible until they turn 23, as long as they are enrolled and making progress toward completing a postsecondary program,
- Preference will be given to youth in care for twelve months or greater.

Up to \$5,000 per year
\$20,000 lifetime maximum

Room and Board Flex Funds

What are Room and Board Flex Funds?

Money used to assist youth with rent, deposits, and utilities. These funds are intended to help youth get moved into a permanent home and not to prolong dependency.

Who is Eligible?

- Youth who have aged out of foster care
- Youth ages 18 to 21
- Youth participating in the Chafee Independent Living Program
- Youth who have a current Independent Living Plan

How Much?

Up to **\$1000** lifetime maximum.

We Thank You!



Reminder

Youth are not entitled to this funding.
All funds are dependent on availability.