

Driving Pilot Program

FAQ's

Who is Eligible?

This time-limited funding opportunity is intended to support youth ages 18-23 who are currently part of the Office of Child and Family Service's (OCFS) extended care agreement or the Foster Youth to Independence's (FYI) Housing Voucher program and who have a need related to the cost related to driving and/or vehicle ownership.

How do I Apply?

You can apply for this funding by completing this application form. Once your application is submitted, Dulcey Laberge OCFS's Youth Transition Program Manager will verify your eligibility with the Office of Child and Family Services.

By submitting this application, you are giving the Catherine Cutler Institute permission to follow up with the Office of Child and Family Services to verify your eligibility for this funding.

This program is offered on a **first come first served basis**. Each request must not exceed \$1500.00 per person. Requests will be honored until the end of the driving pilot (10/31/22), or until funding runs out, whichever comes first.

Q: What if the young person I am supporting is 17, can they still be eligible for funding?

A: Unfortunately, at this time eligible participants must be at least 18 years of age.

Q: I used to be in foster care, but was adopted, can I use the funds?

A: At this time, funding is reserved for youth who are currently in care or who are receiving an FYI voucher

Q: Who are these funds for?

A: These funds are for **current** youth in care aged 18-23, or **youth currently** receiving a Foster Youth to Independence voucher aged 18-23

Q: I'm not sure of my status with the Department, what should I do?

A: Please contact Dulcey Laberge to determine eligibility: Dulcey.Laberge@maine.gov

**If you have questions, reach out to
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