



DEPENDENT GRANT GUIDELINES

Orangewood Foundation's Dependent Grants of up to **\$250** per fiscal year (July 1st – June 30th) provide financial assistance for current Orange County, CA, foster youth. This financial assistance can be used to support extracurricular activities. For those who are prepared to get their driver's license, up to an additional **\$500** may be available for **driving school**. *As a reimbursement upon proof of completion of driving school and proof of a state issued driver's license.

Please note that submitting an application does not guarantee funding and not all applicants may be eligible. Along with the Grant application, eligibility must be verified.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

In order to be eligible for a Dependent Foster Youth Grant, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Currently declared a dependent of Orange County, CA
- Under the age of 18

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. **Application Submission:** Submit a new Dependent Grant application (required each fiscal year, July 1st - June 30th). Application may be submitted anytime during the year, but no later than June 15th. Each request, if at different times throughout the year, will require a new application. The Dependent Foster Youth Grant application can be found on the Orangewood Foundation website: <https://www.orangewood4you.org/childrens-trust-fund/childrens-trust-fund-dependent-grant/> .
2. **Application Approval/Denial:** Applications will be reviewed on a weekly basis and funding is approved at the discretion of the Scholarships and Grants Committee. Please be aware that completing an application does not guarantee approval. Applicants will be contacted to inform them of their application status and grant process if approved. The entire grant process (application to funding, if approved) may take 4-6 weeks. Applicants will be notified upon approval/denial.
3. **Note:** Grants are approved while funds permit, if funding is expended earlier than June 15th the grant application will be closed, the website will show the closure and date of next funding period.

FUNDING EXAMPLES:

The below is a list of common approvable items:

Approved Item	Definition
School Items	textbooks, school ID or pictures, yearbook, graduation announcements, cap and gown, P.E. clothes, tickets for prom and other formal dances, testing, fieldtrips
Organized Extracurricular Activities	School or outside of school sports, clubs, lessons, events. Athletic gear/equipment.
Work/Training	Work attire: uniforms, required clothing tools, training/certificates: food handling, guard card
School/Work Transportation	Bicycle or skateboard only, helmet & locks Replacement parts for bicycle or skateboard
Camperships	School or outside organization camps
Medical/Dental/Vision Expenses	If not covered by insurance
State Identification/Legal Documents/Drivers' License	Legal documents – state or federal Ex: birth certificates, IDs, license
Driver's Education	Training only, reimbursed at time of license (one year to earn license, receipt must be submitted at time of purchase)

Submitting Requests – Requests must be made at the time of the application. The online application has a section to upload the requests. Requests must be a receipt or invoice. Dates of the receipts/invoices must be within 6 months of the request and within the same funding period (July 1 – June 30) as the application.

Funding Amounts - Youth are eligible for up to \$250 per funding year as noted above. Youth who are current seniors in high school are eligible for up to \$500 throughout the funding year to be utilized towards senior items/activities/expenses only.

A request still must be approved for funding and the Scholarships and Grants coordinator will inform you if the request is approved or if there is anything further needed. If the request is denied the coordinator will inform you of the reason.

Additional Funding Information:

- **Alternative Sources of Funding:** Alternatives may need to be considered before grant funds are expended.
- **Receipts:** All receipts submitted must be a clear image. The date purchased, items purchased, and total amount spent must be easily visible.
 - Receipt date must be within the fiscal year of the current fund (July 1st – June 30th).
 - Receipts must be within 6 months of date of reimbursement request.
- **Previous Year Funding:** The annual fiscal year funding period is from July 1st to June 30th. Funding does not roll over into the next funding period.
- **Driver’s Education:** Approved recipients qualify for driver’s education funding up to an additional \$500 if they don’t currently have a driver license. Driver’s Education funding will be offered as a reimbursement to eligible youth with proof of completing driver’s education and proof of their state issued driver license. When training is purchased, receipt must be submitted to the Scholarships and Grants Coordinator. Further details will be given regarding reimbursement once the training receipt is submitted. Reimbursement is not guaranteed, it is not granted until the Driver’s License is earned within the period given.

CONTACT US:

For any questions, please contact the Scholarships and Grants Coordinator.

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