



## IMPORTANT LINKS

- [WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV](http://WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV)  
The U.S. Department of Education's application for federal financial aid.
- [WWW.FINAID.COM](http://WWW.FINAID.COM)  
Provides information on all types of financial aid.
- [WWW.GETREADYFORCOLLEGE.ORG](http://WWW.GETREADYFORCOLLEGE.ORG)  
Offers valuable information for college prep and financial aid in Minnesota.
- [WWW.ISEEK.ORG](http://WWW.ISEEK.ORG)  
Minnesota's comprehensive career, education, and job resource.
- [WWW.MNCAREERCOLLEGES.ORG](http://WWW.MNCAREERCOLLEGES.ORG)  
Provides information on 17 of Minnesota's private career schools.
- [WWW.MNSCU.EDU](http://WWW.MNSCU.EDU)  
Informational database for Minnesota's State Colleges & Universities.
- [WWW.NASFAA.ORG](http://WWW.NASFAA.ORG)  
Offers information on financial aid and help to foster youth completing their FAFSA.

## ALTERNATE OPTIONS

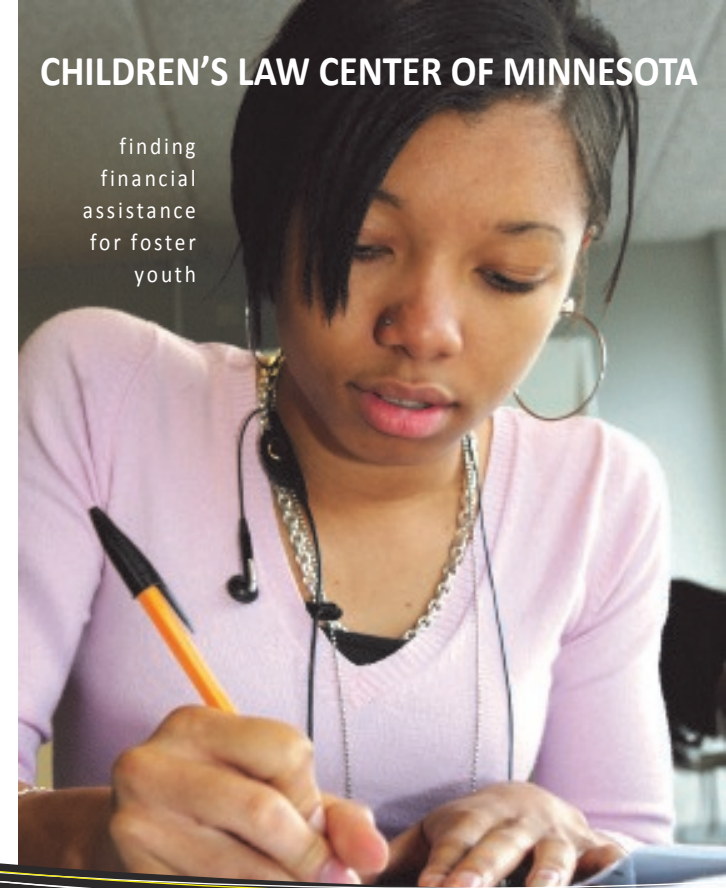
If college is not for you, but you are still interested in obtaining further education and career training:

- [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)  
Provides participants with a living allowance and education award in exchange for a long-term, full-time community service commitment.
- [www.jobcorps.gov](http://www.jobcorps.gov)  
U.S. Department of Labor's free education and training program.
- [www.military.com](http://www.military.com)  
Provides information about military enlistment.

INFORMATION ABOUT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR YOUTH CAN BE FOUND IN CLC'S FINDING  
EMPLOYMENT BROCHURE.

## CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER OF MINNESOTA

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### CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER OF MINNESOTA

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St. Paul, MN 55104  
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[www.CLCmn.org](http://www.CLCmn.org)

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# FUNDING YOUR FUTURE



## Scholarship Opportunities



### FRIENDS OF CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Provides small grants (up to \$500 per child per year) to foster children for the purchase of computers and tutoring services.

- [www.friendsofchildren.com](http://www.friendsofchildren.com)

### ORPHAN FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

Provides post-secondary scholarships up to \$6,000 for youth under age 25 who have spent at least 12 consecutive months in foster care.

- <http://orphan.org>

### NATIONAL FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION

Offers scholarships for foster youth, or biological youth of currently licensed foster parents, who wish to further their education beyond high school, including college or university studies, vocational and job training, and correspondence courses.

- [www.nfpainc.org](http://www.nfpainc.org)

### Additional Scholarship Resources

- [www.blackexcel.org/](http://www.blackexcel.org/)
- [www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)
- [www.collegeNET.com](http://www.collegeNET.com)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com)
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- <http://scholarshipamerica.org>
- [www.nationalappcenter.com](http://www.nationalappcenter.com)

### DID YOU KNOW THAT MINNESOTA STATE WARDS QUALIFY FOR TUITION WAIVERS AT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES?

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCHERS

The State of Minnesota and Minnesota counties offer financial assistance to current and former foster care youth who wish to enroll in college or attend a vocational training program. Funds can be used toward tuition or other costs related to post-secondary education (e.g. books, transportation, computers, living expenses).

### STATEWIDE PROGRAM

- (651) 431-4663
- [DHS.ETVcoordinator@state.mn.us](mailto:DHS.ETVcoordinator@state.mn.us)

### RAMSEY COUNTY

- (651) 266-4705
- [Gayle.Kittleson@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:Gayle.Kittleson@co.ramsey.mn.us)

### HENNEPIN COUNTY

- (612) 543-0542
- [Stacy.McClendon@co.hennepin.mn.us](mailto:Stacy.McClendon@co.hennepin.mn.us)



## WHY COLLEGE?

### MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

College graduates have more jobs to choose from than those who do not pursue education beyond high school.

### EARN MORE MONEY

People with a bachelor's degree earn over 60 percent more than those with only a high school diploma.

Education Pays, 2007 study by College Board

## CONFUSED ABOUT THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS? NOT SURE HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

For information on everything from ACT prep to tips on writing college application essays visit: [www.admissionpossible.org](http://www.admissionpossible.org)

