

If you have been in foster care any time after age 13, there are money and resources available to help you go to college – including vocational training, 2-, and 4-year options for most Washington State schools.

Find more information about these financial aid programs, their updates, and their eligibility requirements at: www.gearup.wa.gov/students/pay-for-college or www.independence.wa.gov


INFORMATION FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

COLLEGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS


- **Supplemental Education Transition Planning Program (SETuP).** SETuP can provide information to you and your foster family about post-high school education and training opportunities.
- **Extended Foster Care Program.** This program provides an opportunity for you at age 18 to voluntarily agree to continue receiving foster care services, including placement services, while you complete high school or a post-high school academic or vocational program, or participate in a program or activity designed to promote employment.

FOSTER CARE-SPECIFIC FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

College Bound Scholarship. The College Bound Scholarship is a state-funded program managed by the Washington Student Achievement Council. It is an early promise of state financial aid to help pay for education after high school. The scholarship combines with other state financial aid to cover college tuition at similar public college rates, some fees, and some money for books. If you have been in foster care any time from grade 7 to age 21, you are automatically enrolled in the College Bound Scholarship program. You will still need to apply for financial aid with a FAFSA or a WASFA beginning your senior year.



Passport to Careers Program. This scholarship encourages Washington's youth in foster care to prepare for and succeed in college, pre-apprenticeships, and apprenticeships. You can receive scholarships and other forms of financial aid that will help pay tuition and living expenses for up to five years of college at approved schools in Washington. You will receive guidance from college academic and financial aid counselors, assistance with finding housing during school breaks and over the summer, and special consideration for the Washington College Grant and State Work Study financial aid programs.



Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program. This national program offers financial assistance to eligible youth to attend an approved college, university, vocational or technical college. You may receive funding for qualified school-related expenses, including Running Start. Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible students. ETV can help pay for expenses such as tuition, fees, books, housing, food, transportation, and other educational costs.

Washington State Governors' Scholarship for Foster Youth. This scholarship helps youth in foster care continue their education and earn a college degree. Scholarship amounts vary depending on the college you attend, and are available for up to five years. You must be enrolled full time and maintain satisfactory grades in order to renew the scholarship each year.



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