



What is the NJFC Scholars Program?

The NJFC Scholars Program provides funding for eligible youth who have experienced a CP&P out-of-home placement, CP&P independent living arrangement or transitional living program and are seeking a post-secondary degree at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or a career/technical school.

Who is eligible?

Applicants must meet **ONE** of the following:

Have been in the care and custody of NJ Department of Children and Families Child Protection & Permanency (formerly DYFS) in an out-of-home placement for a cumulative of 9 months or more following the youth's 16th birthday

Have been in an out-of-home placement for a cumulative of 18 months or more following the youth's 14th birthday

Reside in or have resided in an independent living arrangement, or Transitional Living Program

**The facility or program must be established, operated or approved for payment by New Jersey DCP&P, the federal government pursuant to the Runaway & Homeless Youth Act or New Jersey Homeless Youth Act.*

Be adopted through New Jersey CP&P following the youth's 12th birthday

Have been in a CP&P out-of-home placement and left to enter KLG following the youth's 16th birthday

Funding

Federal ETV or State Tuition Waiver

Federal ETV

State Tuition Waiver

State Option or Federal ETV

Federal ETV

What can funding be used for?

There are two funding sources:

Students who are eligible for the **Federal Education Training Voucher/State Option** funding may receive assistance with the following:

- Tuition & Fees
- Room & Board
- Books & Supplies
- Transportation
- Computers & Tablets
- Child Care Costs

Students who are eligible for the **State Tuition Waiver** program may receive assistance with remaining full-time **tuition and fees (does not include room and board) at a NJ public school** after federal financial aid has been applied.

The students case history will determine the source of funding and services the scholarship will provide.

What is required to apply?

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be between the ages of 16 and 23
- Be in possession of a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalency (GED)
- Be granted admission to a degree or certificate granting post-secondary institution or program that has been accredited to receive Title IV funding
- Have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

How to apply?

Applications for each academic year are available at www.fafsonline.org or contact Foster and Adoptive Family Services at 800.222.0047 to be added to the mailing list.

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