

**FOSTER YOUTH!**

# GET EDUCATED

There's help for getting into and paying for college! Go to:

**www.Independence.wa.gov**

to learn more about how you can go to college and be successful on your own!

## GET **HELP** LIVING ON YOUR OWN:

- **Independent Living Program ILP** Talk to your social worker about the Independent Living Program available for foster youth. You can get help finding safe and affordable housing, learn job skills, and network with others.
- **The Foster Care to College FCTC** mentoring program can hook you up with a mentor who can help encourage you through high school, help with college application and financial aid forms, and help you stay motivated to succeed.
- **Foster Care to 21** If you are in college or a post-secondary program and need a little more time before going out on your own, the Foster Care to 21 program can help you stay in your foster home until you turn 21.

## GET **FREE** MONEY FOR COLLEGE:

### Washington State

- **Education and Training Voucher Program (ETV)** If you are a current or former foster youth or were adopted from care after age 16 you could be eligible for up to \$5,000 a year up to age 23 for education or training at an accredited college.
- **Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth** Scholarships are available in amounts from \$2,000-\$4,000 a year for eligible youth. Contact the College Success Foundation at 1-877-655-4907. Deadline First Monday in March of your senior year.
- **Passport to College** Provides scholarships and support services to Washington residents attending eligible Washington colleges.

### Nationwide

- **Orphan Foundation of America (OFA/Casey Family Scholarships)** Provides scholarships of up to \$10,000 to young people, under the age of 25, who have spent at least 12 months in foster care and were not subsequently adopted.
- **National Foster Parent Association Scholarship** For foster youth who want to complete their GED or further their education beyond high school. For more information or to apply visit [www.nfpainc.org/scholarship.html](http://www.nfpainc.org/scholarship.html) or call 1-800-557-5238
- **Filing FAFSA** Fill out the free Application for Federal Financial Aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or call 1-800-4-FED-AID and make sure you watch for deadlines!

Contact:

young people currently or formerly in **FOSTER CARE**

have the opportunity for **HIGHER EDUCATION**

The website for youth transitioning from foster care



CA Children's Administration

