

Education and Training Voucher Guidelines

- Eligible youth include those who aged out of a foster care placement at the age of eighteen (18); those who were adopted thru the DHHR at the age of sixteen (16) or after; and those who were placed in a finalized legal guardianship after the age of sixteen (16).
- **Funding is up to \$5000 per year.** The actual amount you will be eligible for will depend on the institutions cost of attendance and your needs. ***ETV funding is limited to five years, or age twenty-six (26), whichever comes first.***
- All financial aid, including the Pell grant and Foster Care Tuition Waiver (if applicable) must be applied to your student account **before** MODIFY can pay your student account balance.
- The student must get their financial aid in order, including all requirements from the institution's financial aid office such as IRS tax transcripts. Your MODIFY Specialist can assist but the responsibility to check your student account **falls on you.**
- School related costs must be paid first. Tuition, books, fees, and supplies are of the utmost importance. Subsidy and transportation costs can be discussed with your MODIFY Specialist **after** school related costs are taken care of.
- Expenses occurred as disciplinary actions (alcohol classes, fines, lost keys, etc.) **falls on you.**
- An ETV subsidy can be up to one hundred dollars (100.00) per month, unless you were adopted or placed in a legal guardianship **AND** are living on your own – then the subsidy can be up to six hundred twenty-five dollars (625.00), **pending available funds.** ETV will be discussed by your Modify worker.
- Transportation costs are available, **based on funding availability**, and include car insurance and maintenance/repair. Repairs are limited to eleven hundred dollars (1100.00) and require a written estimate.
- Clothing funds are available each semester for one hundred fifty dollars (150.00). Special clothing costs such as scrubs can be discussed with your MODIFY Specialist.
- A MODIFY Specialist can issue you a five-hundred-dollar (500.00) allowance for a computer, **if you have ETV available.** Receipts will be required.
- Up to two hundred fifty (250.00) is available for software (such as required antivirus). Additional software or hardware needs can be discussed with your MODIFY Specialist.
- One hundred dollars (100.00) is available each semester for school supplies **if you have ETV available.** Discuss this with your MODIFY Specialist.
- All other special requests for school related expenses can be discussed with your MODIFY Specialist. **Receipts are required for all special requests through ETV funds.**
- Funding can be continued until the age of twenty-six (26).
- Satisfactory progress is a 2.0 GPA, 80% completion rate, maintaining full-time status, maintaining monthly contact with your Modify worker, and your eligibility for financial aid with the institution.
- Any change of address requires a thirty (30) day notice to your Modify worker **prior to** moving.
- A request to transfer schools/institutions must be made thirty (30) days in advance.
- Notify your Modify worker within two (2) weeks of changing your major.
- The Education and Training Voucher pays for the FIRST degree or Certificate received only up to five years of funding. If you graduate with an Associates' or Bachelor's degree and want to pursue your Master's degree, you will be responsible for the financing of it.

Youth's Signature

Date