

Want to go to College or a Career Training School?

DCYF AFTERCARE SERVICES CAN HELP!

DCYF Aftercare Services has federal funding available to assist former foster youth with continued education after high school or HiSet attainment. There are two types of financial assistance available: Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) and General Chafee.

ETV ELIGIBILITY

- You are between the ages of 18-26 with a previously open DCYF Child Protective or Juvenile Justice Services' case and you exited DCYF foster, relative, shelter, group or residential care or secure detention* on or after your 18th birthday.
- You are between the ages of 18-26 and you exited DCYF Child Protective or Juvenile Justice Services' foster, relative, shelter, group or residential care or secure detention* for guardianship or adoption after your 16th birthday.

*(If you exited from secure detention you **must** have also previously resided in DCYF foster, relative, shelter, group, or residential care at some point on or after your 14th birthday.)

GENERAL CHAFEE ELIGIBILITY

If you fall into one of the eligibility categories listed above and are less than 23 years of age, you are also eligible for General Chafee funds.

REQUIREMENTS

- You must apply for financial aid through FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- You must apply for scholarships as described on page 4.
- Your personal assets (bank account, car, home, etc.) can be worth no more than \$10,000.
- You must achieve at least a 2.00 GPA in your college studies and show progress towards a degree or certificate.
- You must meet the requirements of DCYF Aftercare Services that include submitting receipts and maintaining monthly contact with your DCYF Adolescent Worker.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What can ETV pay for?

ETV money can be used towards the cost to attend college or a career training school. This generally includes tuition, fees, room and board while in attendance, books, supplies and equipment required of all students in the same course of study. There is also an allowance for transportation costs and miscellaneous personal expenses, including computers, child-care expenses for parents, and special assistance for disabled students, student loan fees or insurance premiums on the student loan.

What schools can ETV help fund?

Accredited or pre-accredited public, private, or non-profit institutions of higher education that provide an educational program for which the institution awards a bachelor's degree or at least a two-year program (e.g., an associate degree) that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree OR provide at least a one-year training program to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation. The institution must have been around for at least two years.

How much ETV funds can a youth/young adult receive and for how long?

The yearly amount you may receive will vary depending on your needs and the amount of funds available. The maximum amount you may receive in ETV Funds is \$5,000, per state fiscal year (Starts on July 1st and ends on June 30th). You may receive ETV for a maximum of five cumulative state fiscal years.

How are General Chafee funds different than ETV and what do they cover?

General Chafee funds cover non-cost of attendance items not covered through ETV which may include health insurance, car insurance, and assistance with car costs including purchase and maintenance, and housing when you are not attending college or a vocational program. When you meet with your DCYF Adolescent Worker, talk to them about your specific needs. What you will receive will be based on your needs and the amount of funds available.

What if I am unsure about my eligibility?

A complete list of eligibility guidelines is on page one. If you have further questions you can ask your CPSW or JPPO, or your Adolescent Worker.

When can applications be submitted?

Your application can be submitted to your DCYF Adolescent Worker as soon as it is completed. Only completed applications will be considered for an ETV award. ETV will be awarded to students with completed applications in the order their applications were received. This process will continue until all available ETV funds for the state fiscal year have been awarded. **The sooner you get your completed application in, the greater the chance there will be ETV money available for you!**

What is a completed application?

A completed application has all the questions answered (the application begins on page 5), has the required number of scholarships applied for, has an essay, and contains all the required documentation listed on page seven. ******Important****** If you do not yet have a financial aid award letter or if your application is missing any other documentation please do not send in your application.

Who do I send the application to?

The DCYF Adolescent Worker from the office handling your case will accept your application when it's complete. Your Adolescent Worker can also assist you with your application and will answer any questions you might have. If you already left state care you can contact the Adolescent Worker nearest to where you are currently living. Contact information for the Adolescent Workers by region is below.

Do I need to reapply every year in order to continue receiving assistance?

Yes, it is necessary to reapply every year.

DCYF Adolescent Workers

<http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dcyf/documents/adolescentworkers.pdf>

Adolescent Program Administrator	603-419-0312
Berlin	603-752-7800
Claremont	603-542-9544
Concord	603-271-6202
Conway	603-447-3841
Keene	603-357-3510
Laconia	603-524-4485
Littleton	603-444-6786
Manchester	603-668-2330
Rochester	603-332-9120
Seacoast	603-433-8300
Southern	603-883-7726

SCHOLARSHIPS

New students must apply for a minimum of three (3) scholarships*. Returning students must apply for at least two (2) scholarships*. One scholarship must be the NH Charitable Foundation (www.nhcf.org 1-800- 464-6641). The Adult Statewide Student Aid or Career Aid for Technical Students scholarships are suggested.

*If you will be attending a NH state school (University of New Hampshire, Keene State College, Plymouth State University, Granite State College, Lakes Region Community College, NHTI-Concord's Community College, White Mountains Community College, Manchester Community College, Nashua Community College, Great Bay Community College, or River Valley Community College) you must apply for a Tuition Waiver through the Tuition Waiver for Foster Children program. Completing the Tuition Waiver application (which includes applying to NH Charitable Foundation) counts as two scholarships. You can access a Tuition Waiver application by contacting the DCYF Adolescent Worker in your area (see page 3) or by going to: <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dcyf/documents/tuitionwaiver.pdf>

SCHOLARSHIP APPLIED FOR	APPLICATION DATE	AMOUNT RANGE \$	RESPONSE/AMOUNT \$ RECEIVED
NH Charitable Foundation	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Remember your application will only be considered complete with all of the required documentation. Please do not send in your application if any of the documentation below is missing. If you need assistance with your application please contact the DCYF Adolescent Worker in your area.

New Students:

- A copy of your FAFSA documentation including your EFC (Expected Family Contribution);
- A copy of your acceptance letter; and
- A copy of your financial award letter and your bill.

Returning students:

- A copy of your FAFSA documentation including your EFC (Expected Family Contribution);
- A copy of your financial aid award letter and your bill; and
- A copy of your transcript.



AFTERCARE COLLEGE AND CAREER TRAINING ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Time period for which I am asking for financial assistance: (Please check the one that best applies)

- Fall Semester Spring Semester Both Fall and Spring Semester

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
 Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ District Office: _____
 Name of DCYF Adolescent Worker: _____
 Age when you exited or will have exited DCYF Child Protective Services or Juvenile Justice Services care? _____

STATUS AT EXIT

- I exited (or will be exiting) DCYF Child Protective or Juvenile Justice Services' placement at age 18 or older.
 After attaining 16 years of age I exited (or will be exiting) DCYF Child Protective or Juvenile Justice Services' placement for adoption or guardianship
 Other. Please explain: _____

EDUCATIONAL STATUS

Date you received or will receive your High School Diploma, GED or HiSet: _____
Starting College: Two-year Program Four-year Program
Returning to College: 2nd yr. of a 2 yr. program OR Sophomore Junior Senior
 Expected date of college graduation: _____
Starting a Career Training School:
Continuing Career Training School:
 Expected date of program completion: _____

NARRATIVE

What has been your biggest challenge in applying to or staying in school?

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. When did you file FAFSA? _____ What is your EFC (*Attach proof*) _____
2. **New Students:** What colleges or programs have you applied to?

3. **New and Returning Students:** What college or program will you be attending?

4. **Returning Students:** What was your GPA last semester? (*Attach transcript*) _____

5. Will you be attending a college/career training school during the summer? Yes No
(*Prior to the beginning of the fall semester?*)

*** If your answer to the above question is "Yes", please complete 5A-C. If your answer is "No", please skip to question 6**

5A. Where will you be living this summer? _____

5B. What will your rent be per month? \$ _____ *per month*

5C. How much ETV for summer housing needs are you requesting? \$ _____
(*Your request will be applied to the \$5,000 yearly limit on ETV funds you may receive.*)

6. Where will you be living when the semester starts? On Campus Off Campus

*** If you will be living on campus, please skip to question 7**

6A. If off campus, what will your rent be per month? \$ _____ *per month*

7. Will you be working Yes No

*** If you will not be working, please skip to question 8**

7A. Full-time Part-time

8. How much ETV are you requesting in total? \$ _____ (*Up to \$5,000 per state fiscal year*)

8A. What will you use your ETV funds for?

9. Will you be requesting General Chafee funds? Yes No

9A. What will you use the General Chafee funds for?

SCHOLARSHIPS (See specifics on page 4)

NEW STUDENTS: Must apply for a minimum of three scholarships (See directions on page 4)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLIED FOR	APPLICATION DATE	AMOUNT RANGE \$	RESPONSE/AMOUNT \$ RECEIVED
NH Charitable Foundation	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

RETURNING STUDENTS: Must apply for at least two scholarships (See directions on page 4)

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ESSAY

In 250 to 500 words explain your goals for further education (The essay must be typed)

NEW STUDENTS:

- What are you majoring in or what will you be learning about in your career training school?
- Why did you choose to study this?
- What are your goals for the next year?
- What are your goals for the next five years?

RETURNING STUDENTS:

- What have you learned so far?
- What has helped you stay in school?
- What are your goals for the next year?
- What are your goals for the next five years?

ATTACHMENTS

NEW STUDENTS:

- A copy of your FAFSA documentation including your EFC (Expected Family Contribution);
- A copy of your acceptance letter; and
- A copy of your financial award letter and your bill.

RETURNING STUDENTS:

- A copy of your FAFSA documentation including your EFC (Expected Family Contribution);
- A copy of your financial award letter and your bill; AND
- A copy of your transcript.

