

State Tuition Waiver Programs and Education Training Vouchers for Youth in Foster Care





23 states currently have tuition waivers in place for youth who are in or were currently in foster care to be exempt from paying tuition related expenses at state universities. In some states this may only apply to community colleges, four year state universities or for undergraduate education. Please review each state website to clearly see the eligibility rules for your particular state. The 23 state are: Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut*, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island*, South Carolina*, Texas, Utah, Virginia*, and West Virginia. (*These 4 states refer to their program as different than a tuition waiver, but these programs still cover tuition expenses).

In 31 states, youth may stay in care upon their own voluntarily consent until age 21, depending upon each state's eligibility criteria. States that use state general funds to pay for these expenses include: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Washington District of Columbia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

22 States are also currently receiving federal funds to allow youth who meet certain eligibility requirements stay in care until age 21. These states are: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana*, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, Washington District of Columbia and West Virginia. (Indiana only allows youth to stay in care until age 20). To be eligible for extension until age 21, the students must meet one of the following four criteria: be in a program completing high school or a general equivalency diploma (GED), be attending postsecondary education, be in a job training program, be completing 40 hours of employment, or be deemed unable to participate in a job training program.

Please see the information below for some brief guidelines about each state's program. For further information about either the Educational Training Voucher or the state's tuition waiver program, please refer to the website links and contact the state's Independent Living Coordinator. The information for each state's independent living coordinator is available on the federally funded website: www.nrcyd.ou.edu.

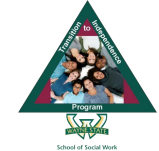
The pink highlighted states: These 7 states are currently receiving federal funding for youth up to age 21, have a tuition waiver and also provide Educational Training Vouchers: Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon, Texas, and West Virginia.

Light green highlighted states: These 8 states are currently using state general funds to pay for youth to stay in care until age 21, the state has a tuition waiver program and provides Educational Training Vouchers. These states could benefit from applying for the federal reimbursement for youth that qualify up to age 21: Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Nevada, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah, and Virginia.



State Tuition Waiver Programs & ETV for Youth in Foster Care

<u>State</u>	<u>State Funded Care From Age 18-21</u>	<u>Federal Funded Care Up To Age 21</u>	<u>Tuition Waiver for Foster Youth Information</u>	<u>ETV for Foster Youth Information</u>
Alabama	Yes	Yes	N/A	http://www.dhr.alabama.gov/documents/Chafee_Educ_Training_Voucher_Program.pdf
Alaska	No	No	http://dhss.alaska.gov/ocs/Pages/independentliving/etv.aspx	http://dhss.alaska.gov/ocs/Pages/independentliving/etv.aspx
Arizona	No	No	http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/legtext/51leg/1r/bills/sb1208h.htm&Session_ID=110	http://www.fc2sprograms.org/arizona/
Arkansas	Yes	Yes	N/A	http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dcf/Services.aspx
California	Yes	Yes	N/A	https://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov
Colorado	No	No	N/A	http://www.fc2sprograms.org/colorado/
Connecticut	Yes	Yes	http://www.ctfosteradopt.com/fosteradopt/cwp/view.asp?a=3795&Q=447946#CAPSCEA (follow link "College Assistance/Post-Secondary Education Assistance")	http://www.ctfosteradopt.com/fosteradopt/cwp/view.asp?a=3795&Q=447946#CAPSCEA (follow link "College Assistance/Post-Secondary Education Assistance")
Delaware	No	No	N/A	http://courts.delaware.gov/cprb/scholarship/etv.aspx http://courts.delaware.gov/cprb/scholarship/app-process.aspx
Florida	Yes	No	http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/independent-living/tuition--fee-exemptions	http://www.centerforchildwelfare.org/kb/indliv/Transitional%20Support%20Eligibility%20and%20ETV%20Application.pdf



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Georgia	Yes	No	N/A	https://embarkgeorgia.org/etv
Hawaii	Yes	Yes	N/A	https://shakatown.com/youth/education?page=financial_help
Idaho	No	No	N/A	http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Children/AdoptionFoster/ETVDescription.pdf ETV Application: http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Children/AdoptionFoster/ETV_Application.pdf
Illinois	Yes	Yes	N/A	http://www.illinois.gov/dcf/aboutus/notices/Documents/cfs_449-3_application_for_education_and_training_voucher_funds_fillable.pdf
Indiana	Yes	Yes	N/A	http://www.indianaetv.org/
Iowa	No	No	N/A	https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/content/education-and-training-voucher-etv-grant
Kansas	No	No	http://www.kansasregents.org/resources/PDF/641-2010FosterCareWaiverApp8AFCEdassistanceapplication.pdf	http://content.dcf.ks.gov/PPS/robohelp/PPMGenerate/7000_Independent_Living_&Self_Sufficiency/7261_Eligibility_for_ETV.htm



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Kentucky	Yes	No	http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dpp/IndLivingEducationAssistance.htm	http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dpp/IndLivingEducationAssistance.htm
Louisiana	No	No	N/A	http://www.dcf.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/searchable/Child%20Welfare/YouthLink/ETV_Flyer.pdf
Maine	Yes	Yes	https://www1.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/cw/post.htm	http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/cw/chafee.htm
Maryland	Yes	Yes	http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialaid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_fostercare.asp	http://www.fc2sprograms.org/maryland/
Massachusetts	Yes	Yes	http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dcf/adolescent/education-tuition/tuition-assistance.html	http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dcf/adolescent/education.html
Michigan	Yes	Yes	N/A	https://mietv.lssm.org
Minnesota	Yes	Yes	http://www.mnscu.edu/board/procedure/512p2.html	https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Secure/DHS-5339-ENG
Mississippi	No	No	N/A	http://www.msyouthvoicescommunity.org/blog/2015/4/9/education-and-training-voucher
Missouri	No	No	http://dss.mo.gov/cd/chafee/missouri-reach.htm	http://dss.mo.gov/cd/chafee/education.htm
Montana	No	No	N/A	http://dphhs.mt.gov/CFSD/FosterCareIndependence.aspx
Nebraska	Yes	Yes	N/A	http://www.central-plains.org/education-and-training-voucher-program/



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<u>Nevada</u>	No	No	N/A	http://www.childrencabinet.org/family-youth/youth-education-and-training/foster-youth-support/
<u>New Hampshire</u>	No	No	http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/documents/tuitionwaiver.pdf	http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dcyf/aftercare.htm
<u>New Jersey</u>	Yes	No	http://www.fafsonline.org/njfc-scholars-program.html	https://www.fafsonline.org/njfc-scholars-program-faq/
<u>New Mexico</u>	No	No	N/A	http://albuquerquefoundation.org/uploads/files/Tuition%20Waiver%20Brochure.pdf
<u>New York</u>	Yes	Yes	N/A	http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/ddps/adolescent/etv.asp
<u>North Carolina</u>	Yes	No	http://www.ncreach.org/faq/	http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/links/index.html#etv Other NC scholarship info http://www.cfnc.org/static/pdf/paying/pubs/pdf/FANC.pdf
<u>North Dakota</u>	Yes	Yes	N/A	http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/childfamily/fostercare/chafee.html
<u>Ohio</u>	No	No	N/A	http://www.oasfaa.org/docs/outreach/OhioETVhandout.pdf
<u>Oklahoma</u>	No	No	http://www.okdhs.org/library/policy/oac340/075/	http://oksa.ou.edu/resources/Education (click link at top of list "Education and Training Voucher Application")
<u>Oregon</u>	Yes	Yes	http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/grants-doc/TuitionWaiverQuickFacts.pdf	http://oregonstudentaid.gov/chafeeetv.aspx



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<u>Pennsylvania</u>	Yes	Yes	N/A	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/childwelfareservices/chafeefostercareindependenceprogram/index.htm
<u>Rhode Island</u>	No	No	http://www.dcyf.ri.gov/docs/postsecondary_tuition_assistance_program_faq20140114.pdf	http://www.dcyf.ri.gov/docs/postsecondary_tuition_assistance_program_faq20130206.pdf
<u>South Carolina</u>	No	No	http://www.che.sc.gov/CHE_Docs/studentse rvices/needbased/q_and_a_for_nbg.pdf	https://dss.sc.gov/content/customers/protection/fcs/ilg_youth.pdf
<u>South Dakota</u>	No	No	N/A	https://dss.sd.gov/childprotection/independentliving/program/educationtraining.aspx
<u>Tennessee</u>	Yes	Yes	N/A	http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/dcs/attachments/FinancialAidandScholarships.pdf
<u>Texas</u>	Yes	Yes	https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Youth_and_Young_Adults/Post_Secondary_Education/college_tuition_waiver.asp	https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Youth_and_Young_Adults/Post_Secondary_Education/
<u>Utah</u>	No	No	http://le.utah.gov/~2000/bills/hbillamd/HB0193.pdf	https://jobs.utah.gov/services/360-etv.pdf
<u>Vermont</u>	No	No	N/A	http://services.vsac.org/wps/wcm/connect/93292500460fd3b7a2bceb857745f48f/Foster_Youth_Scholarships_Info_Sheet.pdf?MOD=AJPERES



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Virginia	No	No	http://cdn.vccs.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/vatuitiongrantflyer.pdf http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/fc/independent.cgi	https://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/dfs/youth_services/intro_page/educational_opportunities/etv/faq/faq.pdf ETV application: http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/dfs/fc/intro_page/forms/032-01-0304-00-eng.pdf
Washington	Yes	Yes	N/A	http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/adolescents/education-and-training-voucher-etv-program
Washington District of Columbia	Yes	Yes	N/A	http://cfsa.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/cfsa/publication/attachments/Al%20-%20Post-Secondary%20Education%20and%20Training%20Vouchers%20%28ETV%29%28final%29%28rev%209.9.11%29_0.pdf
West Virginia	Yes	Yes	http://www.itsmymove.org/MyFuture.php	http://www.itsmymove.org/chafee.php http://www.itsmymove.org/MyFuture.php
Wisconsin	Yes	No	N/A	http://www.dcf.wi.gov/youth/pdf/ProgGuidelines.pdf
Wyoming	No	No	N/A	http://dfsweb.wyo.gov/social-services/independent-living-program

*Federal extension information provided by The Children's Bureau Up to Age 20

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