

Education Training Voucher (ETV) and FosterEd

Glossary of Terms

TERM	DEFINITION
Award Letter	A list of financial aid you were awarded at an institution that will include your cost of attendance, scholarship and grant options, loan, and work-study options.
CAFSA (Colorado Application for Student Aid)	State financial aid program available to qualifying students not eligible for federal student aid. Click here to access the CAFSA application.
COF (College Opportunity Fund)	A stipend for eligible undergraduate students that pays a portion of the total in-state tuition when attending a participating college.
Cost of Attendance	Includes tuition, fees, housing, fees, reasonable living expenses (on and off campus), books, and other expenses. (Fees vary from institution to institution).
EFC (Estimated Family Contribution)	An estimate of how much you and your family can contribute toward your education expenses based on information from the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
Enrollment Status	Number of credits students take per semester/quarter.
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	The form you need to fill out to get any financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college. Click here to access the FAFSA application.
Financial Aid	Money is given or lent to students to help pay for their education.
Foster Care	“Foster care” means the placement of a child into the legal custody or legal authority of county department of social services for physical placement of the child in a kinship care placement or certified or licensed facility or the physical placement of a juvenile committed to the custody of state department of human services into community placement. (C.R.S. 19-1-103).
Grant	A type of financial aid that does not need to be paid back.
Guardianship assistance	Program that aids relative guardians, non-relative guardians and legal custodians in a defined

	manner based on the individual needs of the child or youth.
Loan	Money borrowed by the student or their parents to pay for college. These funds can be borrowed from the government or private lenders.
Non-certified kinship	Non-certified kinship care refers to those children/youth living with a relative who has custody of the child and is not certified as a foster parent through the child welfare system.
Scholarship	A type of financial aid given by a school or organization to the student to help pay for their education and often based on academic performance, extracurricular involvement, and financial need. Does not need to be paid back.
Verification	A process by which institutions review financial aid applications for accuracy.