

CHAFEE FUNDS

Chafee Enrichment Grant Funds are available to youth aged 14-18 who have a CURRENT Casey Assessment and Youth Plan on file. Chafee funds are never guaranteed.

Amounts available per fiscal year:

Youth age 14- limit is \$300

Youth age 16 – limit is \$400

Youth age 18 – limit is \$750

Youth age 15 – limit is \$350

Youth age 17 – limit is \$750

Any exception to the yearly limit requires the approval of the Assistant Manager and/or Manager of the Independent Living Unit.

Recommended guidelines for the use of funds:

Assistance in obtaining high school diploma:

- Backpacks & school supplies
- Books, lab fees/materials, class fees, rentals, PE uniforms
- Cap & gown
- Class ring & other senior items
- Computer software
- Graduation ticket (1 ticket)
- Laptop/tablet & accessories
- Proficiency preparation/tutoring
- ROTC uniform
- School/senior pictures & yearbooks
- School trips
- Summer school fees & books
- Tutoring for grade/credit deficiency

Career exploration:

- College preparation trips
- Drug testing for employment
- Fingerprint for employment
- Health cards
- I.D. cards
- PSAT/ACT/SAT fees & preparation classes
- TAM cards
- Uniform/work clothing (up to \$150 one time)
- Work permits

Training in daily living skills:

- Bed: mattress & box springs
- Dances, prom & special events
- Uniforms/Clothing (\$150 one time limit)
- Driving (DMV fees)
- Dormitory & housing costs
- Dresser
- Hair styling & manicures for homecoming, prom, graduation & special events
- Houseware items
- School extracurricular activities
- Storage bins

Substance abuse prevention, if not covered by medicaid:

- Drug testing for counseling
- Therapeutic activities
- Therapeutic supplies
- Therapy/counseling

Prevention health activities:

- Dance classes
- Gym fees
- Karate
- YMCA membership

**Chafee Funds DO NOT cover medical expenses (contacts, braces, glasses, etc.), clothing, food, personal hygiene items, travel, monthly bills (rent, cell phone, etc.), vehicle costs or sales tax.

**All requests MUST be accompanied by an appropriate invoice prior to IL Specialist submitting the request. Please allow a minimum of two (2) weeks for the processing of all requests.

**Fiscal year is July 1-June 30. All requests must be submitted prior to June 15 for end of year processing.