



Chafee

EDUCATIONAL & TRAINING VOUCHER PROGRAM (ETV)

The Chafee Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) Program awards up to \$9,000 annually during the academic year to qualified students who have been in the foster care system, so they can pursue an academic college education or technical and skill training to be prepared to enter the workforce. The actual award amount is determined by the student's financial need, which is calculated in accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

ELIGIBILITY *Requirements*

YOU MUST:

- 1 Be ages **14-27**;
- 2 Be in the **foster care system**, aged out of the foster care system at age 18, exited the foster care system through legal guardianship or adoption after the age of 16, or were in the foster care system after the age of 14 and exited for reasons other than adoption, guardianship, or aging out; and
- 3 Be **enrolled in postsecondary education**; and
- 4 Annually complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**.

RENEWAL *Requirements*

YOU MUST:

- 1 Be **under the age of 27**; and
- 2 Be **enrolled in postsecondary education**; and
- 3 Have not participated in the program for **more than five years**, whether or not consecutively; and
- 4 Be making **satisfactory academic progress (SAP)** in his/her program of study.

ADDITIONAL *Information*

- 1 Chafee (ETV) can be used at an eligible out-of-state school if approved by DCFS (Department of Family and Child Services).
- 2 DCFS makes the final determination on Chafee eligibility.

HOW TO *Apply*

1

*Submit your
FAFSA*

2

*Consult with
your college's
FINANCIAL
AID OFFICE*



Note: Once a student obtains the age of 26, they are no longer eligible to receive/renew the Chafee Educational and Training Voucher.