

# How to Apply for the Child-Only Grant

**Intro:** Are you caring for a child who is not your own to prevent them from entering foster care?"

To help you on your journey, DTA provides a cash assistance benefit for the children in your care, the TAFDC Child-Only Grant.

As a relative caregiver, you can apply for TAFDC for yourself and the child(ren) or only the child(ren) in your care.

If you choose to apply for yourself, DTA will consider any income that you and the child(ren) receive. You may also need to meet work rules if you apply for yourself, and DTA will help you find a free program to help you meet your goals. "

This video will show you how to apply for the TAFDC Child Only Grant.

**Step 1:** Go to [DTAConnect.com](https://DTAConnect.com) and select "Apply TAFDC!"

**Step 2:** Select "Get Started".

**Step 3:** Complete the initial application for TAFDC. Please complete the required sections with your information, including your:

- First name,
- Last name,
- Date of birth,
- Address,
- Best phone number to reach you, and
- Email address,

**Step 4:** Open the dropdown menu and select what language you prefer to speak.

**Step 5:** Do you have children under 18 living with you? Select "Yes".

**Step 6:** The next question asks if you have any source of income, but instead, please indicate if the child you are caring for has any source of income, like Social Security Benefits or earned income. Select “No”

**Step 7:** Read the Department of Transitional Assistance Notice of Rights, Responsibilities and Penalties

**Step 8:** Select “I agree to the terms” and sign your application by typing your full name, then select “Submit application”.

**Step 9:** Select “Exit” to complete the application process.

**Conclusion:** Once you finish the online application, we will schedule a phone interview. DTA will provide an interpreter if you need one.

Once we complete the interview, we will tell you what information or documentation you need to give us.

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