

Apply Today for

EDUCATION & TRAINING VOUCHERS (ETV) & NC REACH

Whether you're planning to attend a university, community college, or a career training program, Education and Training Voucher (ETV) and NC Reach can help make your educational goals more affordable.

These programs provide financial assistance to help young adults with North Carolina foster care experience succeed in their higher education and career training. They help with books, supplies, support, educational related expenses and other resources to assist in reaching your goals

Educational Training Voucher (ETV):

- Receive up to $5,000 per year for eligible education and training expenses.
- Available for up to five years or until your 26th birthday.
- Can be used at eligible public and private colleges, universities, and training programs in North Carolina and other states.

NC Reach:

- Assists with eligible education costs for up to four years of undergraduate study.
- Must attend a North Carolina public university or community college.
- Includes personalized student support and case management to help you stay on track and achieve your educational goals.

Who Can Apply?

You may be eligible for **ETV** if you:

- Are 18 through 25 years old.
- Are a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen.
- Were in foster care on or after your 17th birthday, or
- Were adopted from foster care on or after your 16th birthday, or
- Left foster care through Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) or Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KinGAP) on or after your 16th birthday.

Who Can Apply?

You may be eligible for **NC Reach** if you:

- Are 18 through 25 years old.
- Qualify for North Carolina in-state tuition.
- Are enrolled in at least six credit hours at a North Carolina public university, or community college.
- Were in the custody of a North Carolina county child welfare agency on your 18th birthday, or
- Left foster care for a permanent home through Guardianship Assistance Program (GAP) or Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KinGAP), or
- Were adopted from foster care at age 12 or older and were determined eligible as a child with special needs.

Take the Next Step Toward Your Future! For more information visit:

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https://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/guardianship/independent-living-services-foster-children

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