

**Minnesota Department of Human Services and other Programs for Youth
Eligibility and Benefits**

Eligibility						
Program Information	Adoption	Foster Care	Transfer of Permanent Legal Physical Custody	State/Tribal Guardianship	Benefit	Contact
Post-secondary Education						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program: Placements must be made by county or tribal social services & entered into SSIS. 	Under age 26 and adopted from foster at age 16 or older	Under age 26 and in foster care 30 consecutive days at age 17	Under age 26 and left foster care at age 16 or older because transfer occurred	Under age 26 and under state/tribal guardianship at age 18	Up to \$5,000 per ETV/school year	Paul Minehart , 651-431-4663
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fostering Independence Grant: Placements must be made by county or tribal social services & entered into SSIS. Youth eligible for ETV and attending an eligible institution are also eligible for Fostering Independence Grant. 	Under age 27 and adopted from foster at age 13 or older	Under age 27 and in foster care for any length of time at age 13 or older	Under age 27 and left foster care at age 13 or older because transfer occurred	Under age 27 and under state/tribal guardianship at age 13 or older	May cover the cost of attendance at any eligible Minnesota public or participating private institution	Adam Johnson (Office of Higher Education) 651-355-0617
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster Care to Success scholarship: Students under 25 years apply Jan. 1 to Mar. 31 for the following school year. 	Adopted after 16 th birthday	12 consecutive months up to and including 18 th birthday	Placed into legal guardianship after 16 th birthday	Orphaned for at least one year at the time of their 18 th birthday/not subsequently adopted	\$2,500-\$5,000 based on a combination of need and merit	See website
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All-Star College Scholarship 	Adopted at/after age 13, under age 20 and an incoming college freshman	No	No	No	Up to \$10,000 per year for tuition, books, college-related expenses	See website
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent status for financial aid 	In foster care at any time age 13 or older	In foster care at any time age 13 or older	In foster care at any time age 13 or older	Ward of court at any time age 13 or older	Maximum Pell Grant; Parents/adoptive parents do not provide financial information	See website and form DHS-5705 .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuition waiver 	No	No	No	Yes, MN state colleges/universities may waive tuition if under age 21	May waive tuition	Student's college
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAT or ACT fee waivers 	Must meet eligibility requirements	Yes, if in a foster home	Must meet eligibility requirements	Yes	Fee waivers	See websites SAT or ACT

<p>Extended foster care: Placed in foster care or independent living setting with monthly case worker visits.</p>	<p>Not eligible if adoption occurred prior to age 18</p>	<p>In foster care (260C and 260D) immediately prior to their 18th birthday, may continue in care up to 21st birthday</p>	<p>Not eligible</p>	<p>In foster care (260C and 260D) immediately prior to their 18th birthday, may continue in care up to 21st birthday</p>	<p>Maintenance Payment for youth 18+</p>	<p>Nicolas Vogel 651-431-4707</p>
<p>Successful Transition to Adulthood for Youth (STAY), and STAY in the Community (Formerly Healthy Transitions to Adulthood (HTA))</p> <p>See bulletin #21-68-23</p>	<p>Adopted from foster care after age 16 may be served until their 23rd birthday</p>	<p>In Care: Ages 14-20, on a county/tribal social services caseload & in out-of-home placement 30 consecutive days/more after age 14 Aged out of Care: At age 18, 19, 20 may be served until their 23rd birthday Reunification: Ages 14-22 who were on a county or tribal social services caseload and experienced out-of-home placement for at least 30 consecutive days after age 14. These youth may be served until their 23rd birthday.</p>	<p>Transfer of custody from foster care after age 16 may be served until their 23rd birthday.</p>	<p>In Care: Ages 14-20, on a county/tribal social services caseload & an out-of-home placement 30 consecutive days/more after age 14 Aged out of Care: At age 18, 19, 20 may be served until their 23rd birthday</p>	<p>Services help youth meet their independent living plan goals of education, employment, transportation, money management, healthcare, social/recreation skills, housing and permanent connections</p>	<p>Kim Lemcke 651-431-4686</p>
<p>Medical Assistance for Former Foster Youth</p>	<p>Not eligible</p>	<p>Must meet all: Under age 26; was in MN foster care, foster care ended at age 18/older, was enrolled in Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare at the time foster care ended.</p>	<p>Not eligible</p>	<p>Under state/tribal guardianship at age 18</p>	<p>Can receive health insurance through Medical Assistance until age 26</p>	<p>Nicolas Vogel 651-431-4707</p>
<p>Credit reports for foster care youth</p>	<p>Federal and state law requires youth in foster care, ages 14-21, to receive annual credit reports from the three credit reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. The following is how youth get their reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages 14-17: The MN Department of Human Services obtains credit reports on youth who have been in foster care for 30 consecutive days and have a birthday in the quarter that the report is requested. Credit reports are sent to county and tribal social service agencies. The reports are to be reviewed by case workers with youth and assist them in correcting any credit issues and/or errors. • Ages 18-21: Case workers assist youth in obtaining free annual credit reports from the three credit reporting agencies. Request an annual report. 					<p>See website and bulletin Nicolas Vogel 651-431-4707</p>