

Youth Development Funds

Youth Development Funds are available to committed youth age sixteen (16) through age twenty-one (21) (extracurricular activities are available to youth ages fourteen (14) through seventeen (17) or until youth has graduated from high school), to support participation in extracurricular and enrichment activities. These funds should only be requested when other funding sources have been explored and exhausted (such as foster parent per diem, community resources, etc.).

All youth development requests may only be requested up to two (2) times per year.

Directions: Complete all sections of the form and return to the regional independent living specialist along with receipts for expenses or an invoice from a vendor. Please note: If requesting reimbursement, you must provide a dated receipt that clearly documents the service/purchase and the child's name. A resource may be a DCBS foster parent, PCC or committed child. Examples of a vendor to be paid directly includes a high school, driving education program, etc. Vendors must be established as approved vendors in the system before payments can be issued. To confirm whether a vendor is already established in the system, email CHFSVendors@ky.gov.

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| Child's name: | Date of request: |
| DOB: | Case number: |
| Region of service: | County of service: |
| SSN: | Requested amount: |
| Payment to: <input type="checkbox"/> Resource <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor | |
| For direct payments to resource: | |
| Resource name and address: _____ _____ _____ | |

For direct payment to a vendor:

Vendor name and address: (Must be set up as approved vendor in the system before submitting request)

Youth age 14 and older

- Extracurricular activities (up to \$500 per year)

Youth age 16 and older

Check applicable category (Lifetime maximums apply):

- Driver education and documentation (up to \$500)
- Transportation (up to \$500)
- Employment (up to \$300)
- Education (up to \$500)

Youth age 17 and older

Check applicable category (Lifetime maximums apply):

- Computer (up to \$400)
- College preparation (up to \$300)
- Second Chance Scholarship (\$1000); Additional documentation required

Have other funding sources been explored and exhausted? Yes No

Explain:

Describe the expenditure requested:

Describe why the expenditure is needed and how it will assist the youth towards self-sufficiency and independence:

Central Office Only

Approval signature: _____ Date: _____

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Extracurricular activities include recreational, enrichment, and school-related activities that are age and developmentally appropriate, and promote normal youth development of self-esteem, social, and independent living skills. Examples include, but are not limited to, school clubs, dance classes, gymnastics, karate, church groups, team sports, band, cheerleading.

Computer includes computer and computer software (such as Microsoft office, etc.). Youth must be enrolled in a post-secondary program and have a need after applying all other financial aid (such as ETV, Pell Grant, etc.).

Driver education and documentation includes the costs to complete a state approved driver education program.

Transportation includes purchase of a bicycle and safety supplies, moped, etc. Eligible youth must be at least seventeen (17) years old.

Employment includes the purchase of work related clothes or supplies. Eligible youth must be at least seventeen (17) years old.

Education includes GED prep courses, GED testing, tutoring services, summer school classes (secondary school only), E-School, dual credit courses, etc. Tutoring services rate may not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) per hour and two (2) hours per week.

College preparation expenses include SAT/ACT prep programs, SAT/ACT testing, application fees, college orientation and registration fees, housing fees, dorm room supplies such as bedding, etc.

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Directions for student: Answer the questions below and submit along with supporting documentation confirming balance of delinquent account with the institution and payments made toward the debt.

1. Why do you owe the institution money?

2. Why do you believe you should be awarded this scholarship?

3. What changes have you implemented to prevent a similar situation in the future?

4. What additional resources (tutoring through the institution etc.), are you going to use to assist you in being successful at the institution?
