Success Strategies

Choose the Right School:

✓ Hundreds of colleges and training programs are listed at [www.technical-vocational-schools.com](http://www.technical-vocational-schools.com) and [https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/](https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/)

Get Funding:

✓ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
✓ Look for Scholarships [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

Get Started:

✓ Visit campus career center
✓ Think about a major, consider:
  - what you like to do
  - what you are good at doing
  - your dream job
✓ Make a schedule
✓ Get to know your school advisors and instructors
✓ Learn how to study
✓ Go to class!!!

TO APPLY FOR ALL THREE PROGRAMS VISIT: [https://studentportal.fc2sprograms.org/login/](https://studentportal.fc2sprograms.org/login/)

Need Money for Higher Education?

Help is Available to Youth who have been in Foster Care
The Missouri Department of Social Services and Missouri Department of Higher Education offer a tuition waiver to offset tuition fees at Missouri colleges and universities.

**Who is Eligible?**
- MO residents who have been in foster care: the day they graduated/received their HiSet, OR the day before 18th birthday, OR the day of 14th birthday (if they were eligible for adoption)
- Student graduated high school/passed HiSet w/in last 3 years
- Student is accepted by/attending MO college or university AND have 60 credits prior to applying for MO Reach
- Student is under 21 when applying

**Recipients must:**
- Maintain 2.5 GPA
- Apply for other grants & scholarships (including Pell Grant)
- Should NOT accept student loans
- Complete 100 hours community services or public internship each year they receive the waiver
- Enroll and participate in Foster Care to Success’ Academic Success Program

**Support Services:**
- Program Coordinators
- Mentors
- Care packages
- Career Readiness

**FOR MORE INFORMATION / TO APPLY GO TO:**
https://www.fc2sprograms.org/mo-reach/MO
Reach is administered by Foster Care to Success 1-800-585-7115

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**WHAT IS THE ‘ETV’ PROGRAM?**

The Educational Training Voucher (ETV) Program provides up to $5000/year for college and vocational training and is renewable until age 26.

**Who is Eligible?**
- Students who have left foster care after age eighteen (18) OR have been adopted/obtained legal guardianship from the public foster care system after age sixteen (16) and are not yet 26
- Students in foster care at the time funds are received AND meet one of the following:
  - Have high school diploma or equivalent
  - Is MO foster youth attending post-secondary education/training program outside MO
  - Is in post-secondary training program requiring at least one (1) year of training prior to certification/graduation

**Requirements:**
- Student has high school diploma or equivalent
- Student must apply and use other appropriate scholarships, grants, and financial aid
- Student must be US citizen OR qualified non-citizen
- Student assets are less than $10,000
- Student must be accepted/enrolled in a degree, certificate, or other accredited program at a college, university, or vocational school
- Student must show progress toward degree or certificate to remain eligible
- Student may receive funding for no more than 5 years

**ETV Funds Can Be Used For:**
- Tuition
- Housing
- Computers
- School Supplies
- Books
- Childcare
- Health Insurance
- Groceries
- Living Expenses
- Transportation

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**Who is Eligible?**
- Youth currently in foster care, OR left care after age 18, OR youth adopted/obtained guardianship after age 14
- Youth between age 19-25

**Requirements:**
- Youth must be accepted into CCE and credentials must be earned before their 26th birthday

**How it Works:**
- Funding and support up to 12 months (including pre/post training time) while you earn a credential
- Credential must be earned w/in 9 months
- Maximum award is $8000
- If you are in a no-cost Workforce Program, CCE funds can be used for living expenses.
- If you need 15 credits or less to earn an AA or BA/BS, and you have used all federal & state higher education funding (e.g. Pell and ETV), CCE funds may be used for tuition, fees, and books.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY GO TO:**
https://www.fc2sprograms.org/mo-reach-credential-completion-and-employment-program/
OR
Call 1-800-950-4673

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https://www.fc2sprograms.org/missouri/
Email: MO@statevoucher.org Ph:1-800-585-7115
MO ETV Program is administered by Foster Care to Success