

# 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 Jan. (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>)

**Independent Student Status (FAFSA)**—through the College Costs Reduction Act, any youth adopted on or after their 13<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Must complete FAFSA. The college or training program must be accredited. Student must be in good academic standing. Some federal restrictions for use of funds. 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 23.  
Contact Dulcey Laberge 624-7928, [Dulcey.laberge@maine.gov](mailto:Dulcey.laberge@maine.gov)

**Tuition Waiver**—youth who were adopted from foster care AND whose parents received an adoption subsidy from DHHS at the time of graduation 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](http://www.famemaine.com))

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**Independent Student Status (FAFSA)**— through the College Costs Reduction Act, any youth in Permanent Guardianship on or after their 13<sup>th</sup> 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 who enter permanent guardianship on or after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Must complete FAFSA. The college or training program must be accredited. Student must be in good academic standing. Some federal restrictions for use of funds. 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 23.  
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**Tuition Waiver**— youth who entered Permanency Guardianship from foster care AND whose guardian received a Permanency Guardianship subsidy from DHHS at the time of graduation 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](http://www.famemaine.com))

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**ETV Funds**—available through DHHS for youth who have a signed V9 agreement. Must complete FAFSA. The college or training program must be accredited. Student must be in good academic standing. Some federal restrictions for use of funds. 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 23. (Contact your local Youth Transition Worker or Caseworker)

**Tuition Waiver**— youth who were in foster care at the time of graduation or GED 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](http://www.famemaine.com))