



Treehouse Eligibility Criteria 2025-2026

Resource Supports

Just-in-Time Funding and the Treehouse Store

- **Referral Frequency:** Annual (July–June)
- **Age or Grade Requirement:** Youth must be 5–21 years of age. Available to youth ages 0–4 with a placement in King County or a case held in King County.
- **Legal Status:** Youth must be placed in Washington state and have an open dependency case or Shelter Care Order (includes Extended Foster Care) with either the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF); the federal foster care system; or one of the tribal foster care systems within Washington State.

Youth DO need an annual referral for these programs unless they are enrolled in or have graduated from Graduation Success. Referrals are active from the date of submission until the end of the referral year (June 30th). If a youth with an active referral has their dependency case closed, they are still eligible for 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 case-closure.

Driver's Assistance

- **Referral Frequency:** No referral required.
- **Age or Grade Requirement:** Youth must be 15–21 years of age.
- **Legal Status:** Youth must have an open state or Tribal dependency case (includes Extended Foster Care) within Washington State.

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

Holiday Magic

- **Referral Frequency:** No referral required.
- **Age or Grade Requirement:** Youth must be 0–21 years of age.
- **Legal Status:** Youth must be in out-of-home care with an open state or Tribal dependency or Shelter Care Order (includes Extended Foster Care). Youth with a Courtesy Supervision case that are a dependent of Washington State residing in a different region/state are also eligible.

DCYF and participating tribes provide a list of eligible youth to Treehouse annually. Treehouse contacts caregivers through email and mail notifications each fall. Active participants in Graduation Success are also eligible for Holiday Magic.



Educational & Coaching Supports

Educational Advocacy

- **Referral Frequency:** Annual (July–June)
- **Age or Grade Requirement:** All Kindergarten through 12th Grade youth across Washington state.
- **Legal Status:** Youth must have an open Washington State, federal, or Tribal dependency case or Shelter Care Order.
- **School Enrollment Status:** Youth must be attending or attempting to attend a public school in Washington state and have one or more immediate needs, such as:
 - > Accessing school-based services such as a 504 plan, general education interventions and special education services.
 - > Assistance addressing school disciplinary issues.
 - > Student is at risk of retention or not making academic progress.
 - > Assistance with school enrollment or Best Interest Determination.

Youth DO need a referral specifically for Educational Advocacy (separate from a referral for the Treehouse Store or Just-in-Time Funding).

Referrals remain current through the remainder of the school year, and youth can be re-enrolled in the program as needed, throughout the school year without the need for a new referral.

Graduation Success

- **Referral Frequency:** Youth need an initial referral for Graduation Success. Once enrolled, youth *do not* need their referral to be renewed.
- **Age or Grade Requirement:** Youth must be in 9th through 12th Grade.
- **Legal Status:** Youth must have an open Washington State, federal, or Tribal dependency case or Shelter Care Order.
- **School Enrollment Status:** Youth must be pursuing a high school diploma or equivalent in one of the districts served by the program.

Please see our website at treehouseforkids.org/eligibility for a current list of districts served by this program.

All participants in Graduation Success are eligible for Just-in-Time Funding and the Treehouse Store for the duration of their time in Graduation Success regardless of legal status.

For additional information about any of these programs: Please visit our website at treehouseforkids.org or contact us at 206.267.5144. For additional questions about eligibility or referrals, please email referrals@treehouseforkids.org.