

NEW YORK STATE  
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
**FOSTER YOUTH COLLEGE SUCCESS INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

**IMPORTANT: You may be eligible for additional funding for college!**

**To be eligible:**

**The student must be enrolled in one of the following:**

- State University of New York (SUNY) **-OR-**
- City University of New York (CUNY) college/university **-OR-**
- Private college/university with a Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP)

**AND the student must:**

- have been in foster care on or after their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday; **-OR-**
- living with a relative in a KinGap agreement or adopted on or after age 13; **-OR-**
- in foster care on or after their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday in another state, other than New York **-OR-**
- orphan, both parents deceased before the student is 18 years old and student was NOT adopted prior to age 13 **-OR-**
- Undocumented immigrant youth who were in foster care on or after their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday

**AND the student must currently be a resident of New York State.**

**Important things to know about completing your consent form:**

- A completed consent form is required to share your foster care information with NYSED, SUNY or CUNY.
- If you do not want to share foster care information with NYSED, SUNY or CUNY and you do not submit the consent form, you will not be considered for additional support or funding at this time.
- If you change your mind and would like to be considered for additional support or funding in the future, you will need to complete the consent form at that time.
- The consent form needs to be completed and submitted once. If you change schools, a new consent form must be submitted with your new college listed.

**To apply:**

- **Complete the consent form and email to [FCY4College@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:FCY4College@ocfs.ny.gov).**
- It is recommended that you follow up with your college's financial aid office for award status.

**For additional information:**

- Contact the New York State Education Department at [fosteryouth@nysed.gov](mailto:fosteryouth@nysed.gov).

**These funds may be used for:**

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| ▶ Tuition and Fees   | ▶ Transportation | ▶ Academic Support  |
| ▶ Meals and Housing  | ▶ Advisement     | ▶ Personal Expenses |
| ▶ Books and Supplies | ▶ Tutoring       |                     |

***\*Please note: This program is NOT the same as the Education Training Voucher (ETV)! You can apply for and may be eligible for both! For more information on ETV and to apply:***

***<https://etv-nys.smapply.org>***