

Higher Education Funding for Youth in Out of Home Care

Tuition Waiver for Foster Care Recipients

The Tuition Waiver waives tuition and mandatory fees at Maryland public colleges and universities. It does not cover “room & board” or other college expenses. Students must complete the FASFA or MSFAA (if undocumented). Students must utilize the waiver before the age of 25, once used it can be used for an additional 9 years or until a Bachelor’s degree is completed.

Students are eligible if they were

- Placed in foster care by the Maryland Department of Human Services; and
- In foster care at age 18, or at the time of graduation from high school or successful completion of a GED examination; OR In foster care for at least one year on or after their 13th birthday, and entered into guardianship, was adopted, or reunited with at least one of the individual’s parents;
- The younger sibling of an individual who met the qualifications outlined in section (a) and (b) above, AND was concurrently placed into the same guardianship by the same parent, or was adopted by the same adoptive family with the older sibling

Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) Program



The ETV program is a federally funded program that provides up to \$5000 per school year to eligible youth in foster care for college expenses. Students must use ETV funding on or before their 21st birthday and can continue to use funding for up to 5 years. Students must make satisfactory progress towards their degree/certificate to renew funding annually.

Students are eligible if they were:

- Were in foster care beyond age 18; or
- Were in foster care and entered guardianship or were adopted after their 16th birthday;
- Have graduated High School or have successfully completed a GED;
- Are a US citizen or eligible non citizen;

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