



## Youth In College/Vocational Training Program

### Eligibility Requirements:

- DCFS must have court ordered legal responsibility for youth.
- Youth must have high school diploma or GED certificate or be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited university or a vocational training program.
- Must complete the CFS 449 (Youth in College/Vocational Training Program application).
- Must be at least 16 years old and not yet 21
- Maintain at least "C" average each semester.
- Maintain full-time status (12 hours Fall & Spring, 6 hours in Summer, or an approved summer internship). Enrollment will be verified through the National Student Clearinghouse.
- Submit youth class schedule at the start of each semester and your grades at the end of each semester (no schedule and grades, no payment!)
- Report any change of address promptly to the Business Office by fax at 309-693-5433.
- Apply for financial aid every year to cover tuition or room and board costs.

### Benefits:

- Youth may choose to attend an accredited vocational school, four-year college or community college.
- A monthly grant in the amount of \$471 is provided each month for up to four (4) years. Direct deposit is strongly recommended.
- Medical cards are provided to Illinois students until participant reaches the age of 21.
- Reimbursement available for books not covered by financial aid.
- Education Advisors and OETS staff are available for assistance.
- Benefits available until the earlier of four (4) years, or the semester of the 23rd birthday.
- This program is a chance of a lifetime!
- Youth is eligible for a one-time start up funding in the amount of \$200 to be used for initial living expenses.

### 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 grant 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.
- Education and Training Voucher Program for expenses not covered by Youth in College/Vocational Training Program.

### What the Youth In College/Vocational Training Program DOES NOT Cover:

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

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

