



What is the ETV Program?

The Education and Training Voucher program provides financial assistance for eligible youth to attend an accredited college, university, vocational or technical college.

ETV awards are unique to each student and are based on the college or university's Cost of Attendance (COA) formula, financial aid award and the student's unmet need.

The maximum ETV award, per academic year is \$5,000. However, not every student is eligible to receive the maximum amount. Awards are based on the student's unmet need which is determined by their college or university.

ETV Eligibility:

A student may be eligible to apply to the ETV program if they meet any one of the following:

- 1) They are 16 to 20 years old, currently involved in a dependency action in a Washington State or Tribal Court, in the care and custody of DCYF or an ICW agency, and in foster care.
- 2) They are 18-20 years old and have aged out of state or tribal care. Youth who have aged out of foster care in a state other than Washington may also be eligible to apply.
- 3) They were adopted or entered guardianship with a relative on or after the age of 16.
- 4) If students participated and received ETV funds prior to age 21, they may be eligible to **age 26**. ETV cannot fund more than 20 quarters or 15 semesters.

How To Apply:

All ETV applications are available online at www.Independence.wa.gov



FIRST TIME applicant, complete the New Application.

RETURNING applicant, complete the Renewal Application.

RUNNING START STUDENT or student enrolled in a **DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM**, complete the Dual Credit Program Application.

Educational costs covered by Running Start/Dual Credit Program are:

- ✓Books
- ✓Transportation costs
- ✓Fees
- ✓School supplies/equipment

When are the application due?

Priority Deadline: January 1 to April 30

Wait List: May 1 to July 31

Application Closes: July 31

Student Responsibilities:

- 1) Read, sign and return the **Participation Agreement** and **Consent Form**.
- 2) Maintain at least monthly contact with ETV staff.
- 3) Meet your school Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy and Pace of Progression requirements by receiving a **2.0 GPA or higher**.
- 4) Enroll at least half-time or more (**six or more credits**)
- 5) Contact the ETV program with any changes in:
 - a. Address
 - b. Phone Number
 - c. Email
 - d. Banking information

Accessing my ETV Funds:

- 1) Complete the Statewide Payee Registration form and return to ETV staff.
- 2) Once a student is awarded ETV funds, the student must confirm the notification.
- 3) Complete, sign and submit the ETV Spending Plan before the beginning of each quarter or semester and receive approval by ETV staff. **(NEW)**
- 4) Submit the class schedule at the beginning of each term and unofficial transcripts at the end of each term.
- 5) When all paperwork is received and approved, funds will be sent directly to the student. Sending in receipts will no longer be necessary. **(NEW)**

There are no changes to the Running Start/Dual Credit ETV Program. Students will still need to submit payment requests with receipts to receive reimbursements.

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