



Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

Summary

The Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program is a federally funded program administered by the Colorado Department of Higher Education. The program provides Colorado residents who are currently or have previously been in foster care and are between the ages of 17 to 25 with financial support for postsecondary education at a college, university, vocational, technical, or trade school.

Criteria

To participate, a student must be a current or former foster student and meet these criteria:

- Has been accepted into or enrolled in a degree, certificate, or other accredited program at a college, university, technical, or vocational school,
- To remain eligible for ETV funding, students must show progress toward a certificate of completion, associate, bachelor's, or postgraduate degree,
- Is at least 17 years old and has not yet reached 26,
- Is a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen, and
- Has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the applicable school year.

In addition, students must meet one of the following criteria:

- Was in foster care 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; or
- Was in Division of Youth Services community placement on or after their 14th birthday

Amount of Funding

ETV recipients can receive a maximum amount of \$5,000 per year. The maximum number of years a student can receive ETV funding is 5 years (consecutive or intermittent).

How to Apply

Students must fill out the ETV application, which is located on our [website](#).

***For student questions,** please contact fcnavigator@dhe.state.co.us or visit our website at <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/programs-services/foster-youth-programs-and-services/etv-program>.

***For IHE Financial Aid questions,** please contact fosterfinaid@dhe.state.co.us.

