

# Success Strategies

## Choose the Right School:

- ✓ Hundreds of colleges and training programs are listed at [www.technical-vocational-schools.com](http://www.technical-vocational-schools.com) and <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

## Get Funding:

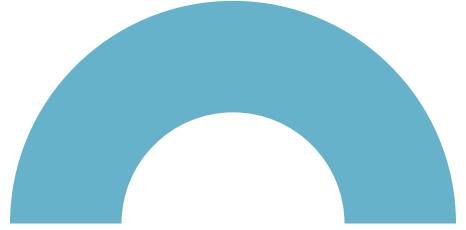
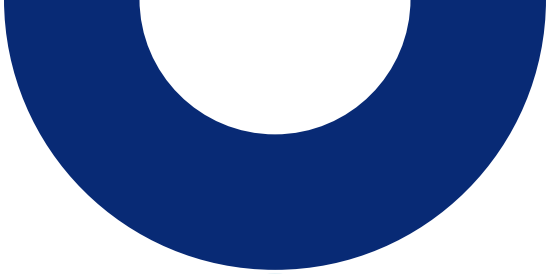
- ✓ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
- ✓ Look for Scholarships [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

## Get Started:

- ✓ Visit campus career center
- ✓ Think about a major, consider:
  - what you like to do
  - what you are good at doing
  - your dream job
- ✓ Make a schedule
- ✓ Get to know your school advisors and instructors
- ✓ Learn how to study
- ✓ Go to class!!!



TO APPLY FOR ALL THREE PROGRAMS VISIT:  
<https://studentportal.fc2sprograms.org/login/>



# Need Money for Higher Education?



Help is Available to Youth who have been in Foster Care





The Missouri Department of Social Services and Missouri Department of Higher Education offer a tuition waiver to offset tuition fees at Missouri colleges and universities.

**Who is Eligible?**

- MO residents who have been in foster care: the day they graduated/received their HiSet, OR the day before 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, OR the day of 14<sup>th</sup> birthday (if they were eligible for adoption)
- Student graduated high school/passed HiSet w/in last 3 years
- Student is accepted by/attending MO college or university AND have 60 credits prior to applying for MO Reach
- Student is under 21 when applying

**Recipients must:**

- Maintain 2.5 GPA
- Apply for other grants & scholarships (including Pell Grant)
- Should NOT accept student loans
- Complete 100 hours community services or public internship each year they receive the waiver
- Enroll and participate in Foster Care to Success' Academic Success Program

**Support Services:**

- Program Coordinators
- Mentors
- Care packages
- Career Readiness

**FOR MORE INFORMATION / TO APPLY GO TO:**  
<https://www.fc2sprograms.org/mo-reach/MO>

Reach is administered by Foster Care to Success  
 1-800-585-7115



**WHAT IS THE 'ETV' PROGRAM?**

The Educational Training Voucher (ETV) Program provides up to \$5000/year for college and vocational training and is renewable until age 26.

**Who is Eligible?**

- Students who have left foster care after age eighteen (18) OR have been adopted/obtained legal guardianship from the public foster care system after age sixteen (16) **and are not yet 26**
- Students in foster care at the time funds are received AND meet one of the following:
  - Have high school diploma or equivalent
  - Is MO foster youth attending post-secondary education/training program outside MO
  - Is in post-secondary training program requiring at least one (1) year of training prior to certification/graduation

**Requirements:**

- Student has high school diploma or equivalent
- Student must apply and use other appropriate scholarships, grants, and financial aid
- Student must be US citizen OR qualified non-citizen
- Student assets are less than \$10,000
- Student must be accepted/enrolled in a degree, certificate, or other accredited program at a college, university, or vocational school
- Student must show progress toward degree or certificate to remain eligible
- Student may receive funding for no more than 5 years

**ETV Funds Can Be Used For:**

Tuition – Housing – Computers - School Supplies  
 Books – Childcare - Health Insurance - Groceries - Living Expenses - Transportation

**FOR MORE INFORMATION / TO APPLY GO TO:**  
<https://www.fc2sprograms.org/missouri/>  
 Email: [MO@statevoucher.org](mailto:MO@statevoucher.org) Ph: 1-800-585-7115  
 MO ETV Program is administered by Foster Care to Success



**Who is Eligible?**

- Youth currently in foster care, OR left care after age 18, OR youth adopted/obtained guardianship after age 14
- Youth between age 19-25

**Requirements:**

- Youth must be accepted into CCE and credentials must be earned before their 26<sup>th</sup> birthday

**How it Works:**

- Funding and support up to 12 months (including pre/post training time) while you earn a credential
- Credential must be earned w/in 9 months
- Maximum award is \$8000
- If you are in a no-cost Workforce Program, CCE funds can be used for living expenses.
- If you need 15 credits or less to earn an AA or BA/BS, and you have used all federal & state higher education funding (e.g. Pell and ETV), CCE funds may be used for tuition, fees, and books.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY GO TO:**

<https://www.fc2sprograms.org/mo-reach-credential-completion-and-employment-program/>

**OR**

Call 1-800-950-4673