



# EDUCATION & TRAINING VOUCHERS!



The Child Welfare Academy offers educational awards to youth eligible for the OCS Independent Living Program attending University of Alaska Campuses.

## What do I get?

**Up to \$5,000 per academic year!**  
**This can be used toward the following school related expenses:**

- Tuition costs & required fees
- Books & supplies
- On-campus & off-campus housing
- Transportation
- Personal care items
- Child care
- Tutoring

## How do I apply?

Get an ETV application from your IL Specialist or the Youth Education Coordinator. Complete the application and attach:

- A copy of your high school diploma or GED.
- Verification of acceptance to or enrollment in an approved education or training program.
- A typed, 1-2 page personal statement that includes career goals & how the funding will help you achieve those goals.
- A letter of reference verifying your readiness for post-secondary education.
- A copy of your Student aid report from FAFSA <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

## Who is eligible?

You are, if you meet the following requirements!

- Youth who are or were in foster care (out-of-home care) on or after their 16th birthday and have not yet reached age 21.
- Youth must be accepted into a qualifying institution of higher education.
- Must be attending at least half-time to an accredited school that:
  1. Awards a Bachelor's degree or not less than a 2-year program that provides credit towards a degree.
  2. Provides not less than 1-year of training towards gainful employment, or
  3. Is a vocational program that provides training for gainful employment and has been in existence for at least two years.
- Youth must be enrolled in a program prior to their 21st birthday to receive funds until they reach age 23.

**\*Students should not expect ETV to cover their entire cost of attendance.** ETV funds can be combined with other grants and scholarships to minimize or eliminate the need for student loans.

## **For more information:**

**Contact the Youth Education Coordinator:**

◆ Amanda Metivier @ (907) 786-6732/[almetivier@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:almetivier@uaa.alaska.edu)  
Or:

**Contact your Regional Independent Living Specialist:**

- ◆ Anchorage Region: Tamara Fischer @ 269-4017/1-800-478-4444/[tamara.fischer@alaska.gov](mailto:tamara.fischer@alaska.gov)
- ◆ Anchorage Region: Michelle Virden @ 269-3955/[michelle.virden@alaska.gov](mailto:michelle.virden@alaska.gov)
- ◆ Southcentral Region: Carla Burns @ 352-8902; 1-888-304-9780/ [carla.burns@alaska.gov](mailto:carla.burns@alaska.gov)
- ◆ Southcentral Region: Dorene Asay @ 352-8987/[dorene.asay@alaska.gov](mailto:dorene.asay@alaska.gov)
- ◆ Northern Region: Heather Larrabee @ 451-2064; 1-800-353-2650/ [heather.larrabee@alaska.gov](mailto:heather.larrabee@alaska.gov)
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