



How do I know if I'm eligible?

You may be eligible to apply to the ETV program if you meet any **one** of the following:

- You are 16 to 20 years old, currently involved in a dependency action in a Washington State or tribal court, in the care and custody of DSHS or ICW agency, and in foster care.
- You are 18 to 20 years old and aged out of state or tribal care. Youth who aged out of foster care in a state other than Washington may also be eligible to apply.
- You were adopted or placed in a relative dependency guardianship on or after the age of 16.
- If you participated and received ETV funds prior to age 21, you may be eligible to age 23.

Contact the ETV Program

Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

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Washington State Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

Information for Students



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What is the ETV Program?

The ETV program provides financial assistance for eligible youth to attend an accredited college, university, vocational or technical college.

ETV can help pay for educational expenses such as tuition, fees, books, housing, transportation and other educational costs.

ETV awards are unique to each student and are based on the college or university's Cost of Attendance (COA) formula, financial aid award, and the student's unmet need.

The maximum ETV award, per academic year is \$5,000. However, not every student is eligible to receive the maximum amount. Awards are based on the student's unmet need which is determined by their college or university.

The Chaffee ETV Program is available nationwide.

How do I apply?

The application process is easy! If you are a:

NEW applicant, you will need to complete the Online Application.

RETURNING student, you will need to complete the Renewal Application.

RUNNING START STUDENT* or enrolled in a **DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM**, you will need to complete the **Dual Credit Program Application**.

Educational costs covered by Running Start/Dual Credit Program are:

- Books and supplies
- Bus Pass OR Gas reimbursement
- Fees

All applications are available online at:
www.independence.wa.gov

When is the application due?

Priority Deadline: January 1 to April 30

Wait List: May 1 to July 31

Application Closes: July 31

**There is no deadline for the Running Start/Dual Credit Program application.*

What is covered by the ETV Program?

Tuition	Child Care
Books and Supplies	Transportation
Replaces Loans	Insurance
Study Abroad	Adaptive Software
Computer & Printer	Gas
Rent & Deposit	Repairs
Utilities	Maintenance
Phone	Tutoring
Food & Personal Hygiene	Uniform or Required Clothing

How do I access my ETV funds?

Once awarded ETV, information will be mailed to you about how to access funds. Provided below, is a brief overview.

Unlike other forms of financial aid ETV does **NOT** automatically go to your college or university. You will request funds using the **ETV Payment Request form** and any of the following payment methods.

Reimbursement: To request reimbursement you must submit ORIGINAL receipts. If you cannot provide the original receipt, a bank statement or credit card statement is also acceptable.

Voucher: Vouchers can be sent to your college for things such as books and supplies or a bus pass. You must provide an estimate on the request form and a voucher will be sent to your college/university to set up an account.

Direct Payments: Payments may be sent directly to a vendor such as a landlord or car insurance company if they complete the required forms.

Students must complete and submit **the Statewide Payee Registration form**. Forms must be typed, not handwritten. For more information about this process, contact the ETV Program.

What are my responsibilities?

As a participant of the ETV program, you are responsible to:

- Read, sign and return the Participation Agreement.
- Check your E-mail frequently.
- Notify program staff if your contact information, financial aid, or enrollment status changes.
- Meet your college/university Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy and Pace of Progression requirements by receiving a 2.0 GPA or better.
- Submit your class schedule at the beginning of each term and unofficial transcripts at the end of each term.
- Enroll at least 1/2 time or more, meaning six or more credits.

