



Education and Training Voucher (ETV)

Federal Scholarship for current and former foster youth to help them achieve their higher educational goals

What Does ETV Do?



Eligible students can receive up to \$5,000 per school year to pay for

- Housing *1st priority
- Utilities
- Tuition & fees – if applicable
- Vocational training
- Personal living expenses
- Childcare
- Books and school supplies
- A computer
- and more!

ETV Eligibility

Who is eligible to receive ETV funds?

- Youth who are at least 16 years old and still in foster care
- Young adults under 21 who:
 - Have aged out of foster care
 - Are in extended foster care
 - Were adopted after turning 16
- Young adults under 23 who have accessed ETV funds before turning 21
- Youth under the custody of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission
- Tribal youth in foster care
- Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM)



What Can ETV Help With?

ETV can help pay for:

- Dual credit in high school
- Associate's degree*
- Bachelor's degree*
- Graduate degree programs*
- Licensed career schools
- Technical/Vocational training
 - Dental assistants
 - Vet Techs
 - Chefs & head cooks
 - Petroleum engineers
 - Nurses
 - Plumbers
 - Heating & AC installers



* Must be taking at least 6 semester hours

Tuition Waiver vs. ETV

College Tuition and Fee Waiver:

State law that exempts or waives payment of tuition and fees at state supported colleges/universities for foster youth currently or formerly in the care of DFPS and for those adopted from DFPS.

Tuition Waiver	ETV
State law	Federal funds
Only state-supported colleges/universities	Post-secondary education institutions
Waives tuition/fees	Up to \$5,000/school year
* The Tuition/Fee Waiver and the ETV program can be used together at state-supported colleges/universities	

How do you get Texas ETV?



Financial Aid

Students can apply for Federal Student Aid (<https://fafsa.ed.gov>) as early as **October 1** of their senior year and should do so as soon as possible.

- The regional transition center or college financial aid office can help with the application
- The longer a student waits, the less "free" aid they receive
- Students need to turn in the document showing financial aid they **ACCEPTED** - usually this can be accessed on-line
- Accepting financial aid loans **WILL** effect how much ETV you get

Financial aid has to be awarded before an ETV application can be processed.

ETV is calculated using the cost of attendance the same way financial aid is calculated.



Financial Aid

Cost of Attendance (CoA) calculation Scenario A:

School's CoA for 17-18:	\$5,000.00
<i>Financial Aid Pell Grant Accepted:</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>
<i>Financial Aid Loan Accepted:</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
Student Need:	\$0



Financial Aid

Cost of Attendance (CoA) calculation Scenario B:

School's CoA for 17-18:	\$5,000.00
<i>Financial Aid Pell Grant Accepted:</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>
<i>Financial Aid Loan Declined:</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
Student Need:	\$2,000.00



How Do You Get Texas ETV?



Apply for Texas ETV

Application Reminders

We are now accepting Summer applications through 7/1/18.



Application Deadlines

Fall	Spring	Summer
Oct. 1	March 1	July 1

Technical school deadlines may vary, talk with your ETV Coordinator.



Deadlines are only for a completed application, not for other documents.

Speak with a coordinator if it is past the deadline, **There are always extensions!**

Tips for Applying for ETV

- Students submit **one** application per school year - **Online form RECOMMENDED**
 - Submit an "Initial Application" for the very **first** application
 - Submit an "Update Application" every year after that
- Check **EVERY** semester a student **PLANS** to attend school, even if they are not absolutely certain they will attend
- **Full name** is needed on all documents
- Fill out the entire application, Students need to **ASK** if they don't understand; don't leave anything blank.
- Ensure screenshots of documents are legible and the **ENTIRE** document is sent
- When a student submits an application or document, the ETV Coordinator will process within 7 business days
- Save a copy of all documents (electronic or hardcopies).

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Turn in Supplementary Documents

Initial Application Checklist

Initial Application = NEVER Received ETV Funds in Past

- ✓ Complete Initial Application (online or paper)
- ✓ DFPS Verification of Eligibility** (form on ETV website; ask DFPS staff to complete)
- ✓ Tuition & Fee Waiver Letter** (ask DFPS staff for copy)
- ✓ Financial Aid Award Letter (or billing statement for Voc. Schools)
- ✓ Class schedule
- ✓ Budget Worksheet
- ✓ Request of Funds(s) & supporting documents

**Only have to be turned in when student completes an Initial Application.

Financial Aid Award Letter

CORRECT- FA Award Letter

Financial Aid Award Summary
Federal Aid Year 2015-2016

Select the item hyperlinks below to see more detailed information.

Award Description	Category	Offered	Accepted
Federal Pell Grant Fall	Grant	2,887.00	2,887.00
Federal Pell Grant Spring	Grant	2,887.00	2,887.00
Instl Fee Spring	Grant	500.00	500.00
Instl Fee Waiver Spring	Grant	665.00	665.00
TAF Fall	Grant	2,045.00	2,045.00
And Year Totals		13,379.00	13,379.00

Commonly used to fill table:

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Federal Pell Grant Fall	Grant	2,887.00	2,887.00
Instl Fee Spring	Grant	500.00	500.00
Instl Fee Waiver Spring	Grant	665.00	665.00
Form Totals		6,135.00	6,135.00

INCORRECT- FAFSA Student Aid Report

Example Student Aid Report

Processed Information

Federal Student Aid FAFSA

2015-2016 Federal Student Aid Report (FAFSA)

The FAFSA information is electronically processed as of June 30, 2015. Your information for Federal Student Aid (FA) is:

FAFSA Report Information:

FAFSA Report Information:

FAFSA Report Information:

FAFSA Report Information:

FAFSA Report Information:

****VERY IMPORTANT: FA Award Letter needs to be finalized award letter that shows if the student has accepted or declined the various grants, scholarships, loans, etc.**

Class Schedule

CORRECT- Complete Class Schedule

Coast Community College District Student Schedule/Bill CCC Spring 2013										
16-MAY-2013										
Schedule for Sally Student										
Crn	Subj	Crse	Title	Crd	Start Date	End Date	Times	Days	Bld	Rm
90784	ENGL	C100	Freshman Composition	3.0	25-JAN-13	26-MAY-13	9:00-12:10pm	R	LE JAO	202
92005	ACCT	C106	Excel for Accounting	2.0	01-APR-13	26-MAY-13	TBA		CCC	ONLINE
Additional Information										
Crn	Subj	Crse	Grid Opt	Instructor	Email	Refund Deadline	Last Day to Drop Without a W	Last Day to Drop With a W		
90784	ENGL	C100	LETTER	Sakovich, Lauren	lsakovich@coastline.edu	09-FEB-13	11-FEB-13	27-APR-13		
92005	ACCT	C106	PNP	Livingston, Lisa	llivingston@coastline.edu	04-APR-13	10-APR-13	10-MAY-13		

This schedule contains all the required elements for ETV purposes: student name, semester/year, names of courses, & credit hours for courses.

Budget Worksheet

- The "Budget Worksheet" is available to download on the website
- It is not "set in stone".
- It is to be used to plan for ETV funds. It should NOT include the plan for other scholarships, grants, work-study funds, part time job funds, etc.
- The student should budget for the semesters that he/she checked off on the ETV application.
- If the student is still in care, they cannot budget for Housing, Utilities, Food, Clothing, or Hygiene.

Budget Worksheet

Youth Name:	Fall (Sept. - Dec.)	Spring (Jan. - May)	Summer (June - Aug.)	
Residential Housing or Room/Board	1200.00	1500.00		2700.00
Tuition/Fees				
Vocational (Training program)				
Educational				
Utilities	400.00	500.00		900.00
Transportation				
Vehicle Insurance				
Fuel				
Maintenance/Repairs				
Purchase of Bicycle				
Bus pass				
Medical				
Books/Related Supplies				
Books	300.00	300.00		600.00
School Supplies				
Computer				
Laptop				
Computer Supplies				
Software				
Food	400.00	200.00		600.00
Clothing/Personal Hygiene	200.00			200.00
Childcare				
Total	2500.00	2500.00		5000.00

Request for funds

(Formerly called a Purchase Voucher)

- 1. Housing** (need 1st and last page of lease or "Renting Together Contract")
- 2. Utility** (copy of bill required)
- 3. Release of Funds** to the student

*No more than 3 purchase vouchers needed per semester.
 **21 & 22 year olds only need 1 for Release of Funds to the student.

Request Of Funds
Rent Example

EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCHER PROGRAM
REQUEST OF FUNDS FORM

BC+FS (formerly Purchase Voucher)

Tax ID/SSN# _____ PY _____

Name: James Hopper

Address: 1983 Woods Lane,
Hawkins, Indiana 00666

Change of address

Date	Description of Goods	Amount
Jan 18	Spring 2018 Rent	\$1,000.00
May 18		

Youth Name: Elle Ives Phone Number: (830) 555-5511

ETV Program: 4580 1st Ave #113 Approved By: _____
 Set Address To: 0000 ETV Coordinator: _____
 For more information: Phone: 1-813-666-6643 Fax: 1-813-666-6643 Email: bc+fs@bc+fs.com
 Program Director, Sr. Program Director, or Executive Director: _____

1. **Housing** (need 1st and last page of lease or "Renting Together Contract")
2. **Utility** (copy of bill required)
3. **Release of Funds** to the student

*No more than 3 Requests Of Funds needed per semester
 **Juniors, seniors and students 21+ only need 1 for Release of Funds to the student

Elle is renting a room at Jim Hopper's cabin for \$200/month with utilities included. The check will be mailed to Jim Hopper for Elle's rent for Spring 2018. Elle will also need to submit a "Renting Together Contract" since her name is not on the lease.

Supporting Document: Renting Together Contract

Renting Together Contract

In agreement between: (Tenant) Elle Ives and
 (Landlord) James Hopper

PROPERTY TO BE RENTED
 Property located at address: 1983 Woods Lane, Hawkins IN 00666

DEPOSIT
 A deposit of \$0 is required prior to move in.

IT IS ALSO AGREED THAT:

OCCUPANCY
 The above property is to be available for tenant to move into on 1/1/18

RENT
 Rent is to be \$200 dollars @ per month, payable in advance.

CONTRACT TERM
 This contract begins on or about instant date 1/1/18, until end date 9/30/18

UTILITIES
 Please check the utilities included in the rent:
 Water Sewer Natural Gas Electricity
 (If all utilities are included in rent)
 Tenant agrees to pay \$ N/A per month of the utility bills.

Elle Ives
James Hopper

If address for landlord different, please indicate here.

THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT. IF NOT UNDERSTOOD, CONSULT AN ATTORNEY.

What you need to know

- ETV processing is not quick, students need to apply as soon as possible and get their paperwork turned in.
- Receipts are **not** required
- Not everyone gets the full \$5000
- Due dates are sometimes **just guidelines**
- If a student has a higher cost of living (child care, rent increase, expensive school supplies), the financial aid office at the school can adjust the cost of attendance which will in turn make the student eligible for more ETV
- If a student only checks that they are attending Fall classes, the most they will get will be \$1666.67 for that semester.

Issues Facing Current and Former Foster Students

Students aging out of foster care and wanting to pursue post secondary education often struggle with the following:



- Choosing an educational program: Tech. / Voc school, Community College, 4 year schools
- How to get and use financial aid: grants, scholarships, and loans
- Understanding the real costs: tuition, fees, school supplies, transportation, and living expenses
- How to access resources in their community
- Career Planning
- Academic support to help them succeed
- Developing and maintaining a budget
- Balancing life and taking care of their emotional and physical health



How Can You Help?

- **Talk** to your students about their plans for the future and make sure they know their benefits.
- Make sure your students are taking high school classes that will prepare them for higher education.
- If a student is not interested in college, **encourage** them to go to **Tech/Voc. School** and get a career.
- **Talk** to foster parents about higher education and benefits.
- **Tell** high school seniors and college students to apply for financial aid for the next year on **Oct. 1.**

How Can You Help?

- Have them do as much **electronically** as possible.
- Make sure that the most **up to date** forms are being used and filled out in their entirety.
- **Explain** the importance of **good grades**, so they don't lose financial aid.
- **Ask** other providers if they know what ETV is and **refer** them to us if they do not.
- **"Like" us on Facebook**, for reminders and other useful information.

Setting Students up for Success

Encourage your students to sign up for:

A free email account



A checking account



Tips for Calling your Coordinator

Please remind youth...

When you call your coordinator:

- Don't hang up, **leave a message!**
- **Do not** leave multiple messages in a short amount of time - they will return your call within 2 business days
- **Speak slowly** when leaving a message
- Give your **full name and number**, and then repeat



Texas State Technical College



Locations in:
Abilene
Breckenridge
Brownwood
Rosenburg (Fort Bend Co)
Harlingen
Marshall
Red Oak (North Texas)
Sweetwater
Waco
Hutto (Williamson Co)

- Tuition & Fee Waiver accepted
- ETV Program eligible
- Foster Care Liaisons at each campus
- One of only two state-supported technical schools

University of North Texas



- Tuition & Fee Waiver accepted
- ETV Program eligible
- Foster Care Liaison: Brenda Sweeten, Social Work Lecturer/PUSH Faculty Advisor, brenda.sweeten@unt.edu, 940-369-6991

Texas Woman's University



- Tuition & Fee Waiver accepted
- ETV Program eligible
- Foster Care Liaison: Amy O'Keefe, Exec. Director of Campus Alliance & Resource Education, aokeefe@twu.edu, 940-898-3227

Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi

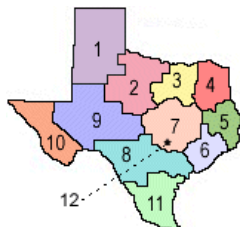


- Tuition & Fee Waiver accepted
- ETV Program eligible
- Foster Care Liaison: Rachel Kirk, Academic Advisor, rachel.kirk@tamucc.edu, 361-825-2257

Free tuition – Out of state



DFPS Regions



https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/contact_us/map.asp

BCFS Health and Human Services-San Antonio



Transition Center Services at BCFS-San Antonio

Region 8 Transition Center/ETV Program
4346 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78229
(210) 733-7932
ETV@BCFS.net
Monday through Friday- 8:30 am to 5:30 pm
DiscoverBCFS.net/SanAntonio



Region 1 Bruce Ford FYi Center- Amarillo



Transition Center Services at Buckner FYi Center

Region 1 Transition Center
4000 Mays Street, Amarillo, TX 79114
(806) 373-1474
Buckner.org/Amarillo



Region 1 FYi Center- Lubbock



Transition Center Services at Buckner FYi Center

Region 1 Transition Center
125 Chicago Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79416
(806) 795-7151
Buckner.org/Lubbock



Region 2 BCFS



303 S. Pioneer Dr, Suite 200
Abilene Texas 79605
#325-692-0033
Website: bcfs.net



Region 3 Trac – Dallas



(214) 370-9300

Transition Resource Action Center (TRAC)
3108 Live Oak Street,
Dallas TX 75204

Mon-Fri: 8:30am - 5:30pm

<http://citysquare.org/trac>



Region 3 Trac – Fort Worth



(817) 882-9162

Transition Resource Action Center (TRAC)
4532 Altamesa Blvd,
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Mon-Fri: 8:30am - 5:30pm

<http://citysquare.org/trac>



Region 4 BCFS



BCFS Tyler Transition Center

300 N. Hill Ave. Suite B
Tyler, TX 75702
(903) 526-0882

Monday through Friday- 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

<http://www.discoverbcfs.net/Tyler>



Region 4 D.O.R.S - Longview



(903) 803-0105

1125 Judson Rd,
Suite 153/P.O. Box 1266
Longview, TX 75606

Hours: 10:00am-3:00pm, Mon-Thurs

<http://dorscommunityservices.org/>



Region 5 FYi Center- Beaumont



Transition Center Services at Buckner FYi Center

Region 5 Transition Center
675 East Virginia St., Beaumont, TX 77705
(409) 833-1971

Buckner.org/Beaumont



Region 6 HAY Center- Houston



Transition Center Services at The HAY Center

Region 6 Transition Center
1216 West Clay Street, Houston, TX 77019
(832) 927-7000
Monday through Friday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
HAYcenter.org

Region 7 LifeWorks

Region 7 Transition Center
Sooch Foundation East Austin Youth and Family Resource Center
835 N Pleasant Valley, Austin, TX 78702
(512) 735-2400

North Austin Youth & Family Resource Center
8913 Collinfield Dr, Austin, TX 78758
(512) 735-2400

South Austin Youth & Family Resource Center
3700 South 1st St., Austin, TX 78704
(512) 735-2400



<http://www.lifeworksaustin.org/>

Region 7 Central Texas Youth Services

Region 7 Transition Center
Belton Center
204 N East St., Suite A, Belton, TX 76513
(254) 939-3466

Waco Center
1200 Bagby, Apt. 1, Waco, Texas 76706
(254) 217-1991



Killeen Center
1507 Bundrant, Apt. 1, Killeen, Texas 76543
(254) 634-0117

<https://www.centraltexasyouthservices.com/>

Region 8 BCFS - Kerrville



Transition Center Services at BCFS-Kerrville

Region 8 Transition Center
1127 East Main Street, Kerrville, TX 78028
(830) 896-0993
Monday through Friday- 8:30 am to 5:30 pm
DiscoverBCFS.net/Kerrville



Region 9 Concho Valley - San Angelo



Region 9 Transition Center
412 Preusser, San Angelo, TX 76903
(325) 655-3821
Conchokids.org



Region 10 PRIDE Center



Region 10 Transition Center
820 Montana, El Paso, Texas 79902
(915) 533-4200
www.elpasohumanservices.org/pride-center



Region 11 BCFS – Corpus Christi



Region 11 Transition Center
BCFS Health and Human Services-Corpus Christi
4455 South Padre Island Drive, Suite 116A
Corpus Christi, TX 78411
(361) 334-2876
Discoverbcfs.net/corpuschristi

Region 11 BCFS - McAllen



Region 11 Transition Center
BCFS Health and Human Services-McAllen
211 N. 15th Street
McAllen, Texas 78501
956-630-0010
Discoverbcfs.net/mcallen

Region 11 BCFS - Harlingen



Region 11 Transition Center
BCFS Health and Human Services-Harlingen
1702 E. Tyler
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 230-3849 or (956) 367-4295
Discoverbcfs.net/mcallen

Lead ETV Coordinator



Lead ETV Coordinator: Jennifer Guerra,

Jennifer.Guerra@BCFS.net

832-247-4655

ETV Hotline: 1-877-268-4063

Hotline will prompt you to select your region - or stay on the line for assistance

Fax: 210-208-5605



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www.TexasETV.com

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- Applications (online and downloadable)
- Important dates
- Eligibility guidelines
- Needed documents
- Allowable expenses
- Online directory of schools
- School of the Month
- Success stories
- Frequently asked questions
- Tutoring services
- And more!



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- Life Hacks
- Scholarships
- Who's hiring
- Community Resources
- National Celebration Days
- Success stories
- How to prepare for a natural disaster



Questions



