

Resource Guide for Educational Supports for Current and Former Foster Care Youth in Kansas

A youth who has been in foster care, juvenile corrections, or Tribal custody in any state may be eligible to participate in the following programs.

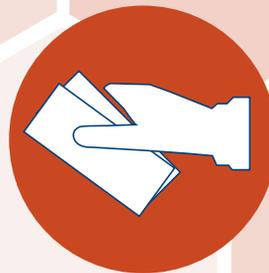
Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

ETV funds are provided to eligible youth to assist with attending a vocational school, community college, or university. ETV funds may be used for necessary education expenses like tuition, textbooks, computer, etc. The ETV program is administered by the Kansas Department for Children and Families Independent Living program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the ETV program, an individual must meet the following requirements:

- Be a high school graduate or have obtained a GED.
- Placed in the custody of the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF), Kansas Department of Corrections-Juvenile Services (KDOC-JS), or Tribal Authority (TA) at age 14 or older.
- Youth who were placed in the custody of the state child welfare agency, juvenile corrections, or Tribal Authority in any state at age 14 or older may be eligible.
- Experienced one of the following:
 - » Aged out of DCF, KDOC-JS, or TA from an eligible placement on or after their 18th birthday.
 - » Left an eligible placement to a permanent order of guardianship or custodianship on or after their 16th birthday.



- » Adopted on or after their 16th birthday.
- » In an eligible placement on or after their 14th birthday.
- » Youth who left a foster care placement subject to permanent custodianship or guardianship or who were adopted before their 16th birthday **are not** eligible for ETV.
 - ETV funds may be utilized for a total of five years, until their 26th birthday.
 - ETV funds are need-based. The youth will work with their Independent Living Coordinator to determine their level of need.
 - To receive ETV funds, a youth must complete the FAFSA and a minimum of 3 scholarships (documentation of completion is required).
- » On the FAFSA, question 53 asks whether an individual was in foster care or a ward of the court after attaining age 13. Answering “yes” to this question makes them eligible for the full Pell Grant—money that does not have to be paid back as long as the youth maintains passing grades.

How to Apply

Contact the DCF Independent Living team in your area.

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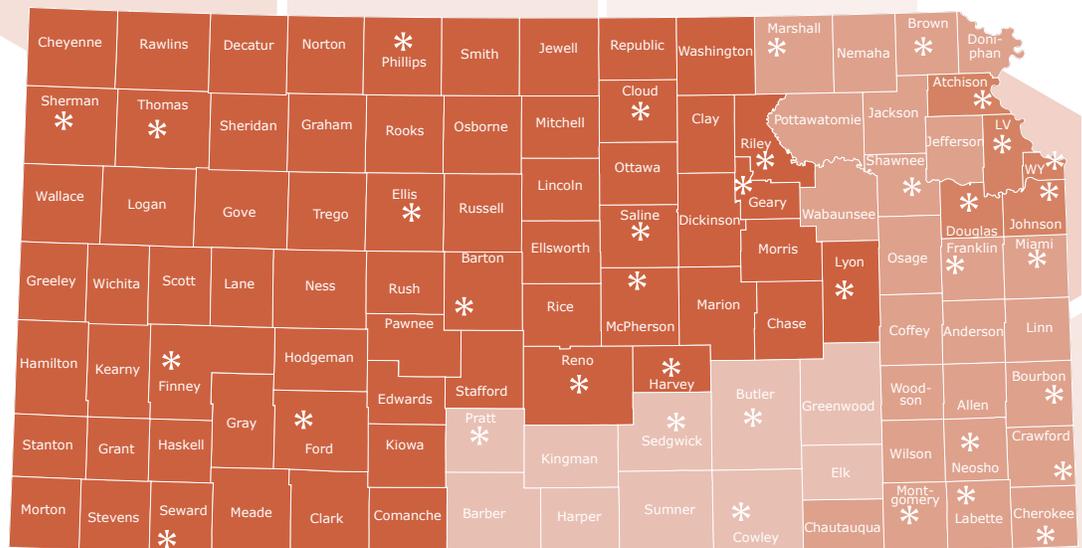
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