



How do I access my ETV funds?

Once you are awarded ETV, information will be Emailed to you about how to access funds.

Unlike other forms of financial aid, ETV does **NOT** automatically go to your college or university. You will request funds using the **ETV Payment Request form**.

Reimbursement: To request reimbursement for gas and groceries you must submit ORIGINAL receipts. If you cannot provide the original receipt, a bank statement or credit card statement is also acceptable.

Voucher: Vouchers can be sent to your college for things such as books and supplies or a bus pass. You must provide an estimate on the request form and a voucher will be sent to your college/university to set up an account; and

Direct Payments: Payments may be sent directly to a vendor such as school, a landlord or car insurance company if they complete the required forms.

All students must complete and submit a **Statewide Payee Registration form**. For more information about this process, contact the ETV Program.

Contact the ETV Program

Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

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Information for Students



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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. However, 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.

How do I know if I'm eligible?

You may be eligible to apply to the ETV program if you meet any **one** of the following:

- You 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 DSHS or an ICW agency, and in foster care.
- You are 18 to 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.
- You were adopted or entered guardianship with a relative on or after the age of 16.
- If you participated and received ETV funds prior to age 21, you may be eligible to age 23.

How do I apply?

All ETV applications are available online at:
www.independence.wa.gov

If you are a:

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 are:

- Books and supplies
- Bus pass OR gas reimbursement
- Fees

When is the application due?

Priority Deadline: January 1 to April 30

Wait List: May 1 to July 31

Application Closes: July 31

**There is no deadline for the Running Start/
Dual Credit Program application.*

What are my responsibilities?

As an ETV program participant, you will be responsible to:

- Read, sign, and return the Participation Agreement.
- Check your Email frequently.
- Notify ETV staff of your contact information, financial aid or enrollment status changes.
- Meet your college/university Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy and Pace of Progression requirements by receiving a 2.0 GPA or higher.
- Submit your class schedule at the beginning of each term and unofficial transcripts at the end of each term.
- Enroll at least half-time or more (six or more credits).

What is covered by the ETV Program?

Tuition	Child Care
Books and Supplies	Transportation
Insurance	Study Abroad
Adaptive Software	Computer & Printer
Gas	Rent & Deposit
Repairs	Utilities
Maintenance	Phone
Tutoring	Food & Personal Hygiene
Uniform or Required Clothing	

ETV funds can also be used to replace loans

