

Programs and Services that Teach, Train, and Support



Education and Vocation



- **College Readiness** provides intensive support for selecting a college, negotiating the application process, preparing for the SAT/ACT, and exploring financial assistance options. OYE reaches out to eligible youth and their social workers via email, or social workers or foster parents can refer youth to the program. Contact: Afrilasia Joseph-Phipps, afrilasia.joseph-hipps@dc.gov, (202) 727-7517.
- **College Tours** expose youth to options and give them a taste of college life each fall and spring. OYE recruits youth in grades 10 through 12 through email and phone outreach to social workers, foster parents, and group homes. Social workers and foster parents may recommend youth to OYE via email or phone. Space on these tours is limited, and participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact: Afrilasia Joseph-Phipps, afrilasia.joseph-hipps@dc.gov, (202) 727-7517.
- **Education and Training Voucher Program (ETV)** makes awards of up to \$5,000 annually for youth to attend an accredited college, university, or vocational or technical college. ETV is a federally funded, needs-based program that can assist qualified youth for four years with education and training expenses such as tuition, books, or housing.

First-time applicants must be age 18, 19, or 20. Youth must be in foster care or formerly in care after their 15th birthday or adopted after their 16th birthday. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or qualified non-citizens and have personal assets (bank account, car, home, etc.) of less than \$10,000 in value. ETV participants must be accepted or enrolled in a degree, certificate, or other accredited program at a college, university, or technical or vocational school.

To apply, youth need to complete the application at www.statevoucher.org. Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants must complete the ETV application each semester and then send it with other required documentation directly to the school.

Eligible students should begin applying for ETV each year beginning July 1. To remain eligible for funding, participants must show progress toward a degree or certificate. If currently receiving a grant, eligibility to re-apply for ETV funds extends to age 23. Contact: Afrilasia Joseph-Phipps, afrilasia.joseph-hipps@dc.gov, (202) 727-7517.



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