

Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

The Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program provides financial assistance for eligible youth to continue their education or job training after high school or General Education Development (GED) completion. The program supports youth and young adults as they move from foster care into independence, giving them tools to gain skills and education needed for employment.

Funding includes **up to \$5,000** per year (for 5 years or 10 semesters) or the total cost of attendance (COA) per year — whichever is less. ETV funds can be combined with other grants or scholarships to minimize or eliminate the need for student loans.

HOW TO APPLY

- ① Contact a foster care worker or the independent living coordinator at the local department of social services (LDSS) where the youth was last in foster care.
- ② Fill out an ETV Student Application.

WHEN IN DOUBT, REACH OUT!

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WHO CAN APPLY?

- » Between 14 through 25 years of age
- » Received high school diploma or GED and are enrolled in post-secondary education (including vocational)
- » Applied for federal aid through FAFSA (if applicable)
- » Currently in foster care or Fostering Futures
OR
- » Left foster care or Fostering Futures after turning age 18
OR
- » Left foster care through adoption or Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program at age 16+
OR
- » Exited foster care at age 14+ because youth returned home or was placed with relative

Youth must maintain satisfactory academic progress and be eligible for federal aid (if applicable to program) to remain eligible for ETV.



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