**Minnesota Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program**

**College Resources**

**Prepare for college**

Choosing a career path and developing the skills needed to succeed in that path is a process, and not a one-time decision. Youth and those working with them can use the following resources.

* [Interest Assessment](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/sPages/interestAssessment.cfm)
* [College prep timeline](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=1176) - starting with 7th grade
* [College prep timeline (PDF](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/studentGuide.pdf))
* [Earn college credits in high school](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/EarnCollegeCredit.pdf" \o "Earn college credits while still in high school)
* [College preparation and admissions tests](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/CollegePrepEntrExams.pdf" \o "college preparation and admission)
* [Recommended High School Classes](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=307)
* [Explore Careers](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers)
* [College degree options](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/college-101/quick-guide-your-college-degree-options)
* [Get a step by step road map to college](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/make-a-plan)
* [Minnesota TRiO](http://mntrio.org/our-programs) programs offer pre and post-secondary program information and supports to pursue college enrollment
* [Pathways to Success](http://www.iseek.org/iseek/static/pathways_english.pdf) booklet: Explore education and career options
* [Helping Youth Transition to Adulthood:](https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/youth_transition.pdf) Guidance for Foster Parents
* [Within My Reach](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/WithinMyReach.pdf) booklet for youth to plan for college
* [Growing Careers in Minnesota](http://www.iseek.org/careers/indemand.html)

**Chose a college**

* [Identify what you want in a school](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=930" \o "How to choose a college)
* [Explore Minn. college options](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=64)
* [For-Profit Colleges: Do Your Homework](https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Brochures/pubForProfitColleges.pdf) from the Office Minn. Attorney General
* [Finding your college fit](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/how-find-your-college-fit)
* [Finding your future starts with you](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started)
* [Choosing a College](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/choosing_a_college.pdf) booklet
* Campus Visit checklist

**Apply for college**

* [Steps to applying to college](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/ckm_ru_ready.pdf)
* [What you will need to apply](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=933)
* [Applying 101](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying)
* [Essay Writing Tips](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=935)
* [The College Board Essay tips](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays)
* [College application calendar](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/CKM_Calendar.pdf)
* [I Applied . . . Now What](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/CKM_AppliedNowWhat.pdf)
* [Other applying for college resources](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=2059)
* [College admission fee waiver](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/CKM_NACACEligibilityAndFAQs.pdf): National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) offers waivers to students in foster care who qualify.

**Pay for college**

* [What Does College Cost?](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=94)
* [About Financial Aid](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=96)
* Review the [Student Financial checklist](http://www.finaid.org/students/checklist.phtml)
* [Financial Aid Basics booklet](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/fin_aid_basics.pdf" \o "Financial aid basics)
* [Paying for College booklet](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/PayingForCollege.pdf)
* Create a [college budget](https://www.cicmoney101.org/Calculators/Budget-Worksheets/Traditional-College-Student.aspx)
* [SAT Fee-Waiver](http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-fee-waivers)
* [Reducing Textbook Costs](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/ReducingTextbookCosts.pdf)
* [Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/FinAidWorksheet.pdf)
* [Factors affecting financial aid](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/ChangesFinAidElig.pdf)
* [Scholarships offered by Minn. institutions](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/sPages/scholarshipsAll.cfm)
* [Free Scholarship Searches and Resources](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=1283)
* [Reduced Out-of State Tuition options](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/ReducedTuition.pdf)
* [Student Loan Advice](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/studentLoanAdvice.pdf)
* [Fastweb scholarship search](http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships)
* [Scholarships by Major](https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-major/)
* [Tuition waiver](http://www.mnscu.edu/board/procedure/512p2.html) for youth under state/tribal guardianship age 18
  + [American Indian Tuition Waiver](http://onestop.morris.umn.edu/aid/scholarshipswaivers/americanindiantuition/) at UM-Morris
  + [Minnesota Indian scholarship](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=149)
  + [Resources for students of color](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=1283)
  + [Resources for Undocumented Students](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=1586)
  + [Pohlad Scholars Program](http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/pohladscholars/) for students who live in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington.
* [Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)](https://fafsa.ed.gov/): Students will be considered independent and not have to include their parent’s information if they were an orphan or ward of the court at any time age 13 or older.

**Scholarships specific to foster and adopted youth:**

* [Foster Care to Success](http://www.fc2success.org/) for students who spent one/more years in foster care
* [Fostering a Future](http://www.childrensactionnetwork.org/scholarship.htm) for students adopted from foster care after age 13.

**Additional resources:**

* + [Power of You](http://www.minneapolis.edu/Admissions/Power-of-YOU) for students graduating from a Minneapolis or St. Paul public high school who plan to attend Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC), Saint Paul College or Metropolitan State University.
  + The Child Welfare Scholars Program for students studying social work who are interested in a career in public child protection or child welfare. Minnesota schools that have this program. Go to the [ETV website](http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/services/adolescent-services/programs-services/education-and-training-voucher.jsp) for more information.
  + [Extended foster care to age 21](http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/services/adolescent-services/programs-services/extended-foster-care.jsp): Minn. law allows youth who are in foster care on their 18th birthdays to receive extended foster care services and payments. Six months prior to the youth's 18th birthday, the county or tribe will send a notice to the youth, their parent(s) or legal guardian, guardian ad litem and foster parents explaining options for the youth when they turn 18. Review the program information, eligibility and benefits.

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