



# OPPORTUNITY PASSPORT™

## OPENING DOORS TO INDEPENDENCE

### WHAT IS OPPORTUNITY PASSPORT?

**Opportunity Passport™** is a financial education and matched savings program that:

- » **Teaches** you skills to manage your money.
- » **Helps** you start saving toward your goals
- » **Matches your money** dollar-for-dollar on approved purchases that move you toward success.

### WHO IS OPPORTUNITY PASSPORT FOR?

The program is specifically designed for young people who have been in foster care.

So if you live in Mississippi, are **between the ages of 16 and 25**, and have been in foster care in Mississippi for even one day after you turned 14, you can apply to join!

### HOW DO I JOIN THE PROGRAM?

First, complete the Keys to Your Financial Future training.

Then open a checking or savings account.

Finally, submit your completed Opportunity Passport application (available at [msyouthvoice.org](http://msyouthvoice.org)).

### WILL YOU REALLY MATCH MY MONEY?

Absolutely! We'll also help you get started saving with **\$150 of "seed money"** when your application is approved.

Once you're ready to make a qualifying purchase, **Opportunity Passport will cover half the cost—up to \$3,000**. You're eligible for match dollars until you turn 26, and you can request several small matches or one big one.

### WHAT IS A "QUALIFYING PURCHASE"?

To receive match dollars, your purchase has to **support your education, employment, health, and/or long-term stability**.

Some examples of qualifying purchases are: vehicles, college tuition and textbooks, housing deposits and first month's rent, health care, and expenses related to starting a business.

### I'M READY! LET'S GET STARTED!

Congratulations! We're excited to help you on the path to long-term financial stability and success.

To find out when Keys to Your Financial Future trainings are available in your area, contact the program coordinator at 601-460-4436 or [opp@firstplaceforyouth.org](mailto:opp@firstplaceforyouth.org).