



## Scholarship Program

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Open to DCFS youth as well as youth who were formerly in the care of DCFS who are at least 16 years old, but not yet 21 on the scholarship application deadline date of March 31 of the current year
- The Department must have court-ordered legal guardianship for the applicant or the Department must have had legal guardianship for the applicant prior to the adoption being finalized, or the applicant must be in the Subsidized Guardianship Program
- Successfully compete for a full-term DCFS college scholarship
- Maintain at least a "C" average each semester
- Maintain full-time status (12 hours Fall & Spring, 6 hours or an approved internship in Summer). Enrollment will be verified through the National Student Clearinghouse.
- Submit your class schedule at the start of each semester and your grades at the end of the semester (no schedule and grades, no payment!)
- Report change of address promptly to Business Office

### Benefits:

- An award in the amount of \$471 provided each month for up to four (4) years. Direct deposit is strongly recommended.
- Medical card provided to Illinois students until the earlier of four years or age 23
- Tuition waiver available to any Illinois state funded community college or university
- Reimbursement of the cost of books not covered by financial aid
- Education advisors and OETS staff will render assistance as needed
- Benefits available for four (4) years, or the date on which the participant receives a bachelor's degree
- This program is a chance of a lifetime!

### Important Plans To Consider:

- Arranging transportation to the school location
- Planning for housing when school is closed for breaks and holidays
- Devising a backup plan for education finances if your stipend is lost or stolen
- Seeking tutorial assistance through the school, and meeting with your Education Advisor and OETS staff if your grades are low, if you are having problems in a particular course, or if you must withdraw from any classes
- Youth who withdraw from classes must notify the OETS business office
- Apply for financial aid annually.

### What the Scholarship DOES NOT Cover:

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| • Orientation fees   | • Phone bills                       | • Supplies      |
| • Computers or Internet services                                   | • Dorm room damages                 | • Study abroad  |
| • Room/board costs   | • Laboratory fees                   | • Library fines |
| • Repayment of student loans                                       | • Transportation to and from school |                 |
| • Tuition to private, out-of-state or vocational training programs | • Study enhancement programs        |                 |

See reverse side for more details.



## Important Dates

Please mail the following documents to the Office of Education and Transition Services by the following dates:

August 15	Schedule, Summer Grades, Address Changes
January 15	Schedule, Fall Grades, Address Changes
June 15	Schedule, Spring Grades, Address Changes

## Pay Run Dates for 2011

MONTH	MAILING
JANUARY	01/18/11
FEBRUARY	02/16/11
MARCH	03/15/11
APRIL	04/15/11
MAY	05/16/11
JUNE	06/15/11
JULY	07/18/11
AUGUST	08/15/11
SEPTEMBER	09/16/11
OCTOBER	10/18/11
NOVEMBER	11/16/11
DECEMBER	12/16/11

**NOTE: All mailing dates are estimated.**

## Important Phone Numbers

Central Payment Unit	800-525-0499	Education Advisors	815-753-5562
Direct Deposit	217-557-0930	Peoria Business Office	309-693-4988
Medical Card Hotline	800-228-6533	Chicago Business Office	312-814-5959
Youth Hotline	866-459-6884	Springfield Business Office	217-557-2689

