

NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
FOSTER YOUTH COLLEGE SUCCESS INITIATIVE PROGRAM

IMPORTANT: You may be eligible for additional funding for college!

To be eligible:

The student must be enrolled in one of the following:

- State University of New York (SUNY) **-OR-**
- City University of New York (CUNY) college/university **-OR-**
- Private college/university with a Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP)

AND the student must:

- have been in foster care on or after their 13th birthday; **-OR-**
- living with a relative in a KinGap agreement or adopted on or after age 13; **-OR-**
- in foster care on or after their 13th birthday in another state, other than New York **-OR-**
- orphan, both parents deceased before the student is 18 years old and student was NOT adopted prior to age 13 **-OR-**
- Undocumented immigrant youth who were in foster care on or after their 13th birthday

AND the student must currently be a resident of New York State.

Important things to know about completing your consent form:

- A completed consent form is required to share your foster care information with NYSED, SUNY or CUNY.
- If you do not want to share foster care information with NYSED, SUNY or CUNY and you do not submit the consent form, you will not be considered for additional support or funding at this time.
- If you change your mind and would like to be considered for additional support or funding in the future, you will need to complete the consent form at that time.
- The consent form needs to be completed and submitted once. If you change schools, a new consent form must be submitted with your new college listed.

To apply:

- **Complete the consent form and email to FCY4College@ocfs.ny.gov.**
- It is recommended that you follow up with your college's financial aid office for award status.

For additional information:

- Contact the New York State Education Department at fosteryouth@nysed.gov.

These funds may be used for:

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| ▶ Tuition and Fees | ▶ Transportation | ▶ Academic Support |
| ▶ Meals and Housing | ▶ Advisement | ▶ Personal Expenses |
| ▶ Books and Supplies | ▶ Tutoring | |

****Please note: This program is NOT the same as the Education Training Voucher (ETV)! You can apply for and may be eligible for both! For more information on ETV and to apply:***

<https://etv-nys.smapply.org>

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☐ Student is/was in foster care on or after their 13th birthday in New York State.

☐ Student is/was living with a relative in a KinGap agreement or adopted on or after age 13.

☐ Student was in foster care on or after their 13th birthday in another state, other than New York (STATE: _____).

☐ Student is an orphan, both parents deceased before the student was 18 years old.

☐ Student is an undocumented immigrant youth who was in foster care on or after their 13th birthday.

If you are 17 years old or younger – please have your parent or legal guardian complete Section B

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Completing this consent form does not guarantee eligibility or funding. Please follow up with your institution of higher education's financial aid office for eligibility/award status.