



WASHINGTON STATE  
**ETV** Education and Training Voucher Program

### Contact the ETV Program

Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

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Website: [www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/education-for-foster-youth/etv](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/education-for-foster-youth/etv)

### HOW do I access my ETV funds?

Once you are awarded ETV, information will be emailed to you about how to access funds.

Unlike other forms of financial aid, ETV does **NOT** automatically go to your college or university. You will receive funds directly either by check or direct deposit.

All students must complete and submit a **Statewide Payee Registration form**. For more information about this process, contact the ETV Program.



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### Information for Students



## WHAT is the ETV program?

The Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program provides financial assistance for eligible youth to attend an accredited college, university, vocational or technical college.

ETV awards are unique to each student and are based on the college or university's Cost of Attendance (COA) formula, financial aid award, and the student's unmet need.

**The maximum ETV award per academic year is \$5,000.**

However, not every student is eligible to receive the maximum amount. Awards are based on the student's unmet need which is determined by their college or university.

## HOW do I know if I'm eligible?

You may be eligible to apply to the ETV program if you meet any **one** of the following:

- You are 15 to 20 years old, currently involved in a dependency action in a Washington State or tribal court, in the care and custody of DCYF or an Indian Child Welfare (ICW) agency, and in foster care.
- You are 18 to 20 years old and have aged out of state or ICW. Youth who have aged out of foster care in a state other than Washington may also be eligible to apply.
- You were adopted or entered guardianship with a relative on or after the age of 15.
- If you participated and received ETV funds prior to age 21, you may be eligible to age 26.

## HOW do I apply?

All ETV applications are available online at:  
[www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/education-for-foster-youth/etv](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/education-for-foster-youth/etv)

**If you are a:**

**FIRST TIME** applicant, complete the New Application.

**RETURNING** applicant, complete the Renewal Application.

**RUNNING START STUDENT\*** or student enrolled in a **DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM**, complete the Dual Credit Program Application.

Some examples of Educational costs covered by the Running Start/Dual Credit Program are:

- Books and supplies
- Bus pass OR gas reimbursement
- Fees

## WHEN is the application due?

**Priority Deadline:** Jan. 1 to Apr. 30

Students are encouraged to apply at any point during the year.

*\*There is no deadline for the Running Start/Dual Credit Program application.*

## WHAT are my responsibilities?

As an ETV program participant, you will be responsible to:

- Read, sign, and return the Participation Agreement.
- Check your email frequently.
- Notify ETV staff of your contact information, financial aid, or enrollment status changes.
- Meet your college/university Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy and Pace of Progression requirements by receiving a 2.0 GPA or higher.
- Submit your class schedule at the beginning of each term and unofficial transcripts at the end of each term.
- Enroll at least half-time or more (six or more credits).

## WHAT is covered by the ETV program?

- Tuition
- Child Care
- Books & Supplies
- Transportation
- Insurance
- Study Abroad
- Adaptive Software
- Computer & Printer
- Gas
- Rent & Deposit
- Repairs
- Utilities
- Maintenance
- Phone
- Tutoring
- Food & Personal Hygiene
- Uniform or Required Clothing

ETV funds can also be used to replace loans

