

Education and Training Voucher (ETV)

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FosterEd: A Pathway to Higher Education



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Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

The Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program is federally funded and administered by the Colorado Department of Higher Education. The program provides financial assistance for students who have experienced foster care as they pursue a post-secondary education.

Who Qualifies?

Colorado residents who:

- Were in foster care on or after their **14th birthday,**
- **OR** were in a Division of Youth Services community placement on or after their **14th birthday,**
- **OR** had a finalized adoption with adoption assistance on or after their **16th birthday,**
- **OR** had guardianship assistance established on or after their **16th birthday.**

Students must also be...

- A U.S. citizen, or qualified non-citizen,
- Between the ages of 17 and 25,
- Accepted into **and** enrolled in a degree, certificate, or other accredited program at a college, university, technical, or vocational school, and
- Meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Award Amount

Tuition & Fees

Books &
Supplies

Housing

Transportation

Living
Expenses

Childcare

Other School-
Related
Expenses

- Student can receive up to \$5,000 per academic year for five years (consecutive or non-consecutive) of post-secondary education, regardless of the number of credit hours completed.
- ETV funds are sent directly to the institution for disbursement.

Ready to apply?

Scan the QR code for more information on the ETV program and the application process.



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The FosterEd program is state-funded and administered by the Colorado Department of Higher Education. The program provides financial support for post-secondary education at in-state public institutions of higher education for students that have experienced foster care.

Senate Bill 22-008 Overview

- Higher Education Support For Foster Youth (SB 22-008) requires that all public higher education institutions provide Colorado resident students who have been in foster care in Colorado at any time on or after reaching the age of 13, with financial assistance for the remaining balance of the student's total cost of attendance over the amount of any private, state, or federal financial assistance received by the student.
- These costs are split, with 50% of the cost being covered by the institution and 50% being covered by the state.

Who Qualifies?

Colorado residents who:

- Were in foster care in Colorado on or after their **13th birthday**,
- **OR** were in noncertified kinship care in Colorado on or after their **13th birthday**, and, at any age, were adjudicated neglected or dependent pursuant to the [Colorado Children's Code - Article 3 of Title 19.](#)

Eligible Institutions

4-year
Adams State University
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University - Fort Collins
Colorado State University - Global Campus
Colorado State University - Pueblo
Fort Lewis College
Metropolitan State University of Denver
University of Colorado - Boulder
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
University of Colorado - Denver
University of Northern Colorado
Western Colorado University

Community Colleges
Arapahoe Community College
Colorado Northwestern Community College
Community College of Aurora
Community College of Denver
Front Range Community College
Lamar Community College
Morgan Community College
Northeastern Junior College
Otero College
Pikes Peak State College
Pueblo Community College
Red Rocks Community College
Trinidad State College

Local District Colleges
Aims Community College
Colorado Mountain College

Technical Colleges
Emily Griffith Technical College
Technical College of the Rockies
Pickens Technical College



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Students must
also be...

- Accepted in an in-state public institution of higher education, area technical college, or local district college.
- Currently enrolled in courses leading toward a certificate of completion, associate's, bachelor's or postgraduate degree.
- Meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- Within the first 132 semester credit hours or 198 quarter credit hours from the time a student joins the program. Credits earned prior to joining this program will not count towards the credit limit.

There is no age limit

Award Amount

Tuition & Fees

Books &
Supplies

Housing

Transportation

Living
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Childcare

Other School-
Related
Expenses

- This program pays for the remaining balance of a qualifying student's total cost of attendance (COA) after scholarships, grants, and other financial aid awards, have been applied.
- The state pays 50% and the institutions pays 50% of the remaining balance.
- The institution's financial aid office will determine the award amount on an individual student level, regardless of the number of credit hours enrolled in.
- FosterEd funds are sent directly to the institution for disbursement.

How to Apply

1

Complete the FAFSA or CASFA.

2

Complete the Education and Training Voucher (ETV), *if eligible.*

3

Reach out to the financial aid office and speak with the FosterEd liaison.

4

Present appropriate documentation confirming your experience to the institution's FosterEd liaison.

5

Institutions determine student eligibility.

6

Institutions must complete the roster provided by CDHE for processing of funds.

Determining Award Amount

Are your expenses greater than what is represented in your Cost of Attendance?

- If so, you may be able to submit a budget appeal with your financial aid office.
- Calculations must comply with the CDHE student budget parameters
- Irrelevant components should not be included (e.g., childcare costs for a student who does not have children).

What Documents are Accepted?

- Confirmation of Foster Care Experience form(s)
- Foster Care Dependency form
- Confirmation of Non-Certified Kinship Care**

**Non-Certified Kinship Care needs to be verified with the Colorado Dept. of Human Services

Students who do not have these documents must contact the appropriate county.

When contacting the county, students may request documentation from a caseworker, Chafee worker, or the county's human services office.

If the school wants to obtain the form(s) directly, the student must sign a release of information that must be provided to CDHS and/or the county.





STATE OF COLORADO
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES
DIVISION OF CHILD WELFARE
1575 SHERMAN STREET
DENVER, COLORADO 80203-1714

CONFIRMATION OF FOSTER CARE

Confirmation of Foster Care Experience Form

To Whom it may concern,

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that (State ID), born on , was in foster care in the legal custody or placement authority (Section 19-1-103(51.3), C.R.S.) within the state of Colorado for

The following counties had legal custody during the dates provided:

County:

Removal Begin Date

Removal End Date

Removal Length (Days)

Confirmation of Foster Care Experience Form

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF COLORADO
County of

I. D. NUMBER ___ CO ___ Facility ___ Type ___
(For use by County Department of Human Services)

....., County Department of Human/Social Services or A Child Placement Agency as defined by
(Agency Name)

the laws of the State of Colorado, and licensed or supervised by the Department of Human Services, State of Colorado, by its
.....
(Title) (Name)

CERTIFIES:

that of, Colorado (hereinafter referred to as the "Operator") is a
(Name of Operator) (Address)

suitable person and has met regulations to operate a home at only,
(Type of Home) (Address)

and is authorized to receive children/youth for care, for: Provisional or Probationary Certificate or 1-Year Time-Limited Certificate

commencing on, 20, and expiring on, 20, under supervision of said Child Placement
(Date) (Year) (Date) (Year)

Agency or County Department, subject to the following terms and conditions, and/or restrictions:
The rules and regulations of the Department of Human Services, State of Colorado, shall be complied with by both the Child Placement Agency or County Department of Human Services and the Operator. This certificate shall be displayed in a conspicuous place upon the premises of said home. This certificate is not transferable either as to person or location other than herein set forth. The home shall be open to inspection at all times by the Child Placement Agency, or County Department of Human Services, the Colorado Department of Human Services, or its authorized agent or representative. The home shall accept children/youth ONLY through the certifying agency.

Other conditions or restrictions:
A. The number of children/youth cared for in said home shall at no time exceed children/youth of the ages to

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and affixed our official seal this day of, 20

Official form for use as prescribed by

.....
(Name of Child Placement Agency) STATE OF COLORADO Department of Human Services
(Director of County Department)



Program:	FosterEd	Education and Training Voucher (ETV)
Type:	State Program	Federal Program (administered by individual states)
Age Limit:	No age limit	Between the ages of 17 and 25
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Colorado resident • In foster care from age 13+ in Colorado • <u>OR</u> in noncertified kinship care in CO and, at any age, were adjudicated neglected or dependent pursuant to the Colorado Children’s Code - Article 3 of Title 19 • Attending in-State Public IHE, ATC, or LDC • Currently enrolled in classes • Completed FAFSA or CASFA • Completed ETV Grant Application, <u>IF ELIGIBLE</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Colorado resident • U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen • Was in foster care on or after their 14th birthday • <u>OR</u> had a finalized adoption with adoption assistance on or after their 16th birthday • <u>OR</u> had a guardianship assistance established on or after their 16th birthday • <u>OR</u> was in a Division of Youth Services community placement on or after their 14th birthday • Has been accepted into/enrolled in a degree, certificate, or other accredited program at a college, university, technical, or vocational school.
Amount of Funding Available:	This program covers the total cost of attendance at eligible public Colorado institutions.	Up to \$5,000 per year
Time Limits:	None, as long as they are in good academic standing, and have less than 132 semester credit hours, or 198 quarter credit hours.	5 years (consecutive or intermittent)

Questions?

Contact Us

Foster Care Student
Navigators by
County:



Foster Care Student
Navigator Inbox:

fcnavigator@dhe.state.co.us

FosterEd and ETV
Website:



Thank You!