



# EDUCATION TRAINING VOUCHERS!



The Child Welfare Academy is offering educational awards through the Chafee Independence Act to youth attending post-secondary institutions.

## What do I get?

Up to \$5,000 per academic year!  
This can cover the following school related expenses:

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

## How do I apply?

1. Get an ETV application from your IL Specialist.
2. Students must provide a copy of their high school diploma or GED.
3. Students must verify acceptance to or enrollment in an approved educational or training program.
4. Write a personal statement that includes career goals & how the funding will help achieve those goals.
5. Obtain a letter of reference verifying your readiness for post-secondary education.
6. Complete the FAFSA student aid report  
<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 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Youth must be accepted into a qualifying institution of higher education.
- Must be attending at least half-time to an *accredited* school that:
  - Awards a Bachelor's degree or not less than a 2-year program that provides credit towards a degree.
  - Provides not less than 1-year of training towards gainful employment, *or*
  - 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 21<sup>st</sup> birthday to receive funds until they reach age 23.

## For more information:

Contact your Regional Independent Living Specialist:

- Anchorage Region: 1-800-478-4444
  - APPLA Youth: Shawnda Cutcher @ 269-4063 / [shawnda.cutcher@alaska.gov](mailto:shawnda.cutcher@alaska.gov)
  - Non-APPLA Youth: Tamara Fischer @ 269-4017 / [tamara.fischer@alaska.gov](mailto:tamara.fischer@alaska.gov)
- Southcentral Region: Carla Parker @ 352-8902 / 1-888-304-9780, [carla.parker@alaska.gov](mailto:carla.parker@alaska.gov)
- Northern Region: Luvenia Rogers @ 451-2064 / 1-800-353-2650, [luvenia.rogers@alaska.gov](mailto:luvenia.rogers@alaska.gov)
- Southeast Region: Stephany Day @ 465-1664 / 1-888-622-1650, [stephany.day@alaska.gov](mailto:stephany.day@alaska.gov)
- Western Region: Venissa Wynn @ 543-3141 / 1-800-557-3141, [venissa.wynn@alaska.gov](mailto:venissa.wynn@alaska.gov)

Contact the Youth Education Coordinator:

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