ETV Eligibility Requirements

Student must have been in foster care for at least 6 months (whether or not the months are consecutive) with at least one day of that 6 months coming on or after the student’s 14th birthday

If a student entered kinship guardianship or was adopted after attaining the age of 16, they must have been in foster care for at least 6 months (whether or not the months are consecutive) with at least one day of that 6 months coming on or after the student’s 14th birthday

If a student was reunified with one or more of their biological parents after attaining age 16, they must have been in foster care for at least 6 months (whether or not the months are consecutive) with at least one day of that 6 months coming on or after the student’s 14th birthday

Additional Criteria

- Student must attend an accredited college or tech school
- Student is limited to a maximum of 5 years of ETV support
  - One “Year” is utilized when a student spends ETV dollars between July 1st and June 30th of the following year
- Student must be under the age of 26
- ETV funds are ‘last dollar’ funds, meaning all other sources of financial aid are applied first and ETV funds can be used to meet unmet need

Students must attend educationally accredited institutions in order to receive ETV. To check school accreditations, visit: https://www.ed.gov/accreditation or https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/
Eligible students can receive...

$5,000 per year
These are funds typically paid directly to an accredited school or institution on a student’s behalf

Notable eligibility criteria...
⇒ Must be ILP eligible
⇒ Must be under age 26
⇒ 5 Year maximum limit for support
⇒ Must meet GPA requirements

Additional Support

$200 per month
Student’s living on campus or in a DFCS paid placement
OR
$400 per month
Student’s living off campus in a non-paid placement
These are funds paid directly to a student through a pre-paid debit card

Must be under age 23 to receive stipend

NOTES:
A...As part of Georgia’s Division of Family and Children Services, the Independent Living Program serves to support eligible students in their transition from students into adulthood
B...A year is used when any ETV dollars are spent between July 1st and the following June 30th
C...A student must be enrolled full-time in an accredited school or educational institution to receive benefits for that month

Students should connect with their Independent Living Specialist for access and information...

www.garyse-ilp.org
The Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program helps pay for Cost of Attendance which often includes:

- Tuition
- Meal Plans
- Housing
- School Supplies
- Books

**ETV Expenses are paid to...**

**Institutions (Schools)**
- Tuition, housing and meal plans on campus, books, supplies, tools, and equipment related to current coursework, (after aid is applied, e.g., Pell and HOPE Scholarships)
- ETV will work with an ILS to pay these expenses directly to the school
- The student will be responsible for providing applicable receipts, information and payments

**Students**
- Payments that cannot be paid directly to the school but are considered cost of attendance can potentially be paid by the student and then reimbursed
- ETV will work with an ILS to pay these expenses directly to the student through a check or direct deposit
- The student will be responsible for providing applicable receipts, information and payments

**Getting Approval**

The student MUST communicate and coordinate with their Independent Living Specialist consistently to determine what expenses are covered.

Students will also have to work closely with their financial aid and/or student accounts office at their school to make sure the school has everything they need to authorize payments correctly and make sure schedules/classes...
In order to access ETV support, eligible students must...

1) Connect with their ILS

2) Be accepted into college or technical school

3) Graduate high school or get their GED

ILS: Independent Living Specialist; view page 19 or go to:
http://www.garyse-ilp.org/

Once students begin receiving ETV support, they must...

An application allows students to share their goals and plans and changes (ex. transfer schools)

Complete Application

Submit Grades

Communicate with their ILS

Submit Class Schedules

Submit Invoices

Schedules help confirm enrollment, grades and plan for ETV spending each semester

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher to continue receiving ETV. They must provide that grade report at the end of each semester

Some schools will work directly with an ILS to submit invoices and some will require students to submit those to their ILS

Developing strong, positive relationships with an Independent Living Specialist is the most important component to a student receiving ETV support consistently and timely
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Students will utilize the ETV Website to keep track and upload information as needed

https://etv.embarkgeorgia.org/

**NOTICE:** Login/Account credentials are only available by connecting with an ILS.

**Students are expected to use the site to...**

- Track ETV yearly spending progress
- Complete annual application
- Upload schedules and grade reports
- Upload Invoices
For information about college access and resources, visit embarkedgeorgia.org

For more information about Education and Training Vouchers, visit etv.embarkgeorgia.org

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