



Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Fact Sheet



What do I get?

Up to \$5,000 per fiscal year!!

This can cover the following school-related expenses:

- tuition and fees
- room and board
- student loans
- books and school supplies
- transportation (not to exceed \$3,000)
- personal computer/supplies (not to exceed \$1,500)
- miscellaneous personal expenses
- health care expenses
- child care

How do I apply?

- ❑ You can get the application at:
 - Samaritas: (877) 660-6388, or
 - On-line at:
 - mietv.samaritas.org
- ❑ You must **also** apply for the FAFSA
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov

Verification of Court/State Ward Status forms for Financial Aid are available through your caseworker or by contacting the ETV office.

Am I eligible?

You are, if you meet the following requirements:

- ✓ on or after your 14th birthday you were:
 - ✓ in foster care because of abuse/neglect, or
 - ✓ a juvenile justice youth who was placed in a DHS supervised foster care placement, or
 - ✓ an unaccompanied refugee minor supervised by DHS.
- ✓ **IF** adopted, were adopted from foster care on or after your 16th birthday
- ✓ **AND** have a high school diploma or GED
- ✓ **AND** attend, at least half-time, an *accredited* school that:
 - ♦ awards a Bachelor's degree or not less than a 2-year program that provides credit towards a degree,
 - ♦ provides no 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.

You must receive your first ETV prior to your 21st birthday. You are then eligible until your 26th birthday, provided you receive at least a 2.0 GPA and do not have more than one incomplete or withdrawal per semester. You are eligible receive ETV for a maximum of 5 years.

What is the Application Process?

- ❖ Applications will be processed on first come, first served basis. Only after **all** of your application materials have been turned in and processed, and you have completed an entrance interview, will you be awarded.
- ❖ Once the ETV office has received your application, you will be contacted by an ETV caseworker to schedule a face-to-face or phone interview. Therefore, if your contact information changes, you **must** notify the ETV office.
- ❖ Any money owed to the school for tuition or other costs will be sent directly to the school. Other checks will be written out to vendors, such as a landlord, car insurance company, or a store. These checks will be mailed to you and you will be responsible for paying the appropriate people and companies. You are also responsible for obtaining receipts for all ETV money spent and sending copies of them to the ETV office. Your eligible funding is only available during the term you submitted an application for.
- ❖ Samaritas reserves the right to contact the student's school to verify the youth's enrollment.

Contact/Mail Information To:

Samaritas

Attn: ETV

729 W. Michigan Ave., Suite 200

Jackson, MI 49201

Phone: (877) 660-6388 Fax: (517) 789-6809



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ETV Checklist



Please turn in the following documents in order for the application to be processed:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> ETV Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of high school diploma or GED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ETV Budget Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of class schedule |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ETV Student Educational Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of cost of tuition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ETV Financial Aid Release Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of financial aid package (financial aid award letter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If this is not your first ETV, receipts showing how your last ETV was spent | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of college/trade school Grade Point Average (GPA) OR Acceptance letter |

If the Education and Training Voucher will be used for expenses other than tuition, you must provide documentation to support need. For example, but not limited to:

- ☐ Rent/housing: copy of lease agreement.
- ☐ Computer (limit of \$1,500 every 4 years): estimate from store you plan to buy it from.
- ☐ Transportation expense (limit of \$3,000 for purchase of vehicle every 4 years): copy of payment stubs, car insurance bill, price estimate from the dealership you plan to purchase vehicle from. If purchasing vehicle, the following must be provided: copy of driver's license, copy of insurance, inspection from licensed mechanic.
- ☐ Daycare: written statement from daycare provider.

An accredited school means:

- ☐ The school is legally authorized within the State to provide a program of education beyond secondary education; **AND**
- ☐ The school is a public, private or other nonprofit institution; **AND**
- ☐ A nationally recognized accrediting agency or association accredits the school **AND**
- ☐ The school provides an educational program where the institution awards a bachelor's degree *or* provides not less than a 2-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree, **OR**
- ☐ The school provides an educational training program, that provides no less than 2 years training, that prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.

If you have any questions, contact the ETV office at (877) 660-6388.

Completed applications with documentation can be faxed or mailed to:

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Jackson, MI 49201
Fax: 517-789-6809



Application Form

(Please note that this is not the only form that needs to be completed. See the ETV Checklist)

Basic Information

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ E-MAIL _____

TELEPHONE (____) _____ CELL (____) _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

COUNTY of Foster Care Case _____ CASE #/PERSON ID _____

AGENCY of Foster Care Case _____ JJ Cases Only PLACEMENT _____

Are you an Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM)? ☐ NO ☐ YES Alien ID# _____

CASE WORKER'S NAME _____ TELEPHONE (____) _____

HOW DID YOU BECOME AWARE OF THIS PROGRAM? (please check the box that applies)

☐ DHS Caseworker ☐ Non-DHS Caseworker ☐ School Counselor ☐ Foster Parent ☐ College/University/Vocational Program

School Information

SCHOOL NAME _____

STUDENT ID NUMBER _____

YEAR IN SCHOOL/PROGRAM _____ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE _____

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE TELEPHONE (____) _____

Total ETV Amount Requested (Up to \$2,500 twice per fiscal year*): _____
(Please list budget on the following provided page)

Youth Agreement

I, _____, agree to meet the terms and conditions of the Education and Training Voucher Program and will work toward successfully completing the course work at the school listed above. I also agree that all school documents that I have submitted are official. I understand that if any of the information I have submitted is found fraudulent, I may be found permanently ineligible for ETV funding. I have read the eligibility requirements for the Education and Training Voucher Program funds.

Youth's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Fiscal Year October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021



ETV Budget Form



Please identify the school-related costs this award will meet for **UP to 6 months (or one semester/term)**. Identify the areas specific to YOUR needs. Make sure that if you are asking for \$2,500, then the total below should add up to \$2,500. Finally, you must **provide documentation for the expenses** (lease for rent, car insurance estimate, store estimate for a computer). You will NOT be approved until this documentation is turned into the ETV office.

Tuition for 1 term (not covered by grants, Pell, Tip, etc.): _____

Student Loans: _____

Housing: _____
How much per month X _____ months = Total Housing Costs

Food: _____
How much per month X _____ months = Total Food Costs

Books: _____

Materials/Supplies/Computer: _____

Transportation: _____
How much per month X _____ months = Total Transportation Costs

Daycare Expenses: _____
(not covered by DHS) How much per month X _____ months = Total Daycare Costs

Other, please list: _____

Total: _____ = _____

YOUTH SIGNATURE

DATE

Effective October 1, 2011 students can only access eligible amount during term applied for. Once a term is completed, the student must re-apply for additional funds.



ETV Student Educational Agreement



Student Name _____
Address _____
City, State Zip _____
DHS Case Number _____

In order to be approved for Education and Training Voucher (ETV) to help fund my post-secondary educational endeavors, I _____ (print name) agree to the following conditions. **Please initial beside each commitment:**

- ____ To complete and submit all necessary documentation according to the ETV application requirements.
- ____ To maintain full-time or part-time status at my post-secondary institution.
- ____ To maintain a 2.0 cumulative G.P.A. or the equivalent of passing grades and complete all classes each semester (exception is made to one incomplete or withdrawal per semester).
- ____ To send in my grades to the ETV office after EACH semester.
- ____ To understand I can only access eligible ETV amount during term applied for funding.
- ____ To provide receipts for the full amount of money awarded to the ETV Program.
- ____ To contact the ETV Program for address, phone, and/or email changes.
- ____ To meet the goals, listed below, of this Student Education Agreement.

In the space provided identify long-term educational and career goals. Include any extracurricular activities that will help attain these goals:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

If the above conditions are met, I may receive up to \$2,500 twice per fiscal year from the State of Michigan's Education and Training Voucher Program to support my documented need for post-secondary educational endeavors (this may include assistance with tuition, room and board, and personal miscellaneous expenses).

By signing below I agree that I have been involved in the development of the student education agreement plan and accept responsibility for this plan. I understand that I must meet the above conditions, or I will not receive the education training voucher funds.

YOUTH'S SIGNATURE

DATE

ETV Financial Aid Release Form

School _____
(print name of school or program you are attending)

Student ID _____
(print your student ID)

Social Security Number _____
(print your Social Security Number)

I have completed the FAFSA (please check one) _____ Yes _____ No

To the Financial Aid Office:

I _____ (print name) have applied for State funding towards my school costs. In order to receive this funding, the Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program staff at Samaritas may need access to my enrollment status, grade history, and financial aid information. If requested, I authorize you to send a copy of my Schedule, Transcripts, and Financial Aid Award letter to the Michigan Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program. I further authorize you to release information regarding my enrollment status, grade history, and financial aid information to the Michigan ETV Program via US Mail, telephone or fax.

Sincerely,

(Student Signature)

(Date)

Please circle one of the following:

I am a full time student (_____ credits) part time student (_____ credits)

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Resources Available to Youth Pursuing College

Ever wonder how you were going to pay for college, or who can afford to go to college? This fact sheet will answer those questions and direct you to the right places for more information.
College is affordable and available to YOU!

- ✓ All students must complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Students can access online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> or by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID. The deadline for the application is March 1st. In order to receive loan money, the Pell grant for low-income students or other aid, the student **MUST** complete the FAFSA.
- ✓ The **Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)** helps pay for tuition and fees. Contact 1-888-4GRANTS for eligibility requirements or visit <https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/0,4636,7-372--481218--,00.html>.
- ✓ **Education and Training Vouchers (ETV)** up to \$5,000 towards school-related costs and living fees. It is for youth that were in foster care after the age of 14. Contact Samaritas for eligibility requirements at (877)-660-METV or visit the website at mietv.samaritas.org.
- ✓ **Fostering Futures Scholarship** is a State of Michigan program that provides scholarships to young adults who have experienced foster care. The FFS is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum award amount is determined annually by SSG. Funding amounts vary based on need and any other financial aid the student is receiving. Awards pay a maximum of \$3,000 per academic year. All future awards are subject to approved and available funding. www.fosteringfutures-mi.com.
- ✓ **Youth in Transition (YIT)** is another funding source that can provide financial support. If the youth still has unmet needs, the YIT fund source is available until the youth turns 23 years old. Please note that YIT is unable to pay for educational expenses and college specific costs. It can, however, pay for certain approved expenses while in college. For questions or to apply contact your local DHS office.
- ✓ **Casey Family Scholars Program** provides scholarships of up to \$6,000 per academic year for young people who spent at least 12 months in foster care prior to their 18th birthday; OR have been adopted or placed into legal guardianship from foster care after their 16th birthday; OR they must have been orphaned for at least one year at the time of their 18th birthday. Check the Foster Care to Success website at www.fc2success.org.
- ✓ **Fostering Success Michigan** is a statewide initiative that provides resources and inspiration for youth and alumni of foster care. Visit their website at www.fosteringsuccessmichigan.com.
- ✓ **Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver** pays tuition for students who are at least ¼ American Indian. Youth apply directly to the financial aid office. The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan approves this award. Contact Melissa Kiesewetter at 517-241-7748.
- ✓ **The Detroit Scholarship Fund or Detroit Promise** is administered by the Detroit Regional Chamber and ensures that any student graduating from a high school in the city of Detroit will have free tuition to gain an associate degree or technical certificate at any one of participating community colleges. Applicants must be Detroit residents and must have attended a Detroit high school for at least 2 years. <http://www.detroitchamber.com/econdev/education-and-talent/detroit-promise/>
- ✓ **Macomb Community College** now has a Youth in Transition Scholarship Program for all youth interested in attending Macomb Community College for FREE. For more information, visit <https://macomb.academicworks.com/opportunities/5298>.

Resources Available to Youth Pursuing College

The following schools now have Independent Living Skills Coaches and/or Campus Support Programs on campus:

- Aquinas College <https://www.aquinas.edu/undergraduate-admissions/aquinas-college-fostering-success-scholarship-initiative> Success Scholarship Initiative
- Central Michigan University <https://www.cmich.edu/ess/oss/pathways/Pages/Contact-Information.aspx> Fostering Success Central
- Eastern Michigan University <http://www.emich.edu/magic> Mentorship Access Guidance in College (MAGIC)
- Ferris State University <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/president/DiversityOffice/fofyi/> Ferris Youth Initiative
- Grand Valley State University www.gvsu.edu/cwge/fosteringlakersuccess Fostering Laker Success
- Kalamazoo Valley Community College <https://www.kvcc.edu/services/successcenter/LifeResource.htm>
- Lake Michigan College <https://www.lakemichigancollege.edu/staff/charmae-sanders> Start to Finish Program
- Lansing Community College <http://www.lcc.edu/supportservices/fosteringstars/> Fostering Stars
- Michigan State University <https://fame.socialwork.msu.edu/> Fostering Academics Mentoring Excellence (FAME)
- Northwestern Michigan College www.nmc.edu/your-nmc YourNMC Program
- Saginaw Valley State University/Delta College <https://www.svsu.edu/socialwork/about/fastprogram/> Fostering an Academic Successful Transition (FAST)
- University of Michigan-Ann Arbor <https://blavinscholars.umich.edu/> Blavin Scholars Program
- University of Michigan-Flint <https://www.umflint.edu/mpowering> Mpowering My Success
- Washtenaw Community College <https://www.wccnet.edu/succeed/personal/reach.php> WCC REACH Program
- Wayne County Community College http://www.wcccd.edu/dept/ce_Smart_program.html SMART Program
- Wayne State University <https://champs.wayne.edu/> CHAMPS
- Western Michigan University <https://wmich.edu/fosteringSUCCESS/seita> Seita Scholars Program

Resources Available to Youth Pursuing College

Other Websites to Checkout!

Foster Care

<http://michigan.gov/fyit/>
<http://fosteringsuccessmichigan.com/>
<http://www.fc2success.org/>
<http://www.casey.org/>
<http://www.maeo.org>
www.saveourchildrencoalition.org
<http://rising-tides.org/>

General Financial Aid

<http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid>
<http://www.imagine-america.org>
<http://www.fastweb.com/>
<http://www.collegeanswer.com>
<http://www.gmsp.org>
<http://www.micollegeaccess.org/>

Schools in Michigan

Michigan Public Educational Institutions:

http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/0,4636,7-128-60969_61035---,00.html

Michigan Private Educational Institutions:

http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/0,4636,7-128-60969_61036---,00.html

Trade, Occupation, or Vocational Schools:

<http://www.michiganps.net/>