## WHAT IS THE ETV PROGRAM?

The Education and Training Voucher Program provides up to $5,000 a year for college and vocational training.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- You must fall into one of these categories:
  - Youth currently eligible for Chafee services, this would include youth that have exited Children's Division custody at age 17 1/2 or later, up until the age of 21.
  - Youth adopted or who obtained guardianship from foster care after their 16th birthday.
  - Youth participating in the ETV program on their 21st birthday shall remain eligible until age 23, provided they are making satisfactory progress as defined by the Children's Division.
- Youth must have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Appropriate scholarships, grants, and other financial assistance must be explored and utilized.
- You are a U.S. citizen or a qualified non-citizen.
- Your personal assets (bank account, car, home, etc.) are not worth more than $10,000.
- You must be aged 18, 19 or 20 when you first apply to the ETV Program.
- You must have been accepted into or be enrolled in a degree, certificate or other accredited program at a college, university, technical or vocational school. To remain eligible for ETV funding, you must show progress towards a degree or certificate.

**Participation is renewable until your 23rd birthday as long as you receive ETV funds before you turn 21.**

## WHAT CAN ETV FUNDS BE USED FOR?

- Tuition
- Books
- Computers
- School Supplies
- Living Expenses
- Housing
- Childcare
- Health Insurance
- Groceries
- Transportation

## SUCCESS STRATEGIES

### Choose the right school

Hundreds of colleges and training programs are listed at **www.overview.com** and **www.technical-vocational-schools.com**.

### Get Funding

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
  **www.fafsa.gov**
- Look for Scholarships.
  **www.fastweb.com**
- Apply for ETV funds.
  **www.statevoucher.org**

### Choose your major and career path

- Visit your campus career center. They can help you choose a major based on:
  - What you like to do.
  - What you're good at doing.
  - Your dream job.

### Succeed and Graduate

- Make a schedule.
  **www.time-management.com**
- Get to know your school advisors and teachers.
- Learn how to study.
  **www.how-to-study.com**
- Attend every class.

# www.statevoucher.org

## IT'S EASY TO APPLY!

1. Go to **www.statevoucher.org**.
2. Click on Missouri.
3. Complete the easy online application.
4. Download the financial aid release form and cashier's statement.
5. Bring the forms to your school to submit on your behalf.
6. Reapply every year.


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## POTENTIAL CAREERS

### Vocational/Technical Certificate

***Average Salary = $31,000***

Mechanical Drafter
Cosmetologist
Legal Secretary
Licensed Practical Nurse
Automotive Mechanic

### Associate Degree

***Average Salary = $33,000***

Dental Hygienist
Engineering Technician
Registered Nurse
Paralegal or Legal Assistant
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Medical Records Technician
Veterinary Associate

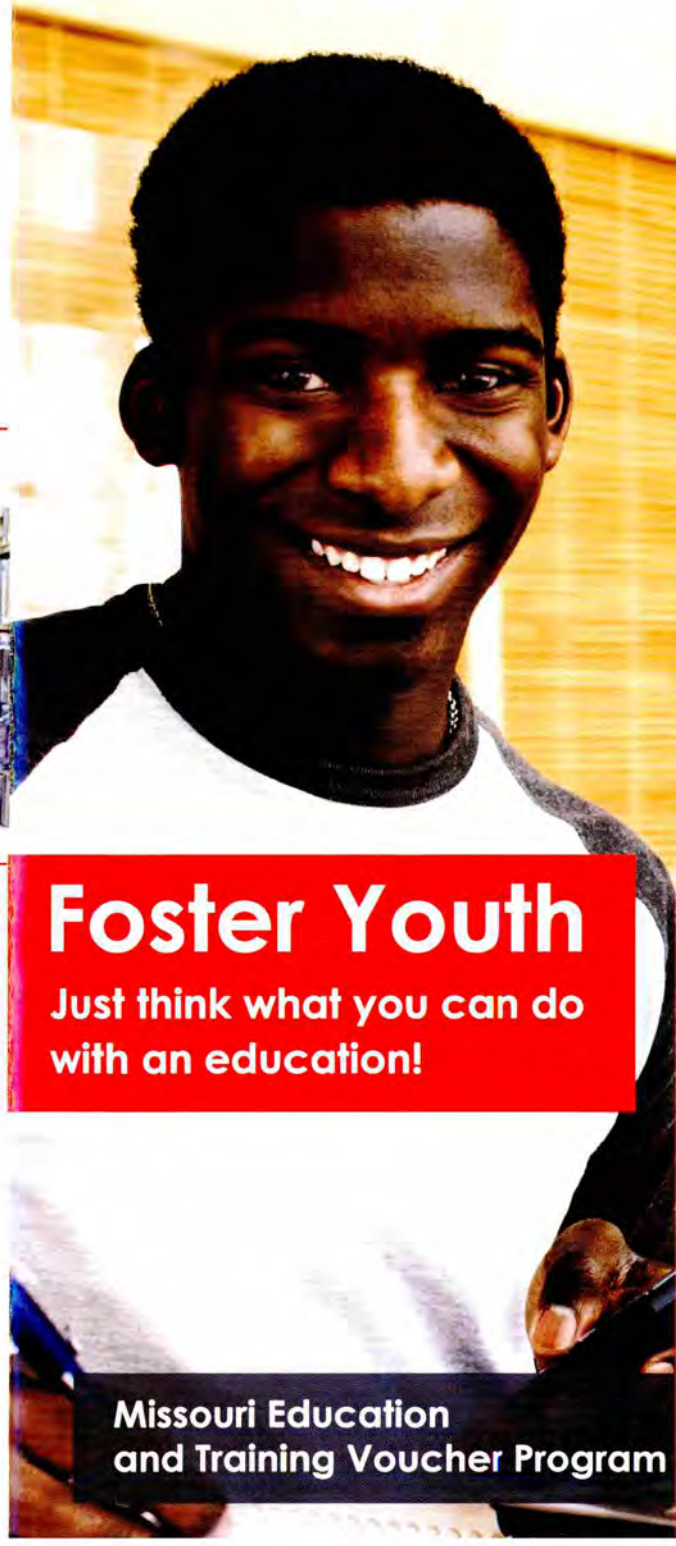
### Bachelor's Degree

***Average Salary = $43,000***

Teacher
Accountant
Engineer
Architect
Air Traffic Controller

Missouri ETV PROGRAM

The Missouri ETV program is administered by OFA.
www.orphan.org



# Foster Youth

**Just think what you can do with an education!**

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