

## Mentoring & Oversight for Developing Independence with Foster Youth

### Services & eligibility:

Youth who had a finalized legal guardianship/adoption through Department of Human Services (DoHS) after the age of 16 and ready to start school at a WV college, university or approved vocational program 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 26 years old.*
- *Foster Care Tuition Waiver for up to 4 years*

Youth who age out of foster care placement and are ready to attend a WV college, university or approved vocational program 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 26 years old*
- *Independent Living startup funds and subsidies may be available for dorm and apartment living after the first successful semester or school year - these services end at the age of 23*

#### 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 enrolled credit hours*
- *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*
- *Be engaged in at least 40 hours per week of productive activity related to transition*

To make a referral, visit:  
**[modify.cedwvu.org](http://modify.cedwvu.org)**  
or call 1-866-720-3605

