

General Requirements to Become a Licensed Foster Parent

- Must be at least 21 years of age
- At least one applicant in the home must be able to read, write and speak English or be able to effectively communicate with any child placed in their home and with the recommending agency
- May be single or legally married
- Must show the household has an income sufficient to meet the basic needs of the household and make timely payment of shelter costs
- Must be free of any physical, emotional, or mental condition which would endanger a child or seriously impair the ability of the foster caregiver or applicant to care for a foster child
- Must have a medical statement on all household members by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse practitioner, or certified nurse-midwife
- No person in the household over age 18 may have been convicted of or pleaded guilty of any of the offenses as defined in section 5103.0319 of the Revised Code (Some exclusions to this may be found in rule 5101:2-7-02 of the Administrative Code)
- Must obtain an approved inspection by a certified state fire safety inspector or the state fire marshal's office certifying the home is free of conditions hazardous to the safety of foster children
- Must complete all pre-placement and continuing training.