

## 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.

<b>Who is eligible?</b> <i>Applicants must meet ONE of the following:</i>	<b>Funding</b>
Have been in the care and custody of New Jersey Department of Children and Families Child Protection & Permanency in an out-of-home placement for a cumulative of 9 months or more following the youth's 16th birthday.	<b>Federal Education Training Voucher (ETV) or State Tuition Waiver</b>
Have been in an out-of-home placement for a cumulative of 18 months or more following the youth's 14th birthday.	<b>Federal ETV</b>
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 CP&P, the federal government pursuant to the Runaway & Homeless Youth Act or New Jersey Homeless Youth Act.	<b>State Tuition Waiver</b>
Be adopted through New Jersey CP&P following the youth's 12th birthday.	<b>State Option or Federal ETV</b>
Have been in a CP&P out-of-home placement and left to enter KLG following the youth's 16th birthday.	<b>Federal ETV</b>

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## What can funding be used for?

**There are two funding sources:**

Students who are eligible for the Federal Education Training Voucher (ETV)/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.

Each student's case history will determine the source of funding and services the scholarship will provide (See chart for more information).

## 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/HSE)
- 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.

