

Mentoring & Oversight for Developing Independence with Foster Youth

Services & Eligibility:

Youth who are adopted after the age of 16 with DHHR or placed in legal guardianship after the age of 16 with DHHR and ready to start school at a WV college or university may qualify for:

Education and Training Voucher funds (up to \$5,000/school year) until they complete their first certificate or bachelor's degree, receive 5 years of funding, or turn the age of 26.

Youth who age out of foster care placement and are ready to attend at a WV college or university may qualify for:

- *Foster Care Tuition Waiver for up to 4 years*
- *Education and Training Voucher Funds (up to \$5,000/school year) until they complete their first certificate or bachelor's degree, receive 5 years of funding, or turn the age of 26.*
- *Youth can apply up to the age of 25 to receive services until the age of 26*
- *Independent Living startup funds and subsidies available for dorm and apartment living - these services end at the age of 23*

All current and former foster youth are invited to participate in West Virginia Foster Advocacy Movement, sponsored by the MODIFY program (enrollment not required).

Fall Semester Enrollment

- *Referral Deadline: June 1*
- *All paperwork in: July 1*

Spring Semester Enrollment

- *Referral Deadline: Oct. 1*
- *All paperwork in: Nov. 1*

Summer Session Enrollment

- *Referral Deadline: Mar. 1*
- *All paperwork in: Apr. 1*

****Former foster youth may qualify for West Virginia Medicaid up to the age of 26 under provisions of the Affordable Care Act.****

Maintaining Eligibility:

- *Complete 80 percent of your coursework*
- *Maintain a 2.0 GPA*
- *Maintain FAFSA eligibility through the school*
- *Verification of enrollment, tuition, fees, and midterm and final grades via completed proxy or signed FERPA consent*
- *Maintain monthly contact with your worker via emails, texts, calls or visits*
- *Submit your Budget/Productivity Form monthly*
- *Be engaged in at least 40 hours per week of productive activity related to transition*

Making a Referral:

- *Apply within six months of high school graduation or obtaining a high school equivalency*
- *Apply up to the age of 26*

**To make a referral, visit
modify.cedwvu.org
or call 1-866-720-3605**

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