



COLORADO

Department of
Higher Education

Fact Sheet

FosterEd

Summary

[Higher Education Support For Foster Youth](#) (SB 22-008) requires that all public higher education institutions provide Colorado resident students who meet the eligibility criteria with financial assistance for the remaining balance of the student's total cost of attendance over the amount of any private, state, or federal financial assistance received by the student. These costs are split, with 50% of the cost being covered by the institution and 50% will be covered by the state.

Eligibility Criteria

- Colorado resident;
- Has been placed in foster care from age 13+ in Colorado or has been in non-certified kinship care from age 13+ in Colorado and was, at any time, adjudicated neglected or dependent pursuant to Article 3 of Title 19;
- Attending a state public institution of higher education, local district college, or area technical college;
- Enrolled in courses leading toward a certificate of completion, associate, bachelor's, or postgraduate degree and in satisfactory academic standing as defined by the institution of attendance;
- Completed the FAFSA or CASFA; and
- Completed the [Education and Training Voucher \(ETV\) application](#), *if eligible*
- FosterEd will cover up to 132 semester credit hours or 198 quarter credit hours starting from the time you join this program. Credits earned prior to joining this program will not count towards the credit limit;
- Please note, there is no age limit on this program.

Cost of Attendance

This program covers the full cost of attendance at eligible Colorado institutions. The full cost of attendance varies from institution to institution, but will cover tuition, fees, reasonable living expenses (on and off campus), books, and other expenses.

How to Apply

Currently, there is no online application. Students need to contact their financial aid office directly about this program and must provide proof of foster care experience. If a student does not have this form, they should contact the county in which they experienced foster care. This may include their caseworker, Chafee worker, or contacting the county's Department of Human Services (DHS) to request this documentation.

***For questions, students, please contact fnavigator@dhe.state.co.us or visit <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/programs-and-services/postsecondary-education-programs-and-services/foster-youth-financial>.**

***IHE Financial Aid Directors, please contact fosterfinaid@dhe.state.co.us.**

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