



## **Office of Education and Transition Services**

### ***Transition Programs***

The DCFS Office of Education and Transition Services administers transition programs which include: the *Youth In College* program, the *Scholarship Program*, and the *Youth In Employment* program. These programs help ensure that DCFS youth receive educational, employment and training opportunities to help prepare them for self-sufficiency and independence. The criteria for each program is outlined below.

#### **DCFS youth participating in the *Youth In College* program must:**

- Be at least 16 years old, but not older than 21
- Maintain at least a “C” average each semester
- Maintain full time status (12 hours Fall & Spring, 6 hours in Summer)
- Submit your class schedule at the start of every semester and your grades at the end of the semester (no schedule and grades, no payment!)
- Report any change of address promptly to Business Office
- Apply for financial aid every semester to cover room and board
- Attend a scheduled meeting with your assigned Educational Advisor

#### **DCFS youth participating in the *Scholarship Program* must:**

- Fulfill all of the requirements for the Youth in College program
- Successfully compete for a full-term DCFS college scholarship

#### **DCFS youth participating in the *Youth In Employment* program must:**

- Be at least 17 years old and not yet 21 years old
- Work at least 20 hours per week
- Verify employment every three months

*Youth may be eligible for the Book Reimbursement Program. Contact the Office of Education and Transition Services for more information.*



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