



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT of CHILD SAFETY

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DCS Specialist Roles:

- Explain the ETV program to the young adult.
- Assist the young adult to complete the ETV application and ensure follow through with paperwork submission.
- Remind the young adult to re-apply for ETV funds each year, as required.
- Reach out to the Statewide Education Specialist as needed, at YouthServices@azdcs.gov

TIPS:

- It is important for young adults to remember their login information for the Foster Success student portal.
- If a young adult forgets their login information, remind them to use the "forgot password" feature or send an email to AZETV@fosteredservices.org

Education and Training Vouchers

Description of Service

The Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program provides funding and support for eligible young adults who have spent time in foster care.

Eligible students may receive grants of up to \$5,000 per year for up to five years or until their 26th birthday. ETV funds can be combined with other grants or scholarships to minimize or eliminate the need for student loans.

Funding is awarded based on need.

Service Eligibility

Young adults who meet the following qualifications are eligible for ETV:

- in U.S. foster care on or after their 16th birthday, OR was adopted from U.S. foster care with the adoption finalized after their 16th birthday;
- meet citizenship or qualified immigration requirements;
- personal assets (bank account, car, home, etc.) are less than \$10,000;
- attend an accredited college, university, technical or vocational school;.

If the young adult is in good standing and progressing towards earning a degree or certificate he or she remains eligible for funding until his or her 26th birthday.

ETV funds may not be approved for the following semester if the student fails a class, if their GPA falls below acceptable levels, or if the student withdraws from classes after the deadline.

How to Apply for an ETV

The application process is completed by the young adult directly by:

- completing the application for admission to the college of their choice;
- applying for Federal Student Financial Aid at www.fafsa.gov; and
- going to the AzETV portal at: ArizonaETV.org where the young adult will be prompted to:
 - ▶ create an account;
 - ▶ complete a student profile;
 - ▶ complete an application for ETV; and
 - ▶ submit required paperwork.

The DCS Education Specialist will verify the young adult's foster care status once the application is complete. Once a student is verified as eligible for ETV, the verification is valid for the duration of their use of the program.

NOTE: Young adults MUST re-apply for ETV funding each year.

Additional Information

Email YouthServices@azdcs.gov with any questions or if assistance is needed regarding the Education and Training Voucher, other education funding, and other processes to obtain higher education funding.