



Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program and Passport to Careers Program 2026–2027 Application

Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

The ETV Program offers financial help to eligible youth to attend an approved college, university, vocational or technical college. The ETV award is based on the college's cost of attendance minus the student's financial aid award.

ETV Eligibility

You may be eligible to apply if you meet any **one** of the following

- 15 years old or older, are currently involved in a dependency action in a Washington state or tribal court, are in the custody of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families or a tribal child welfare agency and are in foster care.
- 18 through 20 and exited state or tribal foster care because you reached the age of majority at age 18. Youth who exited foster care in a state other than Washington may be eligible for the Washington ETV program.
- 15 through 20 and left Washington state or tribal foster care at age 15 or older for an adoptive or relative guardianship placement.
- Received ETV funds prior to your 21st birthday, therefore you are eligible until your 26th birthday. ETV cannot fund more than 20 quarters or 15 semesters.

ETV Application

Complete the application between **January 1, 2026 and April 30, 2026**, to meet the priority deadline. All applications received after April 30 will be awarded on a funds available basis. Return your application to etvwash@dcyf.wa.gov

ETV staff will notify you about your eligibility status within 10–14 business days after applying. If determined eligible, you will be asked to turn in other supporting documents to determine your award.

Passport to Careers Program

The Passport to Careers program helps students experiencing foster care and unaccompanied homelessness prepare for and succeed in college, apprenticeships, or pre-apprenticeships. Under the Passport to Careers program, there are two sub-programs

- **Passport to College Scholarship** – participants receive a scholarship to help with the cost of attending college, individualized support services and priority consideration for the Washington College Grant and State Work Study programs.



- **Passport to Apprenticeship Opportunities** – participants receive assistance with covering occupational specific costs such as tuition, fees, work clothes, rain gear and occupation-related tools.

Passport Eligibility

To be eligible for Passport, you must

- Have been in Washington state, federal or tribal foster care after age 13, or have experienced unaccompanied homelessness in the past academic year.
- Enroll at least half-time in an eligible college, apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship by your 22nd birthday.
- Maintain Washington residency and not pursue a degree in theology.
- Be working toward earning your first bachelor’s degree, associate degree, certificate, pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship.

For more information about Passport, call 1-888-535-0747 (option 3) or email Passport@wsac.wa.gov.

Section 1. Applicant Information

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last) _____

Date of Birth _____ Last Four Digits of Social Security Number _____

Pronouns _____ Gender Woman Man Non-Binary Prefer to Self-Describe _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Email _____

Date you received your High school diploma **or** GED Date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Section 2. Program Development Information

The following information is collected for program development purposes only and is not considered in the eligibility process.

1. If English is not your first language, what language do you speak best? _____

2. What do you consider your race?

American Indian/Alaska Native- Tribe _____

Asian Black or African American Hispanic or Latino of any race(s)

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Two or More Races

White

3. Are you Married Single Separated Divorced

4. Will you be responsible for a child while in college? Yes, how many? _____ No

5. Are you participating in the Extended Foster Care Program? Yes No

6. If you answered no, would you like information about the Program? Yes No

Section 3. Contacts

1. Do you have an **Independent Living (IL) Provider** Yes No

If you answered "Yes," provide your IL Provider's name and contact information

Name (First, Last) _____

Agency Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

2. Provide contact information for an adult such as a **foster parent, relative, or other supporting adult**

Name (First, Last) _____

Relationship to you _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Email _____

3. Provide contact information for your **social worker**

Name (First, Last) _____

Agency Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Section 4. Enrollment Information

1. List the schools you applied to, or will apply to, for the 2026–2027 academic year

School	Field Of Study

2. Did you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or, if you are an undocumented student, the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)?

Yes, date completed

No, go to www.fafsa.wa.gov to complete the FAFSA (**REQUIRED** as part of your application).

3. Will you be enrolled Half-time (6–11 credits) or Full-time (12 or more credits)

4. Select each term you plan to attend

Summer 2026

Fall

Winter

Spring

Summer 2027

5. Please identify the final degree or certificate you plan to achieve

Associate Degree

Bachelor’s Degree

Vocational or Technical Certificate/Degree

Section 5. Application Consent

The information submitted is complete and accurate. Financial and non-directory information on your student record is confidential and protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974. Certain information cannot be released to a third party, except authorized parties without your written consent. This form authorizes the release of information regarding your financial aid and academic standing to the ETV program.

I understand the information on this application and information regarding my enrollment, financial aid, and academic standing may be exchanged between ETV program staff, IL providers, and with staff at the college/university I am enrolled in and attending.

Print Name (First, Last) _____

Signature (Typed or E-signature OK) _____

Date _____

Section 6. Participation Agreement

As a participant in the Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program, you are responsible for following your college’s Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), Pace of Progression requirements, and the ETV Requirements listed below. I understand I must

1. Complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** each year.

2. Complete and submit the **Renewal Application** and **Participation Agreement** each year between **January 1 and April 30** to meet the priority deadline.

3. Complete and sign an **ETV Spending Plan** for each term before any funds can be paid.

4. Submit the information listed below to be awarded ETV and continue accessing my ETV Award
 - **FAFSA Confirmation Email OR Student Aid Report (SAR)**
 - **Cost of Attendance**
 - **Financial Aid Award Letter**
 - **Class Schedule** Required at the beginning of each term
 - **Unofficial Transcripts** Required at the end of each term

I understand failure to do so will result in payments being delayed.
5. Attend an approved college, university, vocational or technical college.
6. Be eligible for financial aid and receive the federal Pell grant.
7. Be enrolled at least half-time or more, meaning 6 or more credits each term.
8. Be enrolled in at least **one** 100 level college course.
9. Meet my college or university SAP and Pace of Progression requirements.
10. Submit an education plan if I am placed on financial aid probation.
11. Maintain a 2.0 GPA or better.
12. Open/maintain a working email address. I will check my email at least once a week for emails from my ETV team and will reply as required.
13. Communicate with my ETV team on a regular basis. **IF I DO NOT STAY IN REGULAR COMMUNICATION, MY FUNDING MAY BE AFFECTED.**
14. Complete the **Statewide Payee Registration** form to receive ETV payments.
15. I understand I am eligible for the ETV program up to my 26th birthday, if I have received funds prior to my 21st birthday. If I turn 26 during the quarter/semester I may receive ETV until the end of that term. ETV cannot fund more than 20 quarters or 15 semesters.
16. Contact the program if my financial aid status changes, which may be any of the following
 - I withdraw from college.
 - I add or drop a class.
 - I received more financial aid after submitting my financial aid award letter to ETV staff.
17. Contact the program if any of the following changes
 - Address
 - Phone Number
 - Email
 - Banking
18. I understand I may be exited from the program for the following reasons
 - Lack of academic progress toward a certificate or degree after six terms. For example, failure to maintain a 2.0 GPA for six terms (which do not have to be consecutive), or lack of progress from 100 level college courses at the end of six terms.
 - The school I attend informs the ETV program I have been permanently dismissed.
 - I knowingly submit paperwork to the ETV program that contains altered, inaccurate, or false information.

I have read and understand the responsibilities outlined in the Participation Agreement and agree to program rules and processes to access my ETV funds. I understand if I fail to comply, I cannot access my ETV funds.

Print Name (First, Last) _____

Signature (Typed or E-signature OK) _____ Date _____

Section 7. Other Resources

Keep this section for your reference.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The most important step of the financial aid process is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year. Once you complete the FAFSA, the information you provided goes to each college or university you indicated. These schools can upload your information to determine how much you are eligible to receive in federal and state financial aid. Visit <http://www.fafsa.gov> to complete your application.

Governors' Scholarship

The Governors' Scholarship for Foster Youth is a scholarship program that helps young people currently in an open dependency court order in Washington state, or an open dependency tribal court order, continue their education and earn a college degree. Visit www.collegesuccessfoundation.org to learn more.

Independent Living (IL) Program

The IL program provides services to current and former dependent youth in legal custody and care of DCYF or tribal out of home care for 30 days or longer after age 15. IL services may continue until your 23rd birthday. The program also serves youth who have achieved permanence, such as adoption, kinship guardianship, and return home and meet initial IL eligibility. Email ILSKIDS@dcyf.wa.gov for more information.

Extended Foster Care Program

The Extended Foster Care program provides an opportunity for young adults exiting foster care at age 18 to voluntarily agree to continue receiving foster care services, including placement services, while the youth completes a secondary or post-secondary program. Contact Jordan.Perin@dcyf.wa.gov for more information.

Independent Youth Housing Program (IYHP)

The Independent Youth Housing Program (IYHP) provides rental assistance and case management to eligible youth aging out of the state foster care system. These funds are intended to assist in meeting the state goal of ensuring that all such youth avoid experiencing homelessness by having access to decent, appropriate, and affordable homes in a healthy, safe environment. Contact Jess.Mayrer@dcyf.wa.gov for more information.

Apple Health (Medicaid) to 26

You may be eligible for continued Foster Care medical benefits even if you are no longer in foster care or another eligible out-of-home placement. To find out if you are eligible for these medical benefits, call 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15480, or email fcas@hca.wa.gov.

The Washboard.org

The www.thewashboard.org is a free scholarship matching website for Washington students seeking college scholarships. Students can create a profile and receive matches to available local and state scholarships.