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Education and Training Voucher (ETV)

Federal need-based benefit for current and former foster youth to complete their post-secondary education

Students must apply

http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/handbooks/CPS/Files/CPS_pg_x10300.asp#CPS_10320

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What Does ETV Do?



Eligible students can receive up to \$5,000 per school year to pay for

- Housing *1st priority
- Utilities
- Tuition & fees – if applicable
- Vocational training
- Personal living expenses
- Childcare
- Books and school supplies
- A computer
- and more!

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ETV Eligibility

Who is eligible to receive ETV funds?

- Youth who are at least 16 years old and still in foster care
- Young adults who:
 - Have aged out of foster care
 - Are in extended foster care
 - Were adopted after turning 16
- Also includes:
 - Youth under the custody of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission
 - Tribal youth in foster care
 - Unaccompanied Refugee Minors



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What Can ETV Help With?

ETV can help pay for:

- Dual credit in high school
- Associate's degree*
- Bachelor's degree*
- Graduate degree programs*
- Licensed career schools
- Technical/Vocational training
 - Dental assistants
 - Vet Techs
 - Chefs & head cooks
 - Petroleum engineers
 - Nurses
 - Plumbers
 - Heating & AC installers



* Must be taking at least 6 semester hours

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Tuition Waiver vs. ETV

Tuition Waiver	ETV
State law	Need-based federal funds
Only state-supported colleges/universities	Post-secondary education institutions
Waives tuition/fees	Up to \$5,000/school year
Lifetime	16-23 years old
Must access before 25	Ends the month of 23 rd birthday
No grade requirement	No grade requirement

*** The Tuition/Fee Waiver and the ETV program can be used together at state-supported colleges/universities**

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How do you get Texas ETV?



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Available Resources: Federal Student Aid



- ✓ Students can apply for Federal Student Aid (<https://fafsa.ed.gov>) as early as **October 1** of their senior year and every year thereafter.
- ✓ Some grant funds are **limited** and given on first-come, first-served basis.
- ✓ Transition centers and local college financial aid departments can assistance with the FAFSA application.
- ✓ Accepting financial aid loans **CAN** effect how much ETV you get



No Student Loans

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Financial Aid

Cost of Attendance (CoA) calculation Scenario A:

School's CoA:	\$5,000.00
<i>Financial Aid Pell Grant Accepted:</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>
<i>Financial Aid Loan Accepted:</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
Student Need:	\$0



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Financial Aid

Cost of Attendance (CoA) calculation Scenario B:

School's CoA:	\$5,000.00
<i>Financial Aid Pell Grant Accepted:</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>
<i>Financial Aid Loan Declined:</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
Student Need:	\$2,000.00



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Apply for Texas ETV

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www.TexasETV.com

Visit **TexasETV.com** for:

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Application Reminders

We are now accepting Summer applications through 7/31/20 and Fall applications through 10/1/20.



Application Deadlines

Fall	Spring	Summer
Oct. 1	March 1	July 1

Technical school deadlines may vary, talk with your ETV Coordinator.



Deadlines are only for a completed application, not for other documents.

Speak with a coordinator if it is past the deadline, **There are always extensions!**

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Tips for Applying for ETV

- Only submit **one** application per school year – **Online form RECOMMENDED**
 - Submit an **"Initial Application"** for your very **first** application
 - Submit an **"Update Application"** every year after that
- Check **EVERY** semester you **PLAN** to attend school
- **Full legal name** is needed on all documents
- Fill out the entire application, **ASK** if you don't understand; don't leave anything blank.
- Make sure to click **"SUBMIT"**
- Confirm screenshots of documents are legible and the **ENTIRE** document is sent
- Save a copy of all documents (electronic or hardcopies).
- When a student submits an application or document, the ETV Coordinator will process within 7 business days

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Turn in Supplementary Documents

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Initial Application Checklist

Initial Application = NEVER Received ETV Funds in Past

- ✓ Complete Initial Application (TexasETV.com)
- ✓ **DFPS Verification of Eligibility**** (DFPS staff to complete)
- ✓ **Tuition & Fee Waiver Letter**** (DFPS staff to complete)
- ✓ Financial Aid Award Letter (or billing statement for Voc. Schools)
- ✓ Class schedule
- ✓ Budget Worksheet (TexasETV.com)
- ✓ Request of Funds(s) & supporting documents (TexasETV.com)

****Only have to be turned in when student completes an Initial Application.**

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What you need to know

- ETV **is not** emergency funds, you need to apply as soon as possible and get all your paperwork turned in.
- Maximum \$5000 **is not** guaranteed
- If you only check that you are attending 1 semester, the most you will get will be \$1666.67 for that semester.

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Tips for Calling your Coordinator

Please remind youth...

When you call your coordinator, if they don't answer:

- Don't hang up, **leave a message!**
- **Do not** leave multiple messages in a short amount of time - they will return your call within 2 business days
- **Speak slowly** when leaving a message
- Give your **full name and number**, and then repeat



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Setting Students up for Success

Encourage your students to sign up for:

A free email account



A checking account



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Region 8 Transition Center/ETV Program

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Remind for Students



Visit Remind.com and join class ETV21 or



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Facebook



Visit <https://www.facebook.com/TexasETV> for:

- Current events - ETV, educational, and community
- Reminders – ETV and educational
- Freebies for students
- Information on Texas schools
- Student discounts
- Scholarships
- Who's hiring
- Community resources
- National celebration days
- Success stories
- Life hacks
- Natural disaster preparation

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Scholarships

Find scholarships:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

<https://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/>

<https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/scholarship-search/>

<https://cafecollege.org/scholarship-databases/>



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Find scholarships:

https://www.cftexas.org/scholarships/finding-other-scholarships?qclid=Ci0KCQIw_r3nBRDXARIsAJjileFk_RezfbFitcLjBGMiYRmBiDW_BOsNaYJqww7cMnSUsAZ6SmBxrvMaAp4_EALw_wcB

Cappex.com

Scholarships.com

<https://www.brokescholar.com/>

<https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>

<https://thescholarshipssystem.com/blog-for-students-families/the-ultimate-list-of-scholarships-for-women-and-girls/?fbclid=IwAR1wjJFsjCoSIU9cRHRUmwan8OB0HetpnTbOAL7P1ik9hEYqJPL5VOL34FU>



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DFPS College Scholarships

Freshmen Success Fund for Foster Youth

Grant for first time college freshmen formerly in DFPS foster care. Each year there will be 4 one time grants of \$1,000 available for young adults enrolling in their freshmen year. These grants are to cover basic non-tuition related expenses such as books and supplies, computers and software, tools and uniforms and transportation. Students must be enrolled in a Texas state-supported college, university, or vocational/technical school that accepts the state college tuition and fee waiver.

Ed Davis-PAL Scholarship

This scholarship is for basic non-tuition needs for former foster youth who are majoring in government, political science, history, or other pre-law field. Scholarships are for \$1,000 per academic year and are available to *sophomore, junior or senior* year students.

*Scholarship availability is dependent on funding

<https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/youth/education/scholarships.asp>

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Questions


