



## 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 Department of Education
- Make satisfactory 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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