



Youth or Young Adult in Foster Care Identification Card Fact Sheet

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A Texas identification card (ID) is free to the following persons if funding is available in the Identification Fee Exemption Account:

- Youth less than 18 years of age in the managing conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)
- Young adults 18 to 21 years of age residing in a paid DFPS foster care placement

These applicants are also exempt from the standard residency requirements to obtain an ID.

All Original Identification Card (ID) Applicants Must:

- Apply in person at a Texas driver license (DL) office.
- Present documents that verify the applicant's [identity](#).
- Present documents that verify the applicant is a [U.S. citizen or has lawful presence](#). All information on each document must match. Additional documentation may be required to verify conflicting information, incomplete names, and/or date of birth.
- Surrender any other DL or ID issued by any other state or country, including Texas.
- Present proof of [Social Security Number](#). If the applicant does not have a Social Security Number, a Social Security Affidavit form is available at the DL office.
- Complete the application for an identification card; adult ([DL-14A](#)) or minor ([DL-14B](#))
- Present proof of [Texas residency](#).
 - Eligible youth will present the DFPS *Form 2042, Youth or Young Adult in Foster care Residency Verification for a Driver License or State ID Fee Waiver* – no additional proof of residency documents are required. This form is completed by the caseworker.
- Consent to be photographed, fingerprinted, and provide a signature at the time of application.

Additionally Foster Youth or Young Adults in Paid DFPS Placement Must:

- Complete all requirements for an original ID applicant (see above).
- Be between 15 and 18 years of age and in the managing conservatorship of DFPS or be 18 to 21 years of age and reside in a paid DFPS foster care placement.
- Use the address of the DFPS caseworker office (recommended) or placement if intended to be permanent (with their consent) when completing the ID application.
 - The mailing address should normally be the caseworker office address.
 - Provide completed *DFPS Form 2042, Youth or Young Adult in Foster Care Residency Verification for a Driver License or State Identification Card Fee Waiver*. This form is completed by the caseworker.

For more information about Texas Identification Card Issuance please visit:

<http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/applyforID.htm>

NOTE: Caseworker means the DFPS primary caseworker or other authorized DFPS staff such as the SSCC caseworker.

Note: Notarization of the ID application form is not required if the responsible adult is not accompanying the foster youth.