

## Post-secondary Educational Benefits for Students

Programs/Funding Sources	Eligibility and Benefits		
	Foster Care	State Guardianship	Adoption
<b>Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program:</b> Funds for post-secondary education	<b>Eligibility:</b> Students in foster care on or after their 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday and continued in foster care up to or beyond their 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday. <b>Benefit:</b> ETV award up to \$5,000/school year to age 23.	<b>Eligibility:</b> Students under state guardianship on their 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday. <b>Benefit:</b> ETV award up to \$5,000/school year to age 23.	<b>Eligibility:</b> Students adopted from foster care on or after their 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday. <b>Benefit:</b> ETV award up to \$5,000/school year to age 23.
<b>Independent Status on Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</b> <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/">http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/</a>	<b>Eligibility:</b> Students in foster care at any time since turning age 13. <b>Benefit:</b> Only the student's financial information is required and considered when determining their financial aid package.	<b>Eligibility:</b> Students under state guardianship at any time since turning age 13. <b>Benefit:</b> Only the student's financial information is required and considered when determining their financial aid package.	<b>Eligibility:</b> Students under state guardianship at any time since turning age 13, even if subsequently adopted. <b>Benefit:</b> Only the student's financial information is required and considered when determining their financial aid package.
<b>Tuition waiver</b>		<b>Eligibility:</b> Students under state guardianship on their 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday, in a Mn SCU undergraduate program, and under age 21. <b>Benefit:</b> Presidents of 2- and 4-year Minnesota public schools may waive all or part of tuition costs.	
<b>SAT/ACT Fee Waiver</b>	Yes	Yes	No, unless the student meets the income requirements.
<b>Fostering a Future College Scholarship</b> <a href="http://www.childreanactionnetwork.org/">http://www.childreanactionnetwork.org/</a>			<b>Eligibility:</b> Students adopted from foster care at or after age 13. <b>Benefit:</b> \$5000-10,000
<b>UMPS CARE Charities All-Star Scholarship</b> <a href="http://umpscare.com/AllStarScholarship.html">http://umpscare.com/AllStarScholarship.html</a>			<b>Eligibility:</b> Students adopted from U.S. foster care at or after age 12, and demonstrate financial need. <b>Benefit:</b> \$5,000-10,000

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**ETV website:** Go to: <http://mn.gov/dhs/> and click on People We Serve > Children and Families > Services > Adolescent services > Education and training vouchers