



Foster Care Recipients may qualify for a Loan Repayment Assistance Program.
STUDENTS APPLYING FOR THE ETV MUST CREATE A MARYLAND COLLEGE AID PROCESSING SYSTEM (MDCAPS) ACCOUNT.

WHAT IS MDCAPS?

<https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/osfamdcapslive.aspx>

If you are having trouble creating an MDCAPS profile and logging in, please review the instructions here:

<https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Documents/Financial%20Aid/Help%20Creating%20a%20Student%20Login%20for%20MD%20CAPS.pdf>

Education Training Voucher (ETV)

To **qualify for the ETV**, a youth must:

- Have an ETV- qualifying foster care status: (1) aged out of foster care in Maryland at age 18; or (2) was adopted from foster care in Maryland or placed into guardianship after age 16; or (3) currently in foster care in Maryland and aged 18, 19, or 20.
- Be a U.S. Citizen or qualified non-citizen
- Have personal assets (e.g. bank account, car, home) of less than \$10,000
- For first time applicants, be between ages 18 and 20; for renewal applicants, be under age 23

- To retain eligibility, must show academic progress towards a degree
- **Note:** Not all youth eligible for an ETV will receive one; vouchers are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis as long as funds are available

Coverage

- Up to \$5,000/year to cover tuition, and other school-related expenses for full-time students; up to \$2,500 for part-time students, based on unmet need.

- May be used to pursue a bachelor's or associate's degree, or a vocational certificate, at all accredited public and private colleges, universities, and vocational schools in the country.

Application Process Youth should apply online: <http://www.fc2sprograms.org/maryland/>

For more information, contact the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) at 410-767-3300 or visit the MHEC website at www.mhec.maryland.gov.