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Educational Training & Voucher Program

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Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

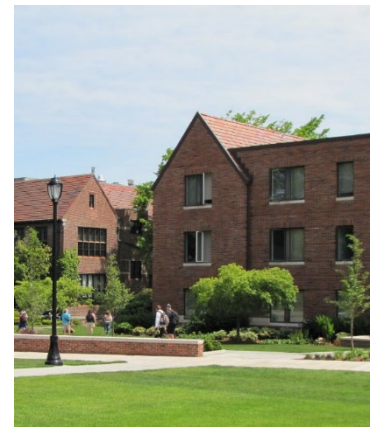
- Provides financial assistance to eligible students to attend an accredited college or university, vocational or technical college.
- Maximum ETV award is \$5,000.
- Awards are unique to each student and are determined based on unmet financial need.
- ETV can be used if attending college in another state.



ETV Eligibility

To be eligible for the ETV program, the student must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- You are 16 to 20 years old, currently involved in a dependency action in a Washington state or tribal court, in the care and custody of DSHS or an ICW agency, and in foster care.
- You are 18 to 20 years old and have aged out of state or tribal care. 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 16.
- If you participated and used ETV funds prior to age 21, you may be eligible to age 26; not to exceed a total of 15 semesters or 20 quarters.



Other requirements:

- In order to receive ETV funds to age 26, students need to have used ETV funds before turning 21 or they are no longer eligible for the program.
- Be eligible for aid and have an unmet need.
- Enroll at least half-time and take at least one 100-level course.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress (2.0 GPA or higher).



Important deadlines!



ETV has a limited amount of CHAFEE funds each year!

Please assist your students in reaching the following deadlines:

- January 1st Registration for ETV opens for the next academic year
- April 30th ETV Priority deadline
- May 1st ETV Wait List Begins
- July 31st ETV Application Closes***
- October 1st FAFSA opens for the next academic year

***No matter the date, please send us your application & we will contact you!

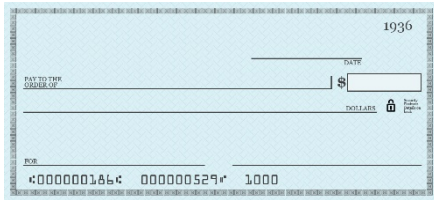
Students need to print clearly or use our online application at:

www.independence.wa.gov



Requirements to receive ETV funds

- ✓ ETV Grant:
Sent directly to the student on a quarterly or semester basis
Via Check in the mail or Direct Deposit (preferred)



- ✓ Payee Registration Process
- ✓ ETV Spending Plan:
Is required before any funds can be released

(The above does not apply to our Dual Credit/Running Start students)





ETV Spending Plan

NAME	ETV AWARD AMOUNT FOR QUARTER OR SEMESTER	DATE
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Instructions: Please look over the categories and indicate how you plan to spend you ETV funds. Your total expenses need to match your ETV award indicated above.

Education Related Expenses	Per Quarter or Semester
Tuition and fees	
Housing (on campus)	
Meal plan	
Books	
Equipment / school supplies	
Computer / printer	
Tutoring	
Study abroad / internships	
Other (specify):	
Living Expenses	Per Quarter or Semester
Rent (off campus)	
Groceries	
Utilities	
Phone	
Cable / Internet	
Gas	
Personal care / hygiene	
Child care	
Auto insurance	
Maintenance / repairs	
Transportation / parking	
Out-of-state travel	
Other (specify):	
Total School Expenses:	\$0.00
Total Living Expenses:	\$0.00
Grand Total of all Expenses: \$0.00	

By signing and submitting this form, I agree that the funds will be used as stated above.

STUDENT SIGNATURE	DATE	ETV STAFF SIGNATURE	DATE
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Return by mail to:

The Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program
PO Box 45710
Olympia WA 98504-5710

OR return by email to:

www.dcyf.wa.gov
etvwash@dcyf.wa.gov

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Running Start/Dual Credit Students

Running Start students are eligible for up to \$2,000.

Some suggested expenditures:

- Books and supplies
- Fees
- Transportation
- Parking pass
- Gas/Car repairs

How do they receive their funds?

- Submit receipts for reimbursement via check or direct deposit
- Direct payments to school or others in the vendor system
- Submit Amazon order to ETV to purchase on students behalf.

ETV is working diligently to add more dual credit students to the program and to see them fully utilize their funds. Help us spread the word!



Who can help and support these youth?

All of us can!

Foster youth have many people in their village:



Social Worker

ILS Provider

Treehouse

SETuP Provider

Passport To Career Contact/DSS

GAL or CASA

School Staff

The Court

Caregiver

Significant Other



YOU can be a barrier buster!!!

Help us know if a student has:

- Moved
- Changed email
- Changed phone number
- Changed banks



Please assist students to hand sign
the Spending Plan and Payee Registration





After asking and listening,
together we have been able to...



- Move from a reimbursement model to a disbursement model
- Accept “screen shots” of our required forms
- Increase our face-to-face meetings with our students
- Accept E-Signatures on the ETV Spending Plan

Future Plans: Create a Student Portal



Essential Website: www.Independence.wa.gov



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