

Benefits for Former or Current Foster Youth in College



**CPS PREPARATION FOR ADULT LIVING
PROGRAM**

Aftercare Case Management



- Referred when they turn 17 ½ if youth is interested
- PAL worker will speak to youth regarding case management
- Help with moving toward independent living
- Job coaching, seeking/gaining employment; help with financial aid/paperwork
- Must be actively receiving case management services to receive auxiliary funds such as driver's education and/or senior expenses.

Aftercare Room and Board Funds



- Aged out of foster care
- Between ages of 18-21
- U.S. Citizen, Qualified Alien and/or Undocumented Alien
- Not living with Designated Perpetrator that poses risk of harm (determined by PAL staff)
- Be in an educational program, employed or actively seeking employment
- Some exclusions do apply, i.e. homeless youth
- Helps with rent, utilities, groceries
- Up to \$3,000.00 per youth
- Designed to help youth be independent
- Short term basis
- Youth must apply to receive funds

Transitional

Living

Allowance

- Must have been in paid placement 24 months prior to requesting
- Independent Living situation
- Must have completed PAL training
- Must be attending school, working 20 hours a week, or attending vocational program.
- Up to \$1,000.00
- Military/semi-supervised living situation \$500.00

Tuition Waiver Letter



- ❖ Waives tuition and fees at state supported schools in state of Texas
- ❖ Age out of care at 18
- ❖ In care the day they graduated from High School or received GED
- ❖ Or in care and eligible for adoption after 14th birthday
- ❖ Or in care the day before they were adopted if after 9/1/2009
- ❖ Or were in care the day before PMC was given to a non-parent relative after 9/1/2009
- ❖ Have an adoption assistance agreement with DFPS which includes Medicaid if adopted prior to 9/1/2009
- ❖ Must use before youth turns 25
- ❖ After that it is valid for life

Education and Training Voucher

- Federally funded program
- Up to \$5,000.00 per year
- For ages 18-21.
- Can be used to age 23 if still enrolled in school and youth was using ETV at age 21.
- Must be taking at least 6 hours.
- Must have diploma or GED unless enrolled in a dual credit course.
- Covers books, computer, school supplies, rent, and utilities, etc.

Transitional Medicaid MTFCY



- 18-21 years old
- Aged out of Texas Foster Care
- No resources greater than \$10,000.00
- Need permanent address
- Call 211 to report change of address
- Cannot have any other medical coverage
- Call PAL worker if out of care for assistance

Former Foster Care Youth in Higher Education

- For ages 21-23
- Must have aged out of foster care at age 18
- Enrolled in an institution of higher learning
- It is health insurance, not Medicaid
- Call PAL worker for info

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

CPS has an MOU with the Texas Workforce Commission which allows both agencies to work together to provide youth an opportunity for the following:

- Tips to find employment
- Receive job skills training
- Provide Educational opportunities- help obtain GED, Vocational certifications
- Life Skills workshops and Mentorships

Employment Preference Letter

An employment preference letter is provided to youth who were in the conservatorship of DFPS the day after their 18th birthday and is valid until the day before their 26th birthday.

The employment preference letter allows youth a slight edge over another applicant with the same qualifications for the job.

The employment preference letter can be applied to any state agency department, commission, or institution.

However, it does not apply to position of private secretary or deputy of an official or department or to an individual holding a strictly confidential relation to the employing officer

Friends of Wednesday's Child Scholarship



- ❖ This scholarship is a 1500.00 dollar scholarship; \$500.00 dollars per semester to aid youth in their college education for added expenses. The PAL Specialist will send this scholarship to your youth once it is determined the youth will be graduating.
- ❖ Details about the application:
- ❖ Application due to PAL worker by June 15 prior to the school year
- ❖ The youth will compose a 500 word essay: providing their area of study; plans for the future; reasons to be selected
- ❖ Letter of recommendation from teacher, foster parent, caseworker, mentor
- ❖ Letter of acceptance from school youth will be attending
- ❖ Had to have completed PAL training

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