

Who is eligible for the ETV Program?

- Youth eligible for services under the Oklahoma Chaffee Foster Care Independent Living Program (CFCIP),
- Youth who were likely to remain in out-of-home care, but obtained permanency through a legal guardianship after age 16 years,
- Youth adopted from out-of-home care after obtaining age 16 years, and
- Youth participating in the ETV program on their 21st birthday (making satisfactory academic progress) can continue to be eligible for the ETV program until age 23.
- Youth who have obtained a high school diploma or GED.

What can the ETV funds pay for?

- Tuition
- Materials and Supplies
- Tutoring
- Equipment (required tools and uniforms)
- Books
- Room and Board
- Child Care
- Personal and healthcare expenses
- Fees
- Transportation
- Supplies

The cost of these items cannot exceed the total cost of attendance at the institution.

Where can the ETV funds be used?

The funding can be used at any institution of higher education as defined by the Higher Education Act. These institutions must meet the following three criteria:

1. admits as regular students only persons with a high school diploma or equivalent,
2. are public, private or non-profit
3. are accredited or pre-accredited and are authorized to operate in the state.

In addition, the institution is defined as a school that:

1. awards a bachelor's degree or not less than a two-year program that provides credit towards a degree, or
2. provides no less than one year of training towards gainful employment, or
3. is a vocational program that provides training for gainful employment and has been in existence for at least two years.

**Additional requirements for proprietary institutions.

How does an eligible youth access the ETV Program?

The youth will need to do the following:

1. complete the FAFSA (financial aid application)
2. be accepted & enrolled in their college/technical school of choice
3. arrange for housing
4. complete the ETV application process by designated deadlines

The youth will be assigned an Education Specialist who will assist with the development of an education/transition plan.

Have any more questions? Need more answers?

Contact Education Specialist, at 918-660-3745 phone, nancy.mason@okdhs.org, or your Area Independent Living Specialist.

TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAMS

Associated Centers for Therapy

Eligibility: Male and Female, Serious Mental Illness, Co-occurring disorders (serious mental illness and substance abuse), or any young person who will be living in Tulsa and needing assistance.

Services: Assistance with finding and maintaining housing, education, health needs, therapy and other needs for stability. Assistance with finding community resources and becoming self-reliant.

Other: Length of program varies with the individual. To apply, go to the website, fill out a referral under the community teams tab, and fax it
Attention: Carl Powell

Location: Tulsa

Contact: Carl Powell
(918) 813-3969
(918) 495-0779 (fax)
www.tulsasoc.org

Emerge Home*

Eligibility: Females 18-24

Services: Housing, Life skills, employment, transportation, education

Location: Midwest City, Oklahoma

Contact: Pam Monroe
(405) 732-1500 (o)
(405) 313-2656
PMonroe@yahoo.com

**(Youth must attend any classes the program deems necessary and a church of the girl's choosing on Sundays).*

Neighborhood Services Organization (Carolyn Williams Center)

Eligibility: Males 18-24

Homeless, couch homeless, adult shelter resident

Must pass background check, and drug screen

\$100 deposit, monthly program fee of \$175 for Room & Board

Must find employment within 30 days

Services: Housing, employment coaching

Other: Case management and support services

Laundry and community kitchen

Location: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Contact: Anna Scott
(405) 236-0414
nso@coxinet.net

Southwestern Youth Services*

Eligibility: Youth 18-21, Application required

Services: Transitional living and supportive services.

Location: Altus, Oklahoma

Contact: Judie Haynes

(580) 482-2809

swysjudie@sbcglobal.net

**(This program is no longer federally funded, so they are very selective now. They do have housing available again. They are only accepting local (Altus) youth and they must be enrolled in a school or employed).*

Transition House*

Eligibility: Males and Females 18+

Currently receiving mental health treatment

One year program

Services: Housing (9 male, and 3 female beds) transitional and outreach to adults with serious mental illness, stabilization, education, employment

Location: Norman, Oklahoma

Contact: Katie Bottoms

(405) 360-7926

transitionhouse@coxinet.net

**(They now have two story apartments in case there is a physical disability issue).*

Youth and Family Services in El Reno:

Eligibility: Male or Female 18-22

Homeless, unsafe environment

Services: Housing (5 apts.), case management, education (high school/GED), employment, life skills

Eligibility: Female 18-22

Pregnant or parenting

Male

Parenting

Services: Housing (5 apts.), case management, pre-natal education, parenting education (high school/GED), life skills, education, employment

Location: El Reno, Oklahoma

Contact: Kirk Huff or Jerrie Michalicka

(405) 262-6555

Kirk.Huff@yfsok.org

Jerrie.Michalicka@yfsok.org

Youth Services of Tulsa:

Eligibility: Males 18-21

Females 17-21

Submit application and attend interview.

Services: Housing, life skills instruction

Other: 3 phase program with the end goal of the youth moving out of the program apartments and into their own apartments. 25% of the youth's income goes, towards rent, which they get back at the end of the program along with the furniture that was donated to them.

Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma

Contact: Tanya Price

(918) 382-4476 (o)

(918) 344-6618 (cell)

tprice@yst.org

OTHER:

Americorps*NCCC*

Eligibility: Male or Female 18-24

US citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident

Team oriented, willing to relocate

Services: Housing, training in CPR, first aid, public safety

Other: AmeriCorps NCCC engages teams of members in meaningful projects in communities across the United States. Service projects, which typically last from six to eight weeks, address critical needs in education, public safety, the environment, and other unmet needs. Members tutor students, construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, respond to natural disasters, clean up streams, help communities develop emergency plans, and address countless other local needs.

Locations: training campuses in Colorado, California, Maryland, Iowa, and Mississippi

Contact: Heather Dirck
(303) 844-7420
hdirck@cns.gov

**They assist with housing, food, education and healthcare. They do four to six projects a year, all over the country. Disaster relief is a priority. Programs are always changing. See www.americorps.gov for more programs.*

Job Corps

Eligibility: Male or Female 16-24

U.S. citizen or legal resident

Services: High school diploma or GED instruction, job training, housing, career counseling, transition support

Locations: Guthrie, Indianahoma Tahlequah, Tulsa

Contact: 1-800-733-5627

Thunderbird Youth Academy

Eligibility: Male or Female 16-19

U.S. citizen and resident of Oklahoma

High school dropout

Drug free

Uninvolved in the legal system

Services: Housing, academics, life skills, physical fitness

Other: 17 month "quasi-military" program promotes self-discipline, self-esteem, and physical fitness. A 5 ½ month residential program then 12 month mentoring in community

Location: Pryor, Oklahoma

Contact: Guy Keys
(918) 824-4850
guy.keys@thunderbird.org

Who is eligible for the Tuition Waiver Program?

- Student must be a resident of Oklahoma.
- Student must have been in OKDHS custody for at least nine months between the ages of 16 and 18.
- Student must begin use of the tuition waiver by age 21
- Student must have graduated within the previous three years from a state Board of Education-accredited high school, the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, or a high school bordering Oklahoma as approved by the State Board of Education or the student must have completed the General Educational Development (GED) requirements.
- Student must be enrolled in a public college or university or certain programs at technology centers.
- Tuition waivers will be made available to eligible students up to 26 years of age, or upon completion of a baccalaureate degree or program certificate, whichever comes first.

What can Tuition Waivers be used for?

- Resident tuition for all courses for which resident tuition is charged (the student is responsible for all other fees: special course fees, student activity and facility fees, assessment fees and others).

Where can the Tuition Waiver be used?

- Oklahoma public colleges and universities and some career tech centers (vo-techs).

How does an eligible youth access Tuition Waivers?

- 1-2 months before graduation or completion of GED, the youth should contact their IL Specialist or child welfare worker for an eligibility determination in order to be placed on the tuition waiver list. The IL Specialist or worker should then submit the student's name and KK number to:
Education Specialist: 918-660-3745 or nancy.mason@okdhs.org

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
FINANCIAL AID SERVICES
1000 Asp Avenue, Room 216
Norman, Oklahoma 73019-4078
Phone (405) 325-4521 Fax (405) 325-7608
www.financialaid.ou.edu

2009-2010 Documentation of Independent Status

Student Name: _____ Daytime phone #: _____

Social Security #: _____ Sooner ID #: _____

When you completed the FAFSA you answered yes to one or more questions which may mean you do not have to provide parental information on your FAFSA. You are required to provide supporting documentation of your answers in order to qualify for federal financial aid without reporting parental information. Please complete the form as indicated, attach the documentation as instructed, and return this form along with the required documentation to this office.

Section One:

1. Are both your parents deceased? Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation. Documentation could include death certificates, funeral notices or a signed statement from a person such as a pastor, teacher, counselor, principal, social worker, or a medical or mental health professional. The signed statement should include the title or position or the person and contact information.

2. Since age 13 have you been in foster care? Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation from a social service agency (Department of Human Services, e.g.) or court.

3. Since age 13 have you been a dependent/ward of the court? Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation from a social service agency (Department of Human Services, e.g.) or court.

4. As of today, are you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation from a court in the state of your legal residence.

5. As of today, are you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation from a court in the state of your legal residence.

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Section Two:

Please review the definition of homeless and unaccompanied youth below before answering these questions.

Homeless: lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with people because you had nowhere else to go.

Unaccompanied youth: as of the day you signed the financial aid application you were not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian AND you are 21 years of age or younger or you were still enrolled in high school.

1. At any time, on or after July 1, 2008, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine you were **homeless**? Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation from the homeless liaison.

2. At any time, on or after July 1, 2008, did the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an **unaccompanied youth** who was homeless? Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation from the shelter program.

3. At any time, on or after July 1, 2008, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an **unaccompanied youth** who was homeless or were self-supporting and at-risk of being homeless? Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation from the director of the program that determined your status.

4. Please describe in your own words where you have lived over the past 12 months. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

Section Three

I certify that all information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I have provided the documentation requested to verify the information provided on this form. I understand I may be required to provide additional documentation to support this request. **THE PENALTY FOR SUBMISSION OF FRAUDULENT INFORMATION ON THIS FORM MAY INCLUDE REPAYMENT OF MONEY RECEIVED, PLUS A FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.**

Student Signature/Date

What could be waiting for our transitioning youth?

homelessness, unemployment, loneliness, unplanned pregnancies, lack of education, substance abuse.....

At time of exit from care:

- ½ have not graduated high school or obtained a GED

At 12-18 months after exit from care:

- Only 38% are employed and their salaries are less than the average wage earner
- ½ have never held a full time job
- 1/3 have emotional disturbances or behavior problems
- ½ have used illegal drugs
- ¼ have had involvement with the criminal justice system
- 40-60% of the females will have had a baby
- 25% of the males will have fathered a baby
- Most have been homeless at least once

Only 1 in 8 will graduate from a 4 year college

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