



The Education Training Voucher (ETV) program awards grants to current and former foster youth to help pay for college or specialized education. ETV grants are funded by the federal government and administered by the states. In Arkansas, eligible students may receive grants of up to **\$5,000** per academic year.

ETV Fact Sheet

Eligibility Requirements

You must be a current or former foster student who:

- Was in foster care on your 18th birthday and aged out at that time.
- OR adopted from foster care with the adoption finalized **AFTER** your 16th birthday.
- OR remains in foster care and have completed a secondary education.
- OR will have your foster care case closed between the ages of 18 and 21.
- You must be a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen.
- Your personal assets (bank account, car, home, etc.) are worth less than \$10,000.
- You must be at least 18 but younger than 21 to apply for the first time. You may reapply for ETV funds, if you have a current grant, up to the age of 23.
- You must have been accepted into or be enrolled in a degree, certificate or other accredited program at a college, university, technical, vocational school. To remain eligible for ETV funding, you must show progress toward a degree or certificate.

What Can ETV Be Used For?

ETV can cover the following school-related expenses:

- Tuition & Fees
- Room & Board
- Books & School Supplies
- Transportation
- Personal Computer/ PC Equipment (software, printer, etc.)
- Miscellaneous Personal Expenses
- Child Care

Email Completed Application To:

ARKANSASETV@ARKANSAS.GOV

Who Do You Contact to Apply For ETV in AR?

Your Transitional Youth Services (TYS) Coordinator or Family Service Worker (FSW) can assist you with completing the application process. You can also contact DHS for assistance with completing your ETV application:

AR Department of Human Services
Division of Children & Family Services
Attn: Transitional Youth Services
700 Main Street
Little Rock, AR 72203
Phone: (501) 682-2162
Cell: (501) 412-9126

You **must** also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- www.fafsa.ed.gov

You should also complete the Arkansas YOUniversal Scholarship Application

- www.ark.org/adhe_financialaid/Login.aspx

3 Steps to Apply for ETV

1. Get a working email account. You can get a free email account from Yahoo!, Google, Hotmail, etc.
2. Gather the required documents needed to process your application.
3. Complete and submit the completed ETV application forms to your TYS Coordinator (TYS) or your Family Service Worker (FSW)

Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis.

- Once the TYS office has received all of your ETV application, and other supporting documents you will be contacted by your TYS Coordinator or ETV Representative.
- If your contact information changes, you must notify either your TYS Coordinator or your FSW.
- Any money owed to the school for tuition or other costs will be sent directly to the school. Other checks will be written out to vendors (e.g. a landlord, car insurance company, or a store).
- Any awarded funding is only available during the term you submitted an application for and cannot be carried over to another year.

** The Arkansas Department of Human Services reserves the right to contact the student's school to verify the youth's enrollment.*