

DHHS Financial Supports for College/Training:

| Adoption | Permanent Guardianship | Extended Care Agreement |
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| <p>FAFSA—must be completed to access other funds. Financial Aid awarded on a first come/first served basis. Must be completed every year. Must get a PIN before or during the application process. Can apply beginning in Oct. 1 for the following year. (http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)</p> <p>Independent Student Status (FAFSA)—through the College Costs Reduction Act, any youth adopted on or after their 13th birthday is considered “independent” on the FAFSA and does not have to provide parent info (income) or signatures.</p> <p>ETV Funds—for youth adopted through Maine’s DHHS on or after their 16th birthday. Must complete FAFSA. College or training program must be accredited. Student must be in good academic standing. Some restrictions apply. Awards vary depending on available funds & student need after other financial aid, scholarships, and student refunds are applied--up to \$5000 per academic year. There is a maximum lifetime limit for ETV of 5 years. Youth who receive ETV funds at age 23 may receive ETV until age 26. Contact Dulcey Laberge 446-4227, Dulcey.laberge@maine.gov</p> <p>Tuition Waiver—youth who were adopted from Maine’s foster care AND whose parents received an adoption subsidy from Maine DHHS at the time of graduation or GED/HiSet can apply for one of the 30 waivers that can be used at State of Maine Universities, Community Colleges, or Maine Maritime. Awarded on first come, first served basis. Must be a Maine resident. Must renew each year. Available for undergraduate degrees only, up to 5 years. Application available March 1. Administered through FAME (www.famemaine.com)</p> | <p>FAFSA—must be completed to access other funds. Financial Aid awarded on a first come/first served basis. Must be completed every year. Must get a PIN before or during the application process. Can apply beginning in Oct. 1 for the following year. (http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)</p> <p>Independent Student Status (FAFSA)—through the College Costs Reduction Act, any youth in PG status on or after their 13th birthday is considered “independent” on the FAFSA and does not have to provide parent info (income) or signatures.</p> <p>ETV Funds— for youth in PG through Maine’s DHHS on or after their 16th birthday. Must complete FAFSA. College or training program must be accredited. Student must be in good academic standing. Some restrictions apply. Awards vary depending on available funds & student need after other financial aid, scholarships, and student refunds are applied--up to \$5000 per academic year. There is a maximum lifetime limit for ETV of 5 years. Youth who receive ETV funds at age 23 may receive ETV until age 26. Contact Dulcey Laberge 446-4227, Dulcey.laberge@maine.gov</p> <p>Tuition Waiver— youth who entered Permanency Guardianship from Maine’s foster care AND whose guardian received a Permanency Guardianship subsidy from Maine DHHS at the time of graduation or GED/HiSet can apply for one of the 30 waivers that can be used at State of Maine Universities, Community Colleges, or Maine Maritime. Awarded on first come, first served basis. Must be a Maine resident. Must renew each year. Available for undergraduate degrees only, up to 5 years. Application available March 1. Administered through FAME (www.famemaine.com)</p> | <p>FAFSA—must be completed to access other funds. Financial Aid awarded on a first come/first served basis. Must be completed every year. Must get a PIN before or during the application process. Can apply beginning in Oct. 1 for the following year. (http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)</p> <p>Independent Student Status (FAFSA)—through the College Costs Reduction Act, any youth in foster care on or after their 13th birthday is considered “independent” on the FAFSA.</p> <p>ETV Funds— for youth on an Extended Care Agreement Maine’s DHHS. Must complete FAFSA. College or training program must be accredited. Student must be in good academic standing. Some restrictions apply. Awards vary depending on available funds & student need after other financial aid, scholarships, and student refunds are applied--up to \$5000 per academic year. There is a maximum lifetime limit for ETV of 5 years. Youth who receive ETV funds at age 23 may receive ETV until age 26. Contact your local Youth Transition Specialist or Caseworker.</p> <p>Tuition Waiver— youth who were in Maine’s foster care at the time of graduation or GED/HiSet can apply for one of the 30 waivers that can be used at State of Maine Universities, Community Colleges, or Maine Maritime. Awarded on first come, first served basis. Must be a Maine resident. Must renew each year. Available for undergraduate degrees only, up to 5 years. Application available March 1. Administered through FAME (www.famemaine.com)</p> |

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