

*You Win, We Win!*



ARIZONA FRIENDS OF  
FOSTER CHILDREN FOUNDATION



Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation creates opportunities to build self-esteem and empower children and youth in foster care by funding services to enrich their life experiences and ensure their successful transition to adulthood. For more than 38 years, we've been saying YES if the request is in our guidelines.

# Our First Award

AFFCF granted our first award back in 1984. We paid \$29.61 for an 8 year-old boy in Prescott to take flute lessons. **Since then, we have paid more than \$14M in awards, serving more than 77,000 children in foster care all over Arizona.**



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## AWARDS AFFCF FUNDED IN 2021

CATEGORY	AWARDS	AMOUNT
Camp	472	\$155,000
Apt Set-Up	115	\$42,000
Prom	29	\$6,300
School Pictures	147	\$7,300
Bikes/Scooters/Skates	540	\$70,000
Athletic Registration	279	\$41,600
Athletic Equipment	198	\$30,400
Dance Classes	231	\$48,300
Gymnastics Classes	257	\$52,600
Karate Classes	225	\$52,300
Horse Riding Lessons	41	\$9,400
Swimming Lessons	537	\$108,600

CATEGORY	AWARDS	AMOUNT
Music Lessons	67	\$17,800
Music Instruments	14	\$2,800
Driver's Education	63	\$26,400
Theme Park Admission – In AZ	370	\$16,200
Theme Park Admission – Outside AZ	278	\$39,000
Tutoring Services	201	\$145,500
Keys to Success	654	\$155,100
Car Seats (Kinship)	65	\$7,300
Books	140	\$6,900
Supplemental Clothing	997	\$133,300
Penson Fund	97	\$59,700
Save Their Summer	996	\$95,700

Source: AFFCF



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## GEO'S STORY

Geo was four years old, in foster care and diagnosed with a rare form of adult leukemia in 2019. His foster (now adoptive) family had to make their home a sanctuary to keep Geo safe. During treatment, he was sick, in pain and at the hospital a lot. He and his mom would talk about all the things they were going to do when he got better.

AFFCF helped Geo with:

- Save Their Summer awards for activities he could do at home
- Admission to Disneyland
- Recharge Reconnect Reward award for education support during COVID

# Keys to Success

## WINNING CAREERS



The Keys to Success program changes the story for youth aging out of foster care by providing career development and employment services for youth aging out of foster care ages 16 - 21, that lead them to discover their potential and a pathway to living wage employment.

Youth set personal goals in the areas of:

- Education
- Employment
- Independent Living





# Keys to Success

## EMILY'S STORY

Emily has been enrolled in Keys to Success for three years. She is currently attending the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University where she is majoring in accounting.

Emily says that before she came into foster care, she didn't have a lot of life goals and was not planning to go to college.

For her, the best part of being in Keys to Success is the support. She credits the friendly staff, the many resources and personal one-on-one conversations that allow her to get help with just about anything.

# Post-Secondary Scholarships

## WINNING FUTURES

AFFCF awards scholarships to former foster youth so they can attend community college or university. Currently, we serve 70 youth in our scholarship program.

- Students can receive AFFCF scholarships for up to 10 semesters.
- University level scholarships are \$2,500 per semester.
- Community college scholarships are \$1,000 per semester.



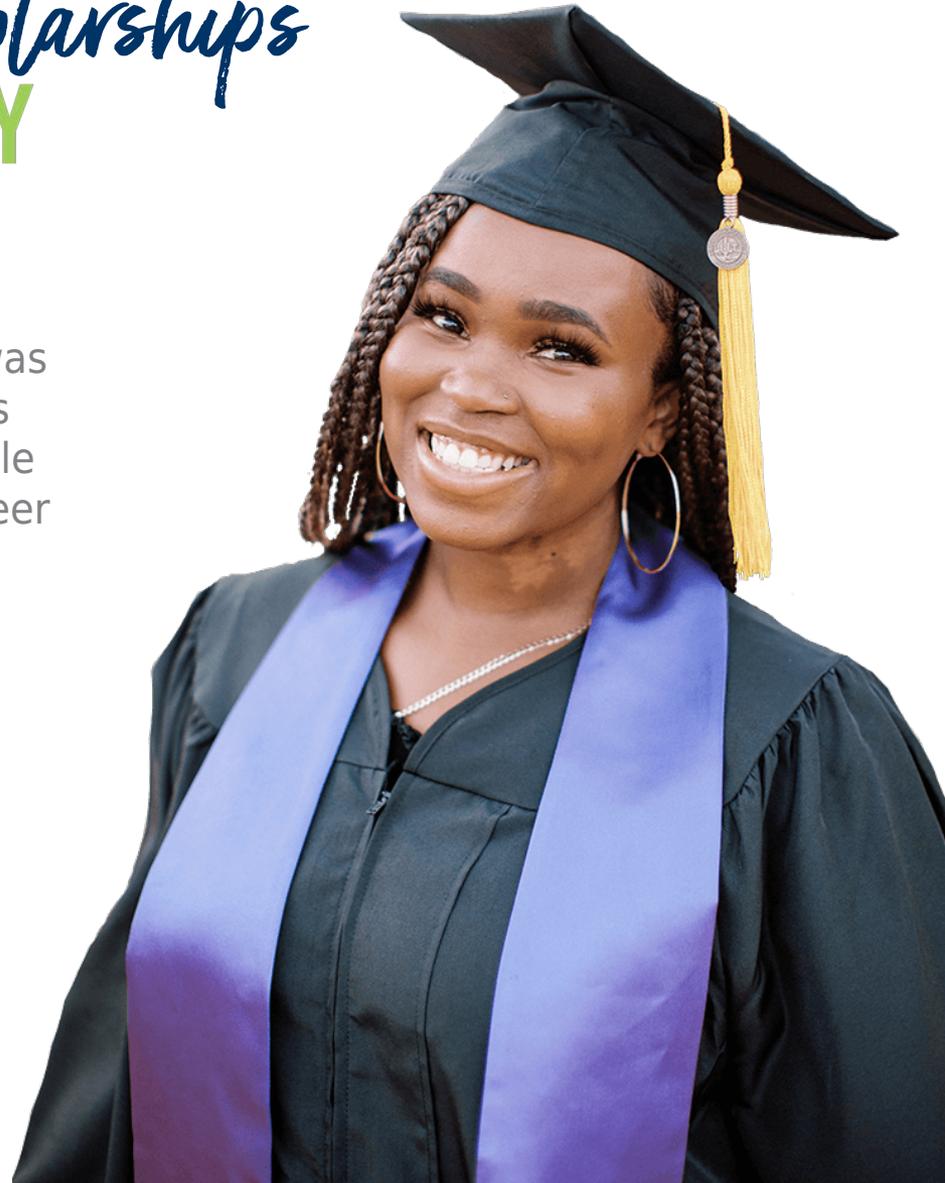
# Post-Secondary Scholarships

## JACQUELINE'S STORY

Jacqueline began attending Grand Canyon University in 2017 with no idea what she was doing or even why she chose counseling as her major. She graduated ahead of schedule in 2020 and now works for AFFCF as a Career Development Specialist.

*"I am certain that I will be a success on any path I decide because my education will be my foundation."*

- Jacqueline Carter



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# *Penson Fund* **WINNING SUPPORT**

Introduced in 2018, the AFFCF Penson Award Fund helps young men and women who have aged out of foster care overcome emergency expenses that derail their education.

Eligibility requirements:

- In foster care or aged out of foster care in Arizona, ages 18 - 21 years
- Enrolled at university/college, community college or a vocational program

Current employment is preferred when considering requests.

# *Person Fund* **JUAN'S STORY**

Juan always knew he wanted to become a barber...he just didn't know how he'd afford the tuition. As a participant in the Keys to Success program, Juan got help applying for and receiving a large grant for barber school. It just wasn't enough.

He applied for AFFCF's Person Fund and was awarded additional funding to cover the remaining costs. The Person Fund also provided Juan the technology he needed to be successful in his classes.



# Thank You!



**WATCH GEO'S STORY**



**WATCH EMILY'S STORY**



**WATCH JACKIE'S STORY**

