

Benefits of a Permanent Family (as of 6.2024)

Resources that Become Available for a Permanent Family	Age at Adoption or Guardianship	ODHS Resources that Become <u>Unavailable</u> upon Leaving Foster Care
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A family to teach the child daily living skills, build character, instill morals, provide a home for the holidays, connect their teen with acquaintances for job options, provide occasional daycare when their child/young adult becomes a parent...all things a family provides their children to usher them into adulthood successfully. • Adoption or Guardianship subsidy may be available (including medical). See Adoption Assistance and Guardianship Assistance website for details: https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/adoption/Pages/assistance.aspx • Adoption or Guardianship subsidy (including medical) may be available up to age 21 if, at age 18 the child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Qualifies as an individual with a developmental disability ➤ Qualifies for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) • No prior travel approval from ODHS required to: take your child out of state, on over-night camping trips, have friends sleep over, allow your child to stay at a friend’s house, etc. • Oregon Promise Grant (see website for eligibility criteria at: https://oregonstudentaid.gov/grants/oregon-promise-grant/) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Award range for full-time, full-year 2024-25 students: \$2,124 to \$4,422 • Foster Club membership is available to any child or youth who has experienced foster care at some point in their life (see www.fosterclub.com for more information) • Some tax incentives exist, check with your tax consultant for details. Another good place for information is www.nacac.org • Tuition and fee Waiver for <u>adopted</u> former foster youth (see https://oregonstudentaid.gov/foster-youth/ for more information) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A ward of the court and in the legal custody of ODHS for an out of home placement prior to becoming an adopted child or an Indian child under the jurisdiction of a Tribal Court for out of home placement prior to becoming an adopted child, ➤ Adopted on or after January 1, 2012, ➤ Under age 25 years and enrolled in courses totaling one or more credit hours as an undergraduate student ➤ Attending a public community college or an Oregon University System school, and ➤ Waiver of tuition is the equivalent of four years of undergraduate education. Waiver of tuition may be reduced by the amount of any federal aid scholarships or grants, an award from the Oregon Opportunity Grant program or any other aid received from the institution of higher education. 	<p>0 – 12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly face to face meetings with paid staff and supports who will end their relationships with the child once the case is closed. • OHP coverage through the Former Foster Care Youth Medical Program (up to the young person’s 26th birthday). • If a child leaves their final substitute care placement (ODHS or Tribal) prior to age 14, all Youth Transitions Program services will be unavailable, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ILP skills training ➤ Youth Transitions Discretionary Funds ➤ Education & Training Grant (ETG) through age 25 or 5 years, whichever comes first. Amounts may fluctuate and will not exceed \$5,000 for the 2023-2024 academic year. Must file a FAFSA in addition to the ETG application. ➤ Independent Living Housing Subsidy (30-month program with a monthly maximum amount of \$1,022 – based on need, amount begins to “step down” quarterly at month 13) *Requires Child Welfare care and custody ➤ Chafee Housing Program funds (monthly maximum of \$1,022 based on need, until young adult accesses \$12,000 or turns age 24, whichever comes first *Cannot use Chafee ETG and Chafee Housing at same time) <p>See Youth Transitions website for additional details: https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/foster-care-transition/Pages/default.aspx</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the above, plus the following: • Child is viewed as an “independent student” for the purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Meaning, the student will not have to claim their parent’s income when calculating the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) for post-secondary 	<p>13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the above remains unavailable, except the Education & Training Grant (ETG). New Permanency funding allows youth who were age 13 or older when their adoption or guardianship finalized after 9/1/2015 to qualify for an ETG grant.

<p>education or training costs of attendance (this is also true for any child who remains in a guardianship to age 18, no matter their age when the guardianship was established).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible to apply for ETG (up to \$5000 for 2023-2024, see https://oregonstudentaid.gov/grants/chafee-education-and-training-grant/ for more information) • Youth in a guardianship to age 18 are eligible to apply for the Foster Care to Success scholarships (may include up to \$10,000 in Casey Family Scholarships, see https://www.fc2success.org/ for more information) 	<p>13</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the above, plus the following: • Child will now retain eligibility to age 23, for the following supports (if federal funding/policies and ODHS funding/policies remain the same – these are <u>not</u> entitlements): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ ILP Life Skills Training (basic life skills training any parent could provide) ➢ Youth Transitions Discretionary Funds (funding is limited and based on need) ➢ Education and Training Grant (amount is subject to change, currently \$5,000 per academic year – funding is withheld if student is placed on academic probation) 	<p>14 – 15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly face to face meetings with paid staff who will end their relationships with the child once the case is closed. • Credit Reports (run annually by ODHS) • IL Housing Subsidy (only available while a youth is in the care and custody of ODHS Child Welfare) • Chafee Housing • OHP coverage through the Former Foster Care Youth Medical Program (up to his or her 26th birthday).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the above, plus the following: • The adoption or guardianship subsidy (including medical) may be available up to age 21 if the adoption or guardianship finalizes at age 16 or later, and the youth, at age 18, is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Completing secondary education (or equivalent – GED), ➢ Enrolled in post-secondary education or vocational school at least half time, ➢ Employed at least 80 hours a month, ➢ In a program that promotes or removes barriers to employment, or ➢ Has a documented medical condition, physical disability, or mental disability that prevents him or her from participating in the above activities. • The adoption or guardianship agreement can include language that provides for continued assistance when a child or young adult moves out of the home to attend college or live independently. 	<p>16 – 17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the above for 14-15-year-olds remains unavailable.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Adoption: Young adult will retain eligibility to all ILP services through age 23, including Chafee Housing to age 24 if the young adult: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Is dismissed from ODHS or Tribal care & custody at age 18 or older and had at least six months of substitute care placement services after age 13. ➢ Chafee Housing will also require the young adult: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Maintains 36 hours of productive activity (hours may include paid employment, school, volunteerism, or a combination of the three *requires at least four hours of paid employment) ➢ Must have completed secondary education or be actively working on their education goal(s). ➢ Must be enrolled and participating in contracted ILP skill building services or working with an entity who provides financial literacy training and support with monthly budgets. • Young adult will retain eligibility for OHP coverage through the Former Foster Care Youth Medical Program (up to their 26th birthday). 	<p>18+</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No eligibility for adoption or guardianship subsidy for entering into an adoption or guardianship at age 18+ (adult adoptions are not financially supported by ODHS). • Monthly face to face meetings with paid staff who will end their relationships with the child once the case is closed. • IL Housing Subsidy (only available while a youth is in the care and custody of ODHS Child Welfare)