

## **MBTA Youth Pass Eligibility Criteria 2020-2021**

The T's [Youth Pass](#) Program offers reduced bus, subway, Commuter Rail, Express Bus, and ferry fares to those who qualify. Youth Pass CharlieCards can be loaded with either cash value (for a roughly 50% reduced one-way fare) or \$30 monthly LinkPasses for unlimited travel on bus, subway, and Fairmount Line Zone 1A stations.

There are **two** age groups eligible for the Youth Pass Program:

- A) Individuals who will be between the ages **18 to 25** as of October 31, 2021. For this age group, the following criteria need to be met:
- Live in a participating city or town
  - Born between October 31, 1995 and November 1, 2003, inclusive. Age can be demonstrated using any of the following documents:
    - Copy of birth certificate
    - Photo ID (Massachusetts ID, Passport, School ID) with date of birth
    - School record or other state record that includes date of birth
    - Visa, residency, or other immigration document with date of birth
  - **NOT** enrolled in middle or high school (these students may receive a [Student CharlieCard](#), M7 Card or S-Card, through their school – contact your school for more information)
  - Demonstrate enrollment in **at least one** MBTA-approved program (programs outlined on pages 2-4):
    - State or federal benefit program (e.g., MASSGrant, MassHealth, SNAP)
    - Alternative education program (e.g., high school equivalency degree program)
    - Job training or professional development program (e.g., Year Up, Roca)
  - To demonstrate enrollment in an MBTA-approved program, an applicant must show an official document from the program that includes their name or name of their parent/guardian, the program name, and the date of their enrollment in the program or expiration date (e.g., MassHealth or EBT card, proof of enrollment statement, etc.). If no document exists, the participant can return a verification form signed by an administrator at the program, including their contact information for verification purposes.
- B) Individuals who will be between the ages **12 to 18** as of October 31, 2021. For this age group, the following criteria need to be met:
- Live in a participating city or town
  - Born between October 31, 2003 and November 1, 2009, inclusive. Age can be demonstrated using any of the following documents:
    - Copy of birth certificate
    - Photo ID (Massachusetts ID, Passport, School ID) with date of birth
    - School record or other state record that includes date of birth
    - Visa, residency, or other immigration document with date of birth
    - Notarized affidavit by legal guardian or parent with date of birth
  - **NOT** enrolled in middle or high school (these students may receive a [Student CharlieCard](#), M7 Card or S-Card, through their school – contact your school for more information)

**Note:** Each city/town will set their own documentation necessary to verify proof of address.

## Approved State and Federal Benefit Programs

Department/Organization	Program Name
Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fuel Assistance</li> <li>Head Start and Early Head Start</li> </ul>
Bridge Over Troubled Waters	Youth Homeless Shelter*
Cambridge Housing Authority	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Section 8
City of Cambridge, Department of Human Service Programs	Fuel Assistance
Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC)	Fuel Assistance
Home for Little Wanderers	Young Adult Resource Network (YARN)
Just-A-Start (JAS) Corporation	JAS Housing
Massachusetts Department of Early Education & Care (EEC)	Income Eligible Child Care
Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (DHE)	MASSGrant, also known as "Mass State Grant"
Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Section 8</li> <li>Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)</li> <li>Public Housing Assistance Programs</li> </ul>
Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MassHealth</li> <li>Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program</li> </ul>
Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Care</li> <li>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</li> <li>Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC)</li> <li>Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC)</li> </ul>
Pine Street Inn	Homeless Shelter and Workforce Development
Quincy Community Actions Programs (QCAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Care for Kids (CCK)</li> <li>Head Start and Early Head Start</li> </ul>
The Haven Project	Homeless Youth Services
Y2YNetwork	Youth Homeless Shelter

## Approved Alternative Education Programs

Department/Organization	Program Name
Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University High School</li> <li>Urban College of Boston</li> <li>William J. Ostiguy High School</li> </ul>
Boston Public Schools	Boston Central Adult High School
Chelsea Public Schools	Intergenerational Literacy Program

<b>City of Cambridge, Department of Human Service Programs</b>	Community Learning Center
<b>Freedom House</b>	PUSH College Program
<b>Jewish Vocational Service (JVS Boston)</b>	Adult Diploma Pathway
<b>Julie's Family Learning Program</b>	Adult Basic Education (ABE)
<b>Madison Park Development Corporation</b>	O-YEP HiSET Program**
<b>Malden Public Schools</b>	Pathways
<b>Notre Dame Education Center</b>	NDEC High School Diploma Program
<b>Pathways, Inc. (Adult Education &amp; Training, Lynn)</b>	Adult Basic Education (ABE)
<b>Quincy Community Action Programs (QCAP)</b>	Adult Secondary Education
<b>Quincy Evening High School</b>	WIOA Diploma Program
<b>Revere Community School</b>	High School Equivalency Diploma
<b>Somerville Public Schools</b>	SCALE
<b>The Immigrant Learning Center</b>	English Language Programs

## Approved Job Training and Professional Development Programs

<b>Department/Organization</b>	<b>Program Name</b>
<b>Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD)</b>	Career Explorations
<b>American Training - LARE Institute</b>	Chelsea Certificate Programs
<b>Asian American Civic Association (AACA)</b>	Building Energy Efficient Maintenance Skills (BEEMS) Program
<b>Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (BFIT)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automotive Technology Certificate</li> <li>• HVAC&amp;R Certificate</li> <li>• Practical Electricity Certificate</li> </ul>
<b>Boston Private Industry Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boston Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC)</li> <li>• Re-Engagement Center</li> </ul>
<b>Building Pathways</b>	Building Trades Apprenticeship Preparedness Training
<b>Center for Teen Empowerment</b>	Boston, Somerville
<b>City of Cambridge, Department of Human Service Programs</b>	Cambridge Works
<b>Digital Ready</b>	Year 13
<b>Just-A-Start (JAS) Corporation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biomedical Careers Program</li> <li>• JAS YouthBuild (Cambridge)**</li> </ul>
<b>Justice Resource Institute</b>	STRIVE Boston
<b>North Shore Community Development Coalition</b>	YouthBuild North Shore
<b>Roca</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Men Program</li> <li>• Young Mothers Program</li> </ul>
<b>Sociedad Latina</b>	Academy for Latinos Achieving Success (ALAS)

<b>Training Resources of America</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACHIEVE! Youth Opportunity Program</li> <li>• Young Parents Program (YPP)</li> </ul>
<b>Year Up</b>	All Participating Cities (Boston, North Shore)
<b>Youth Options Unlimited Boston (YOU Boston)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Career Pathways</li> <li>• Operation Exit</li> </ul>

*\*Participants enrolled in Bridge's Education Program must refer to their program directly about how to obtain a Youth Pass. All other Bridge participants may apply for a Youth Pass at the Boston partner location.*

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