

COLORADO'S FOSTER YOUTH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Colorado's Foster Youth Financial Assistance Program requires public institutions of higher education and the state to pay for the remaining balance of eligible students' cost of attendance over the amount of any private, state, or federal financial assistance received by eligible students. Cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies, transportation, and other allowable expenses.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Eligible students are

- Colorado residents
- who have been accepted into an institution of higher education in Colorado
- who resided in foster care in Colorado on or after their 13th birthday OR non-certified kinship care in Colorado on or after their 13th birthday and were adjudicated dependent or neglected,

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Complete a FASFA. Make sure to reference current or former foster care. See below.
- If eligible, complete an application for the Education and Training Voucher (ETV).
- Enroll in courses at an institution of higher education.
- Request financial assistance from an Institution of Higher Education.
- Remain in good academic standing (as defined by the Institution) and make progress toward degree requirements.

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Institutions of higher education include public colleges and universities, community colleges, and technical colleges. Examples include the following.

- Colorado State University system.
- University of Colorado System.
- Colorado School of Mines.
- University of Northern Colorado.
- Adams State University.
- Western State Colorado University.
- Colorado Mesa University.
- Fort Lewis College.
- Metropolitan State University of Denver.

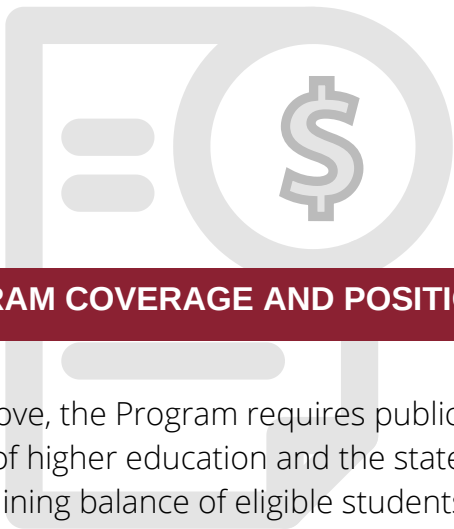


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SECTION 2 - STUDENT DEPENDENCY STATUS

If you can check ANY of the following boxes, you will not have to provide parental information. Skip to page 4. If you check NONE of the following boxes, you will be asked to provide parental information. Go to the next page.

<input type="checkbox"/> I was born before January 1, 1999	<input type="checkbox"/> I am married	<input type="checkbox"/> I will be working on a master's or doctorate program (e.g., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate)
<input type="checkbox"/> I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces	<input type="checkbox"/> I now have or will have children for whom I will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023
<input type="checkbox"/> Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased	<input type="checkbox"/> I was in foster care since turning age 13	<input type="checkbox"/> I have dependents (other than children or my spouse) who live with me and I provide more than half of their support
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning age 13	<input type="checkbox"/> I am currently or I was an emancipated minor	<input type="checkbox"/> I am currently or I was in legal guardianship
		<input type="checkbox"/> I am homeless or I am at risk of being homeless



PROGRAM COVERAGE AND POSITIONS

As noted above, the Program requires public institutions of higher education and the state to pay for the remaining balance of eligible students' cost of attendance over the amount of any private, state, or federal financial assistance received by eligible students. Cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies, transportation, and other allowable expenses.

The Program provides the following positions.

- Child Welfare Education Liaisons at each institution. Liaisons will be an institution's direct point of contact for qualifying and prospective qualifying students. Liaisons must provide such students with information about application assistance, financial assistance, support services, and other resources and assistance available to such students.
- Four Foster Care Student Navigators at the Department of Education. Navigators will work with Child Welfare Education Liaisons to identify prospective qualifying students and guide such students with their selection of institutions and programs in which they want to enroll. Upon the request of a prospective qualifying student, Navigators will provide assistance with completing an institution's application for admission, the FAFSA, and the ETV grant (if the student is eligible).

ETV ELIGIBILITY

Students eligible for the ETV

- were in foster care on or after their 18th birthday,
- had a finalized adoption with adoption assistance on or after their 16th birthday,
- had guardian assistance established or on after their 16th birthday, OR
- were in a Division of Youth Services (DYS) community placement on or after their 18th birthday.



The FAFSA application can be found at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

An ETV application can be found at <https://cdhs.colorado.gov/colorado-chafee-program>.

