



New York State Education and Training Voucher Program

Eligibility Requirements for Students

To qualify to receive a voucher for expenses a student must:

- ▶ be accepted or enrolled in a school that qualifies for Title IV of the Higher Education Act; **and**
- ▶ demonstrate progress towards completion of their program

The student must be enrolled in:

- ▶ An educational program where the institution awards a degree;

Or

- ▶ A school which awards a certificate for an educational training program that prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized profession

Foster care youth must be at least *one* of the following:

- ▶ A current foster care youth, including persons in need of supervision (PINS) and those who are in the custody of the juvenile justice system; **or**
- ▶ A former foster youth who has not yet attained the age of 21 years who is eligible for services under the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program; **or**
- ▶ A youth adopted from U.S. foster care at age 16 or older; **or**
- ▶ A youth who left U.S. foster care at age 14 or older for guardianship with a kinship guardianship assistance agreement in effect; **or**
- ▶ A youth who is currently in the custody of the Office of Children and Family Services and placed in a non-secure or voluntary agency (Title IV-E facility) ; **or**
- ▶ A youth who is currently in the custody of the Office of Children and Family Services on aftercare status or receiving services in an Evening Reporting Center (ERC) and has been placed in a non-secure or voluntary agency (Title IV-E facility)

Students must be either a:

- ▶ United States citizen; **or**
- ▶ Qualified non-citizen

ETV funding:

- ▶ **Must start** before their 21st birthday; **and**
- ▶ **Must end** after their 23rd birthday

Student can access ETV funding:

- ▶ For up to five years (consecutive or intermittent)