

## **Want to go to College or a Career Training School?**

### **DCYF Aftercare Services can help!**

DCYF Aftercare Services has federal funding available to assist former foster youth with continued education after high school or GED attainment. There are two types of financial assistance available: Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) and General Chafee.

#### **ETV ELIGIBILITY**

- **You are between the ages of 18-21 with a previously open DCYF CPS case and you left DCYF placement on or after your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.**
- **You are between the ages of 18-21 and after attaining 16 years of age left DCYF CPS placement for guardianship or adoption.**
- **You are between the ages of 18-21 with a previously open JJS Children in Need of Services (CHINS) or Delinquency case and:**
  - (1) **Left JJS placement on or after your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday; and**
  - (2) **Lived in JJS foster, relative, shelter or residential care (does not include a juvenile detention facility) at any point during your most recent JJS case; and**
  - (3) **Were Title IV-E eligible at any point during your most recent JJS case.**
- **You are between the ages of 18-21 with a previously open JJS Delinquency case and:**
  - (1) **Left JJS placement on or after your 17<sup>th</sup> birthday but before your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday; and**
  - (2) **Lived in JJS foster, relative, shelter or residential care (does not include a juvenile detention facility) at any point during your most recent JJS case; and;**
  - (3) **Were Title IV-E eligible at any point during your most recent JJS case.**
- **If you are receiving ETV at the time of your 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and are making satisfactory progress towards completion, you may continue receiving ETV until your 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday provided that you continue meeting DCYF Aftercare Services requirements.**

## GENERAL CHAFEE ELIGIBILITY

- If you fall into one of the eligibility categories listed in **bold** and are less than 21 years of age, you are also eligible for General Chafee funds.

## REQUIREMENTS

- You must apply for financial aid through FAFSA ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))
- You must apply for a minimum of 3 scholarships if you are a first year student and 2 scholarships if you are a returning student. One of these scholarships must include the NH Charitable Foundation ([www.nhcf.org](http://www.nhcf.org)) 1-800-464-6641.
- Your personal assets (bank account, car, home, etc.) can be worth no more than \$10,000.
- You must achieve at least a 2.00 GPA in your college studies and show progress towards a degree or certificate.
- You must meet the requirements of DCYF Aftercare Services that include submitting receipts and maintaining monthly contact with your DCYF Adolescent Worker.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. **What can ETV pay for?**

ETV money can be used towards the cost to attend college or a career training school. This generally includes tuition, fees, room and board while in attendance, books, supplies and equipment required of all students in the same course of study. There is also an allowance for transportation costs and miscellaneous personal expenses, including computers, child-care expenses for parents, and special assistance for disabled students, student loan fees or insurance premiums on the student loan.

### 2. **Is there a limit on the amount of ETV a youth/young adult can receive?**

Yes. The amount you may receive will vary depending on your needs and the amount of funds available. The maximum amount you may receive in ETV Funds is \$5000, per state fiscal year (Starts on July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>).

### 3. **How does an eligible youth/young adult access ETV?**

After your application has been received it will be reviewed based on your needs and the amount of ETV available. You will be notified in writing regarding how much ETV money you will be eligible to receive during the upcoming state fiscal year. The next step is to meet with the DCYF Adolescent Worker from the office that is handling your case. Your Adolescent Worker will explain how your ETV money will be disbursed and will ask you to complete some additional documentation. To contact an Adolescent Worker call your local DCYF office or go to <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dcyf/documents/adolescentworkers.pdf> for a complete list of Adolescent Worker names and phone numbers.

**4. What if I am unsure about my eligibility?**

A complete list of [eligibility guidelines](#) is on page 1. If you have further questions you can ask your CPSW or JPPO or your Adolescent Worker.

**5. When can applications be submitted?**

Your application can be submitted to your DCYF Adolescent Worker as soon as it is completed. Only *completed applications* will be considered for an ETV award. ETV will be awarded to students with completed applications in the order the applications were received. This process will continue until all available ETV funds for the state fiscal year have been awarded. **The sooner you get your completed application in the greater the chance there will be ETV money available for you!**

**6. What is a completed application?**

A completed application has all the questions answered ([the application begins on page 4](#)), has the required number of [scholarships](#) applied for, has an [essay](#) and contains all the required documentation listed on page 6. **\*\*\*\*Important\*\*\*\* If you do not yet have a financial aid award letter or if your application is missing any other documentation do not send in your application. If you do it will be sent back to you to hold onto until you have completed it.**

**7. Do I need to reapply every year in order to continue receiving assistance?**

Yes.

**8. Who do I send the application to?**

The DCYF Adolescent Worker from the office handling your case will accept your application when it's complete. Your Adolescent Worker can also assist you with your application and will answer any questions you might have. If you already left state care you can contact the Adolescent Worker nearest to where you are currently living. A complete list of Adolescent Workers with their names and phone numbers is available at:

<http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dcyf/documents/adolescentworkers.pdf>.

**9. How are General Chafee funds different than ETV and what do they cover?**

General Chafee funds cover non-cost of attendance items not covered through ETV which may include health insurance, car insurance, and assistance with car costs including purchase and maintenance, and housing when you are not attending college or a vocational program. When you meet with your DCYF Adolescent Worker, talk to him/her about your specific needs. What you will receive will be based on your needs and the amount of funds available.

## APPLICATION

**Time period for which I am asking for financial assistance:** (Please check the one that best applies)

Fall Semester     Spring Semester     Both Fall and Spring Semester

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**District Office** \_\_\_\_\_

**The name of my DCYF Adolescent Worker is:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age when you exited or will have exited DCYF CPS or JJS care?** \_\_\_\_\_

- Status at Exit:**
- My DCYF case closed (or will close) at age 18 or older
  - After attaining 16 years of age I left DCYF placement for adoption or guardianship.
  - My JJS CHINS case closed (or will close) at age 18 or older
  - My JJS Delinquency case closed (or will close) at age 17 or older.
  - Other. Please explain

**Date you received or will receive a HS Diploma or GED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Status:**

Starting College     2 year program     4 year program

Returning to College     2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2 year program

Or

Sophomore     Junior     Senior

**Expected date of College graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

Starting a Career Training School

Continuing Career Training School (include time spent in the program) \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of program completion \_\_\_\_\_

**I have received ETV funds:**

Never     2007-2008     2008-2009     2009-2010     2010-2011

**What has been your biggest challenge in applying to or staying in school?**

**How can DCYF Aftercare Services be improved?**

1. **When did you file FAFSA?** \_\_\_\_\_ **What is your EFC?** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach proof)

2. **New students: What colleges or programs have you applied to?**

3. **New students and returning students: What college or program will you be attending?**

4. **Returning students – what was your GPA last semester?** \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach transcript)

5. **Will you be attending a college / career training school during the summer** (prior to the beginning of the fall semester)? **Yes**  **No**

*If your answer to the above question was yes, please answer the following questions. If your answer was no, skip to question 6.*

5a. **Where will you be living this summer?** \_\_\_\_\_

5b. **What will your rent be?** \_\_\_\_\_ (monthly)

5c. **How much ETV for summer housing needs are you requesting?** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your request will be applied to the \$5000 yearly limit in ETV funds that you may receive)

6. **Where will you be living when the semester starts?**  On Campus  Off Campus

*If you will be living on campus please skip to question number 7.*

6a. **If off campus, what will your rent be** \_\_\_\_\_ (monthly)

7. **Will you be working?** **Yes**  **No**   
7a. **Full Time**  **Part Time**  (Check one)

8. **How much ETV are you requesting in total?** \_\_\_\_\_ (up to \$5000 per state fiscal year)  
8a. **What will you be using your ETV funds for?**

9. **Will you be requesting General Chafee funds?** **Yes**  **No**   
9a. **What will you be using the General Chafee funds for?**

## SCHOLARSHIPS

New students must apply for a minimum of 3 scholarships\*. Returning students at least 2 scholarships\*. One scholarship must be the NH Charitable Foundation ([www.nhcf.org](http://www.nhcf.org)) 1-800-464-6641. The Adult Statewide Student Aid or Career Aid for Technical Students scholarships are suggested.

\*If you are to be attending a NH state school (University of New Hampshire, Keene State College, Plymouth State University, Granite State College, Lakes Region Community College, NHTI-Concord's Community College, White Mountains Community College, Manchester Community College, Nashua Community College, Great Bay Community College and River Valley Community College) you must apply for a Tuition Waiver through the Tuition Waiver for Foster Children program. Completing the Tuition Waiver application (which includes applying to NH Charitable) counts as two scholarships. You can access a Tuition Waiver application by contacting the [DCYF Adolescent Worker](#) in your area or by going to: <http://www.nh.gov/postsecondary/financial/index.html>

SCHOLARSHIP APPLIED FOR	APP DATE	AMOUNT RANGE \$	RESPONSE/AMOUNT \$ RECEIVED
1. NH Charitable Foundation	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

## ESSAY

**In 250 to 500 words explain your goals for further education in a typed response.**

### **New students:**

- What will you be majoring in or what will you be learning in your career training school?
- Why did you choose to study this?
- What are your goals for the next year?
- What are your goals for the next five years?

### **Returning students:**

- What have you learned so far?
- What has helped you stay in school?
- What are your goals for the next year?
- What are your goals for the next five years?

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

\*Remember your application will only be considered complete with all of the required documentation. Please do not send in your application if any of the documentation below is missing. If you need assistance with your application please contact the [DCYF Adolescent Worker](#) in your area.

### **New Students:**

- A copy of your FAFSA documentation including your EFC (Expected Family Contribution)
- A copy of your acceptance letter
- A copy of your financial award letter

### **Returning students:**

- A copy of your FAFSA documentation including your EFC (Expected Family Contribution)
- A copy of your financial aid award letter
- A copy of your transcript