

# **Foster and Homeless Youth Scholarship/Internship Opportunities:**

## **[CHAFEE GRANT \(Foster\)](#)**

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### **Am I Eligible?**

To be considered for this grant, you must:

- Be a Pennsylvania resident
  - Be eligible for services under Pennsylvania's John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program
  - Be identified as a youth in foster care or a youth discharged or adopted from foster care after age 16
  - Be a new applicant participating in the Chafee Program prior to your 21st birthday, or be a renewal applicant who has not reached your 23rd birthday by July 1 of the upcoming academic year in which Chafee funds will be awarded.
  - Be enrolled as an undergraduate, at least half time in a college or career school that is approved by the U.S. Department of Education for Title IV student assistance programs
  - Demonstrate financial need for the grant (as determined by the postsecondary institution)
  - Maintain satisfactory academic progress (as determined by the postsecondary institution)
  - Not be in default on a federal student loan
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### **How Much Can I Expect to Receive?**

The maximum award under this program for 2017-18 has not yet been determined. However, no award may exceed your cost of attendance minus any other financial aid you receive.

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### **How Do I Apply?**

Please note that the 2017-18 Chafee application deadline is December 31, 2017. The 2018-19 application will be made available in April 2018.

1. **Complete the FAFSA®** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
2. **Download and complete the Pennsylvania Chafee Education and Training Grant Program Application**(PDF).
3. **Mail your completed application to:**

PHEAA  
State Grant and Special Programs  
P.O. Box 8157  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8157

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### **Can I Renew?**

Yes. You must complete a renewal FAFSA at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). Students who received a grant during the 2016–2017 academic year through the Chafee Program do not need to complete an application for 2017–2018

**[Frank Betz Scholarship \(at-risk of homelessness\):](#)**

**<https://www.frankbetzhouseplans.com/scholarships/>**

**Amount: \$1,000**

**Deadline for Applications: December 31st**

**GPA: 2.8**

**Class Standing: N/A**

**Requirements: Applicants must complete a 500- to 1,000-word essay on ONE of the suggested topics,**

**Be currently homeless, or have been homeless in the past; Be at risk for homelessness; OR Worked with the homeless in some demonstrable way.**

**[Foster Youth Internship Program in D.C \(Foster\)](#)**

Opportunity for previous/current foster youth interested in interning with a Member of Congress in Washington, D.C. and make an impact on federal child welfare policy. The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute is currently taking applications for its 2018 Foster Youth Internship Program! CCAI provides a weekly stipend, as well as covers major expenses such as housing in Washington, D.C., transportation to/from Washington, D.C., and public transportation to/from the congressional office internship. **The dates for the 2018 Foster Youth Internship Program are May 29 - July 27, 2018.**

All application materials must be received by **Monday, January 15, 2018 at 11:00pm EST**. For more information about the program and to access the application form, please visit our [website](#). More details are listed below!

For questions and assistance, please contact Taylor Draddy at [taylor@ccainstitute.org](mailto:taylor@ccainstitute.org) or call 202.544.8500.

**Open Hearth Savings Plan:  
Save \$1,000 For Your Education—  
Receive \$3,000 In Matching Funds! Save for at least 6 months & reach your  
savings goal by June 2018**

**Eligibility Requirements**

Resident of Chester County • Net worth less than \$10,000

Income **below** 2017 guidelines **OR** qualified for the Earned Income Tax Credit

**2017 Income Guidelines (must include some earned income)**

One person household—\$24,120 Two person household—\$32,480

Three person household—\$40,840 Four person household—\$49,200

*For each additional member add \$8,320*

You will also receive free financial education through informational workshops!

Call or email Open Hearth today for more information—

Participation is limited!

**610-792-9282 x206 or x208 or [nsilva@openhearthinc.org](mailto:nsilva@openhearthinc.org)**

Open Hearth is a non-profit organization that provides innovative programs to help people end the cycle of homelessness and achieve

financial self-sufficiency. Through its own direct provision of services, as well as an established network of other non-profits, Open Hearth

supports and empowers people as they acquire affordable housing, a means of transportation and financial viability.