



Treehouse Eligibility Criteria 2022-2023

For All Programs

At the time of the initial yearly referral or request to Treehouse programs, youth must meet the below criteria:

- Be in out-of-home care (foster, kinship, fictive kin, group care, suitable adult or shelter).
- Have an open case or be in extended foster care with DCYF, tribal, or federal foster care.

These criteria do not apply to Launch Success participants. Please see program specific criteria below.

Essentials and Experiences

Just-in-Time Funding and the Treehouse Store (formerly Little Wishes and The Warehouse):

- Youth must be **placed in King County** OR have their **case held out of King County**.
- Youth who are actively involved in our Graduation Success or Launch Success programs outside of King County will also have access to these programs.

Youth DO need an annual referral for these programs unless they are enrolled in Graduation Success or Launch Success. Referrals are active from the date of submission until the end of the referral year (June 30th), regardless of placement type. If a youth with an active referral returns home or achieves another form of permanency, they are still eligible to access the Store and Just-in-Time Funding for the remainder of the referral year. Youth will not be eligible for these services in the years following permanency unless they are active participants in Graduation Success or Launch Success.

Driver's Assistance:

- Youth must be 15-21 years of age.
- Youth must have an open state or tribal dependency case.
- Youth must be in a foster care placement, trial return home, or Extended Foster Care.

Youth DO NOT need an annual referral to access Driver's Assistance. Eligible youth or their caregivers can make a request for assistance online and eligibility will be verified through DCYF or Tribe Specific ICW Director on a monthly basis.

Holiday Magic:

- Youth must be in out of home care in Washington State between October and December of the current year. **One of the following must also apply:**
 - Youth is a dependent child of Washington State or a participating tribe.
 - Youth's dependency status is Shelter Care.
 - Youth is participating in Extended Foster Care (AKA Foster to 21).
 - Youth has a Courtesy Supervision case and is a dependent of Washington State residing in a different region/state.

Youth DO NOT need an annual referral to Holiday Magic. DCYF and participating tribes provide a list of eligible youth to Treehouse. Treehouse will then contact caregivers through email and mail notifications in the fall. Active participants in Graduation Success and Launch Success are also eligible for Holiday Magic.



Fostering Futures

Educational Advocacy (for youth not enrolled in Graduation Success):

- Youth must have one or more immediate need such as:
 - Student/caregivers need assistance with an IEP or the Special Education process.
 - Student is at risk of retention, not graduating or is not making academic progress.
 - Student/caregivers need assistance with school enrollment or assistance with a disciplinary issue.
- **Youth must be attending, attempting to attend, or need enrollment assistance with a public Pre-K - 12 school in Washington State.**

Youth DO need a referral specifically for Educational Advocacy (separate from the referral for the Treehouse Store or Just-in-Time Funding). This should be submitted at any time an educational need arises.

Educational Advocacy serves all school-aged youth across Washington State not eligible for Graduation Success, as long as they have an open case and are in an out-of-home placement. Once the immediate educational needs of the youth have been met, youth will be transitioned out of the Educational Advocacy program. If additional needs arise, a new referral should be submitted.

Graduation Success:

- Available to high school youth who have an open legal case, are in an out-of-home placement, and are enrolled in high school or an eligible GED program in specific counties and school districts throughout Washington State.
- Please see our website at www.treehouseforkids.org/eligibility for a current list of districts served by this program.

Referrals are active as long as youth stay engaged with the Graduation Success program. Upon successful completion of the program, youth may choose to opt-into our Launch Success program, in which case they will continue to be eligible for Just-in-Time Funding and the Treehouse Store.

Youth DO need an initial referral for Graduation Success. Once enrolled and active in the program, youth DO NOT need their referrals to be renewed yearly.

Launch Success:

- Youth who graduated from high school or an equivalency program while enrolled in our Graduation Success program can choose to opt in to Launch Success.
- Youth who participated in Graduation Success for at least one year and went on to graduate high school or an equivalency program—while NOT involved with Graduation Success—may be eligible but will not be automatically enrolled. If you participated in Graduation Success in the past, please call or email us to inquire about eligibility.

For additional information about any of these programs: Please visit our website at www.treehouseforkids.org or contact us at 206.767.7000 or 1.855.708.4692. For additional questions about eligibility or referrals, please email referrals@treehouseforkids.org.