



Education & Training Vouchers

Resource for Lifetime Achievement

The Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program assists youth with post-secondary education related expenses not covered by financial aid grants.

Eligibility:

- Youth for whom DCFS is legally responsible or who aged out of care at age 18 or older
- OR
- Achieved permanency at age 16 or older through either subsidized guardianship or adoption

Benefits:

- Payment of up to \$5000 annually of education related expenses such as tuition, fees, books, supplies, uniforms, equipment and/or transportation not covered by other grants or scholarships
- Funding available until age 21
- If enrolled in a post-secondary program and student has used ETV funding before age 21 and making satisfactory progress toward completion of the program, funding is available until age 23

Requirements:

- Attend post-secondary school listed as accredited by US Dept of Education
- Making academic progress
- File FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) annually
- Complete any additional financial paperwork required by the school
- Submit completed application with requested documentation each term

Approval decisions and actual voucher award amounts are determined by the Office of Education and Transition Services (OETS).

Applications and Questions:

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