



## Office of Children and Family Services

# Cash awards are available and you may be eligible!

**Were you in foster care on your 14th birthday  
or after? Are you at least 18 years old and  
under age 23?**

If you were financially impacted by COVID-19, you may be eligible for cash assistance.

Youth who are in and were in foster care have experienced numerous challenges including:

- Housing/homelessness
- Transportation issues
- Utility expenses
- Technology barriers
- Child care challenges
- Food insecurity
- Medical expenses
- Loss of employment/reduced hours
- Serious illness of youth or family
- Financial instability

**Awards will be distributed on a first come first  
serve basis until September 30, 2022 or until  
exhausted.**

Your Age Range	When to Apply
Out of care: 18 and up to 23	July 1, 2021 - Sept. 30, 2022*
In care: 18 and up to age 21	Feb. 16, 2022 - Sept. 30, 2022

**Note:** Awards made are a one-time cash assistance and no additional awards will be made for individuals who have already received a payment.

*\*If you are 22, DO NOT DELAY. In order to process your application for direct cash you would need to complete your application by September 15, 2022*

**Apply Here: <https://chafeeny.smapply.org/>**