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.

**What is the NJFC Scholars Program?**

**What can funding be used for?**

There are two funding sources:

- **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

- **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.*

**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**
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**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](http://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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