

DHHS Financial Supports for College/Training at a Glance:

Adoption

Permanent Guardianship

V9 Agreement

FAFSA—must be completed to access other funds. **Financial Aid given on a first come/first served basis.** Must be completed every year. Must get a PIN before or during the application process. Beginning in Oct for the following year.
[\(http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/\)](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

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.

ETV Funds—available through DHHS for youth adopted on or after their 16th birthday. Must complete FAFSA. The 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 determined, up to \$5000. Youth who receive ETV funds at age 21 can receive them until age 26, but only for a total of 5 years.
 Contact Dulcey Laberge 624-7928, Dulcey.laberge@maine.gov

Tuition Waiver—youth who were adopted from Maine’s foster care AND whose parents received an adoption subsidy from 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—apply early. Must be a Maine resident. Must reapply each year. Available for undergraduate degrees only, up to 5 years. Application available Feb. 1. Administered through FAME www.famemaine.com

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ETV Funds—available through DHHS for youth who enter permanent guardianship on or after their 16th birthday. Must complete FAFSA. The 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 determined, up to \$5000. Youth who receive ETV funds at age 21 can receive them until age 26, but only for a total of 5 years.
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Tuition Waiver— youth who entered Permanency Guardianship from Maine’s foster care AND whose guardian received a Permanency Guardianship subsidy from 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—apply early. Must be a Maine resident. Must reapply each year. Available for undergraduate degrees only, up to 5 years. Application available Feb. 1. Administered through FAME www.famemaine.com

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 Contact your local Youth Transition Specialist or Caseworker

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