

# “HOW CAN I GET HELP PAYING FOR SCHOOL?”

## THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCHER (ETV) PROGRAM

The ETV program provides federal grants to current and former foster care youth to help pay costs for college and career schools.



### Am I eligible for ETV?

You may be eligible for ETV if you:

- ★ Are at least 16 years of age and likely to remain in DFPS foster care until age 18
- ★ Aged out of DFPS foster care at 18 and are not yet 21 years old
- ★ Were adopted from DFPS after turning age 16 and are not yet 21 years old
- ★ Entered the DFPS Permanency Care Assistance (PCA) program after turning age 16 and are not yet 21 years old
- ★ Are in Extended Foster Care and are not yet 21 years old.

### What does ETV pay for?

ETV covers college and career school costs that are included in the schools cost of attendance. These usually include:

- ★ Tuition and fees not covered by the state tuition and fee waiver
- ★ School supplies, computers, and textbooks.
- ★ Rent and utilities (not applicable if you are in extended foster care or under age 18)
- ★ Personal living expenses, food, transportation (not applicable if you are in extended foster care or under age 18).

### How do I apply?

You can apply for ETV by visiting [www.TexasETV.com](http://www.TexasETV.com), or you can speak to an ETV Coordinator at 1-877-268-4063. For additional assistance, contact your PAL staff or youth specialist.

### How long do I get ETV?

You may be eligible to receive ETV up to age 21. To continue to receive ETV after you turn 21 up to your 23rd birthday, you must:

- ★ be participating in ETV at age 21
- ★ be enrolled in college at age 21
- ★ be making satisfactory academic progress each semester towards completion of your degree or program as determined by your university.

### How much do I get?

You can get up to \$5,000 per academic year based on your school's cost of attendance and other available funds you will receive for college.

### How do I receive ETV?

To receive ETV, you must:

- ★ Submit a Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) each year (<https://fafsa.ed.gov>)
- ★ Apply and be approved for ETV each semester or school term
- ★ Enroll in at least 6 semester hours in an accredited college or university or an accredited job-training program
- ★ Meet the school's academic progress policies while enrolled.

