

Resource Guide for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

Crime Victims Compensation

If you or your family members are innocent victims of a violent crime, financial assistance may be available. The Ohio Attorney General's Office pay for a wide range of expenses such as medical counseling bills, work loss, and funeral expenses. The Ohio Attorney General's Office generally can't pay for lost property expenses. Please visit: <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Victims/Apply-for-Victims-Compensation> for more information on how to file a new claim or manage an existing claim.

Who may be eligible to receive a payment:

- Dependents of homicide victims.
- Victims injured as result of violent crime.
- Claimants responsible for crime victims' expenses, such as parents or guardians

Checklist for Youth Aging Out

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Contact | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Medical History | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Records | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma or GED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Information for Medical Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Buss Pass or Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Issued Photo ID | |

EDUCATION

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center

Free adult classes to work on reading, math, and writing, GED Prep
(440.526.5200, cvccworks.edu/adult-education)

Polaris Career Center

Job and career training programs, continuing education, GED classes
(440.891.7600, polaris.edu/o/pcc/page/adult-education)

Seeds of Literacy

GED and high school equivalency classes with 1 on 1 tutoring sessions
(216.661.7950, seedsofliteracy.org/who-we-are/about-us)

ASPIRE Greater Cleveland

GED and citizenship test preparation, adult programs, bridging to work or education support
(833.277.4732, cuyahogalibrary.org/services/adult-education/aspire-greater-cleveland)

Tri-C Scholars Mentoring Program

Pairs students with a faculty member to provide encouragement, emotional support and connection to College resources
(216.987.0496, tri-c.edu/student-resources/reach-youth-scholars.html)

College Now Greater Cleveland
Scholarships and financial assistance
(216.241.5587, collegenowgc.org)

CSU Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Opportunity Program
Provides an opportunity for highly motivated youth who are aging out of foster care to pursue an undergraduate degree
(<https://www.csuohio.edu/prattcenter/sullivan-deckard-scholarship-opportunity-program-0>)

Kevin O'Boyle Scholarship Fund

Helping local college or vocational-school bound former foster youth continue their education and training in preparation for an independent and stable adulthood
(cfadvocates.org/scholarship-fund)

JOB TRAINING

Ohio Means Jobs

Resume help, interview practice, employment programs, job search, online training, job skills training, apprenticeships
(ohiomeansjobs.ohio.gov)

Youth Opportunities Unlimited

Employment programs, research center, internships
(youcle.org)

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Care Alliance Health Center

Medical, dental, behavioral care for all
(216.535.9100, carealliance.org/)

Alcohol, Drug, Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County
(216.241.3400, adamhscc.org/resources/finding-help)

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 988
Cuyahoga County Hotline: 216.623.6888
Ohio Crisis Text Line: Home to 741741

LIVING ASSISTANCE

Greater Cleveland Food Bank

Community resources and market, food assistance
(216.738.2067)

Twice Blessed Free Store

Clothing, household items, toiletries
(9900 Madison Avenue, Cleveland, 440.331.7676)

Benefits.ohio.gov

Apply for Medicaid, food and cash assistance, and energy assistance

BRIDGES

Housing, education, employment, and well-being. Eligible if under 21 and if you left the Ohio foster care system at age 18, 19 or 20.
(614.656.6328; ne.region@cfhcoho.org)

HOUSING

Fill this House

Providing household needs to foster aging out of foster care
(216.633.2448, fillthishouse.org)

Frontline Services

Emergency housing and shelters, permanent supportive housing, eviction support
(216.623.6555, frontlineservice.org)

Independence Place (YWCA)

Permanent supportive housing for young adults
(216.674.6700,
<https://www.ywcaofcleveland.org/independence-place-nia>)

OTHER RESOURCES

Youth Navigator Network

(text: 740.639.5252, call: 1.833.OHIO-YNN, ynn.ohio.gov)

Provides access to resources, one on one support with housing, basic needs, food, shelter, education, forms/processes

Pathway Caring for Children (800.838.7284)

Individual and group-work with those ages 14-21 to develop goals like meal prep, paying bills, job interviewing, college applications, home maintenance, and more

United Way 211 (Chat on 211oh.org or Dial 2-1-1)

Free and confidential 24- hour access to a compassionate professional who will review your options for help, develop a plan and act as your advocate if you are faced with barriers to service

LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland (216.651.5428)

Health and wellness programs, queer youth programs, community groups, trans wellness, training programs

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (lasclev.org, 888-817-3777)

Civil legal services in permanent custody, planned permanent living arrangement, and recently aged out of foster care

Ohio Reach (ohioreach.org)

Supporting foster youth reaching for higher education

