

Helpful sites include:

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.finaid.org

www.fastweb.com

www.college-scholarships.com

www.americorps.org

www.nationalservice.org

www.orphan.org/OFACaseyscholarship.html



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Want to
continue
your
education?

Want to
receive
training for
your career
goals?

Were you ever in foster care?
If so:

Would you like to attend college or adult
education courses? Would you like to
receive instruction for business, trade,
technical or industrial occupations?

Financial Help and Support are available

Financial help and support are available

through the Chafee Independent Living Program operated by the Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services.

If you are interested in pursuing a post secondary education, or attending a certified training program in the State of Kansas, please contact any Social & Rehabilitation Services office, your high school counselor, college or training program admissions office as soon as possible. This brochure outlines a variety of assistance, including options that are only available to young adults who are or have been in state custody and foster care.

1. Pell Grants —

These grants are available through the federal government. Grants are awarded on the basis of financial need and repayment is not required. Grant amounts range from \$400 to \$2,300 per year. The student must make satisfactory academic progress to continue receiving the grant. Half of the grant amount is for tuition and fees. Students wanting to attend school part-time are eligible as well. Students should always apply for a Pell Grant. If you are a ward of the court or were a ward of the court until age 18, you can apply for Independent status for a Pell Grant. A ward of the court means in SRS or JJA custody. Even if you are not awarded a Pell Grant, rejection may qualify you for other types of financial assistance.

2. Foster Care Tuition Waiver Program —

The program pays for the tuition and fees at Kansas vocational-technical schools, community colleges, and Kansas Board of Regents universities. The student is required to pay for other school related charges and living expenses. Eligibility for the program is based on the student's foster care and/or custody status. The program requires the student must be accepted by the school within two years following high school graduation or completion of their GED. If interested, students may contact any Social & Rehabilitation Services office, high school counselor or the admissions office at the school you would like to attend for details and eligibility criteria.

3. Education & Training Vouchers—

The program provides for services and supports for any certified education or training program in Kansas. If eligible, the student may receive assistance with tuition, fees, books, materials, technical equipment, tutoring and special fees related to education or training program. Eligibility for the program is based on the student's foster care and/or custody status. Individualized services are allowable based on the needs of the young adult. If interested, students may contact any Social & Rehabilitation Services office for details and eligibility criteria.

4. Other Student Loans — There are several different loan programs available. Many are sponsored by the federal government. Check with your high school counselor or the admissions office at the school you would like to attend for details.

5. Other Helpful Information

- Start exploring financial assistance options early. Research all the options to find out which ones best meet your needs.
- Visit with your local Social and Rehabilitation office.
- Talk with your high school counselor or an admission counselor at the school you want to attend.
- Most programs are based on financial need. The greater your financial need, the more options you have.
- Apply for smaller grants and scholarships to supplement your financial assistance. Many just require a written essay and proof of financial need.
- Beware of scams promising assistance if you pay a fee. There are plenty of free resources available.
- Search the internet for additional information and ideas.