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Definition of Homeless Children and Youths

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children and youths as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This definition also includes:

- Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Children and youths who may be living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, shelters, or awaiting foster care placement
- Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings, or
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are children who are living in similar circumstances listed above

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(<http://www.ca.gov>)



Web Grants (<https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp>)

Cal Grants (http://www.csac.ca.gov/system_maintenance.asp)

Cash for College (http://www.csac.ca.gov/system_maintenance.asp)

Cal Dream Act (<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>)

FAFSA (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>)

California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth

Free Money for Foster Youth for College or Career Training



What is Chafee?

Chafee Eligibility

Application Process

Awarding Process

More Information

If you are or were in foster care and have financial need, you may qualify for up to \$5,000 a year for career and technical training or college. You don't have to pay this money back. You may also be able to use your grant to help pay for child care, transportation and rent while

you're in school. You can use your Chafee Grant at any eligible California college or university or career or technical school, as well as schools in other states.



Key California Chafee Grant (Foster Youth) Information

January

Online Chafee Application, FAFSA, and Dream Act Application opens

Requirements

The following forms must be submitted:

- Chafee Grant Application
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid or CA Dream Act Application
- Needs Analysis Report (NAR) (only for 2015-16 Chafee applicants)

Name Change?

If so, complete the Chafee Grant Update/Change Form
(SupportFiles/Chafee_Renewal_Change_Generic_2016.pdf)

New school, mailing address or phone number?

Manage your WebGrants for Students (<https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp>) account 24/7

Start Chafee Application ([StudentApplication.aspx](#))