



## What is the ETV Program?

The ETV program provides financial assistance for eligible youth to attend an accredited college, university, vocational or technical college.

ETV awards are unique to each student and are based on the college or university's Cost of Attendance (COA) formula, financial aid award and the student's unmet need.

The maximum ETV award, per academic year is \$5,000. Not every student is eligible to receive the maximum amount; awards are based on the student's unmet need which is determined by their college or university.

## ETV Eligibility

A student may be eligible to apply to the ETV program if they meet any of the following:

- 1) They are 16 to 20 years old, currently involved in a dependency action in a Washington State or Tribal Court, in the care and custody of DCYF or an ICW agency, and in foster care.
- 2) They are 18-20 years old and have aged out of state or tribal care. Youth who have aged out of foster care in a state other than Washington may also be eligible to apply.
- 3) They were adopted or entered guardianship with a relative on or after the age of 16.
- 4) If they participated and received ETV funds prior to age 21, they may be eligible to **age 26**. ETV cannot fund more than 20 quarters or 15 semesters.

## How to Apply

All ETV applications are available online at [www.Independence.wa.gov](http://www.Independence.wa.gov).

- **FIRST TIME** applicant, complete the New Application.
- **RETURNING** applicant, complete the Renewal Application.
- **RUNNING START STUDENT** or student enrolled in a **DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM**, complete the Dual Credit Program Application. Educational costs covered by Running Start/Dual Credit Program include (naming a few):
  - ✓ Books
  - ✓ Transportation costs
  - ✓ Fees
  - ✓ School supplies/equipment



## When is the application due?

Priority Deadline: January 1 to April 30  
Wait List: May 1 to July 31  
Application Closes: July 31

## Student Responsibilities

- 1) Read, sign and return the **Participation Agreement** and **Consent Form**.
- 2) Maintain at least monthly contact with ETV staff.
- 3) Meet your school Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy and Pace of Progression requirements by receiving a **2.0 GPA or higher**.
- 4) Enroll at least half-time or more (**six or more credits**)
- 5) Contact the ETV program with any changes in:
  - a. Address
  - b. Phone Number
  - c. Email
  - d. Banking information
  - e. Any school changes

## Accessing my ETV Funds (for Post-Secondary Students)

- 1) Complete the Statewide Payee Registration form and return to ETV staff.
- 2) Once a student is awarded ETV funds, the student must confirm the notification.
- 3) Complete, sign and submit the ETV Spending Plan before the beginning of each quarter or semester and receive approval by ETV staff.
- 4) Submit the class schedule at the beginning of each term and unofficial transcripts at the end of each term.
- 5) When all paperwork is received and approved, funds will be sent directly to the student.

**There are no changes to the Running Start/Dual Credit ETV Program. Students will still need to submit payment requests with receipts to receive reimbursements.**

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