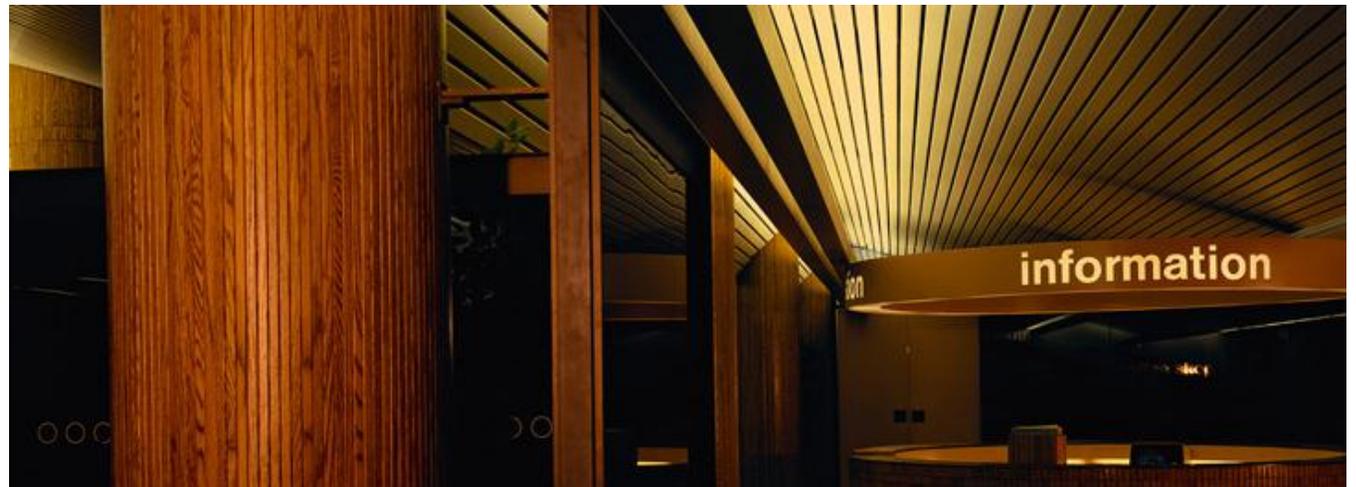
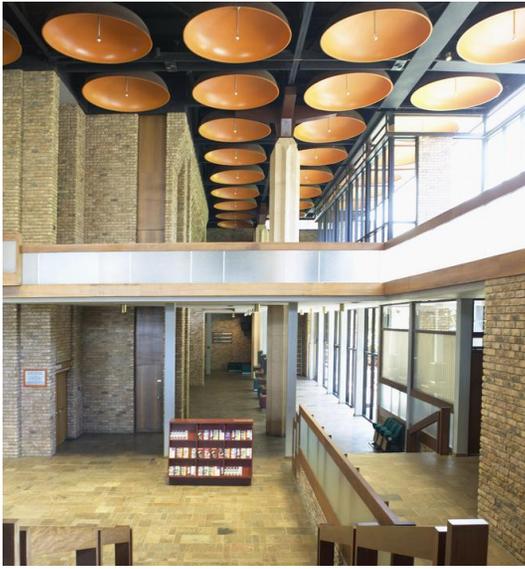


College and Your Future

Answers to the Questions That You May Have When
It Comes To College, Funding, and Your Future!





This report is YOUR go-to guide on what to do and where to look!

“I want to go to college but I don’t know where to start.”

There **ARE** resources available for you!

Your high school time is coming to an end. You have to ask yourself what your plans are for your future. College is an option and it is important!

As adulthood gets closer, many choices must be made. Life after high school brings a lot of changes and a lot of choices; one of which is college. If you're torn on whether or not you want to go to college, ask yourself a few questions:

1. Do you want a great paying career?
2. Do you want to learn more and become skilled in an area that you're passionate about?
3. What are your goals for your future? Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years?

College is very important and extremely beneficial for any person! In order to get that great paying career one day, a college degree/specialized training is necessary.

As a young adult coming out of foster care, there are many available scholarships and grants. This guide will assist in directing you on where to look for various public, private and state scholarships that you could be eligible for!

On the next couple pages, you will not only find the names of these scholarships or grants, you will also find links that you can go to in order to find out more information on the requirements for each. There are also deadlines listed and exactly what type of scholarship it is.

This can be an overwhelming time, but it doesn't have to be! There are resources for you and there is a lot of assistance when it comes to getting you started on the path to a college degree!

State Funding

The Chafee ETV Scholarship

Who is eligible?

Current or former foster youth. Youth must have been in foster care until the age of 18

- OR -

Youth that were adopted from foster care at or after the age of 16 but have not yet reached the age of 21.

Scholarship Criterion

A grade point average of at least 2.0

Scholarship can continue until up to age 23, if started prior to age 21

Award Amount

Recipients of this scholarship receive up to a total of \$5,000.00 per academic year/
\$2,500.00 per semester.

How Can I Learn More?

It's simple! You can talk to your assigned Independent Living Specialist or your case manager.

- OR -

Visit online:

<http://www.state.tn.us/youth/federal/chafee/>

Tennessee Bright Futures State-Funded Scholarship

Who is eligible?

Current or former foster youth that were in care on or after the age of 16 but have not yet reached the age of 24.

- AND -

Youth that were in foster care in the state of Tennessee.

Scholarship Criterion

A grade point average of at least 2.0

Cannot be used in conjunction with the ETV Scholarship

Award Amount

Recipients of this scholarship receive up to a total of \$5,000.00 per academic year/
\$2,500.00 per semester.

How Can I Learn More?

In order to learn more about applying for and receiving this funding, you must contact your Independent Living Specialist or your case manager.

Public Scholarships and Grants



Tennessee Lottery (HOPE) Scholarship

\$4,000-\$5,500 per year

Must have a 21 ACT Score or 3.0 GPA

Learn more at <http://www.tn.gov/tsac/>

Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant

\$2000 (no more than cost of attendance)

For TN Colleges of Applied Technology

Learn more at <http://www.tn.gov/tsac/>

Christa McAuliffe Scholarship

\$500 one time

Must have a senior GPA of 3.5

More information at:

<http://www.tn.gov/tsac/>

Tennessee Step Up Scholarship

\$4,000 per year

Must be a TN Resident

Learn more at: <http://www.tn.gov/tsac/>

Tennessee Foster Care Grant

Meets tuition needs

Must have been in foster care after 14th birthday for a continuous year

Learn more at <http://www.tn.gov/tsac/>

Pell Grant

\$603-\$5,550 per semester

Must show financial need

Learn more at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

National Foster Parent Assn. Youth Scholarship

\$500 per year

Available to foster youth, adopted youth, children of foster parents

Learn more at www.nfpaonline.org

Foster Care 2 Success Scholarship

\$1,500-\$6,000 per year

Must have been in foster care 12 months before 18th birthday or placed into permanent care after 16th birthday

Learn more and apply at

www.fc2success.org

tnAchieves Scholarship

This scholarship/mentoring program is designed to provide every (TN) public high school student the opportunity to pursue a postsecondary education. The program operates in 27 counties, offering services to nearly 48% of the state's graduating seniors. Learn more at <https://tnachieves.org/>



Private Scholarships

Scholarship Name

Scholarship Website

Award Amount/Deadlines

Coca Cola Scholars Scholarship

www.coca-colascholars.org

\$1,000-\$1,500 – December each year

Gates Millennium Scholars

<http://www.gmsp.org>

Amount varies – January each year

Xerox Minority Scholarship

<http://www.xerox.com/jobs/minority-scholarships/enus.html>

\$1,000-\$10,000 – Deadline varies

National Assn. of Black Journalists
Scholarship

<http://www.nabj.org>

\$1,500-\$2,500 – March each year

HBCU Connect Scholarship

<http://www.hbcuforever.org>

\$1,000-\$5,000 – Deadlines vary

Blacks at Microsoft Scholarship

<http://www.microsoft.com>

\$5,000 – March each year

Burger King Scholarship

<http://www.bkmclamorefoundation.org>

\$1,000 – January each year

LULAC National Scholarship

<http://www.lulac.org/programs/education/scholarships/>

Amount varies – Deadline varies

Thomas Beuters Scholarship

<http://www.paralegals.org>

Amount varies – Deadline varies

NAACP Scholarship

<http://www.naacp.org/pages/naacp-scholarships>

Amount varies – Rolling deadline

Roothbert Scholarship

<http://www.roothbertfund.org>

\$2,000-\$3,000 – January each year

More Scholarships and College Resources!

Website Name and Information

<http://www.collegeboard.org>

This website provides a variety of resources including SAT Practice tests, sign ups and preparation tools. It also provides resources that help you prepare more for college including possible majors, minors and potential universities. It also teaches you more about financial aid and how the process works! Now go check it out!

<http://www.fastweb.com>

This website not only teaches you about financial aid and helps with college planning, it also has links to TONS of scholarships that are available to you! Simply go on the website and click on scholarships and take your pick! Their career planning will help you decide which field of study to go into that will lead to the career of your dreams!

<http://www.finaid.org>

Finaid.org is a tool to help you calculate costs while in college as well as a tool to help you save while you're in college. It gives you links to many scholarships and informs you about the loans that are available to you. You can learn about other types of aid and ask questions! This is one of the best websites for you to visit on your path to college!

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/resources>

Additional Resource/Scholarship Websites!

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/> (Federal website for college grants, loans and scholarship.)

<http://www.collegecrunch.org> Website with college and career planning and tools for planning for college finances.

<http://www.savingforcollege.com> National database for college planning and search engine for private and public scholarships.

<http://www.UNCF.org> Student resource site for students looking for scholarships, fellowships and internships.

<http://www.jimcaseyyouth.org> A website that allows you to read more about youth like you! It also allows you to share your own story and plan for your financial future!

www.collegenet.com Scholarship search engine site and youth participant website!

www.waedfoundation.org Provides links to colleges, majors, degrees and graduate schools!

www.ed.gov National education website that has information about federal aid and the most up to date news on funding for college!

www.collegescholarships.com Scholarship website that provides a variety of potential scholarships that you can apply for.

www.onwardandupwards.org Scholarship site for youth that have previously been in foster care!

www.studentaid.ed.gov This site provides information on the Public Service Loan Forgiveness and other resources concerning loans and grants.

www.schoolsoup.com The world's largest and leading website for college and graduate school scholarships! Go look at some!



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