



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 your YIC Coordinator.
- Apply for financial aid every year to cover tuition or room and board costs.
- Youth transitioning to the YIC program at age 21 must have completed at least one semester of a post secondary program at full time status with a 2.0 GPA or higher.

Benefits:

- Youth may choose to attend an accredited vocational school, four-year college or community college.
- A monthly grant in the amount of \$511. Direct deposit is strongly recommended.
- Reimbursement available for books not covered by financial aid.
- Education advisors and OETS staff are available for assistance.
- Benefits available through the semester the youth turns 23.
- Youth are 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 2016

MONTH	MAILING
JANUARY	1/12/16
FEBRUARY	2/9/16
MARCH	3/9/16
APRIL	4/11/16
MAY	5/10/16
JUNE	6/9/16
JULY	7/12/16
AUGUST	8/9/16
SEPTEMBER	9/12/16
OCTOBER	10/12/16
NOVEMBER	11/14/16
DECEMBER	12/12/16

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	Chicago Office	312-814-6800
Medical Card Hotline	800-228-6533	Springfield Business Office	217-557-2689
Youth Hotline	866-459-6884		

