

Vermont scholarships for foster care youth

VSAC

For details on applying

- visit www.vsac.org/scholarships
- e-mail publications@vsac.org or call 800-642-3177 for a scholarships booklet

Students should begin searching for scholarships at least 9–12 months prior to the start of the academic year for which they'll need funds. Contact VSAC in October for a copy of its scholarships booklet, which contains information on the three scholarships listed here, as well approximately 150 other scholarships for Vermont students. Applications are normally due the first week of March.

Vermont John H. Chafee Education and Training Scholarship

(sponsored by the federal government)

This scholarship was established for youths aging out of foster care who are likely to experience difficulty transitioning from foster care to adulthood. The mission of this program is to help children prepare for and enter postsecondary training and educational institutions. Funding for this program is conditional upon annual federal approval.

There are no requirements as to the type of program in which an applicant is enrolled; nor are there any requirements as to the number of credits an applicant is taking.

Duration: Recipient will receive this scholarship for one year only.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be under the custody of the Vermont Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families (DCF) through 18th birthday OR be adopted after age 16 (but would have remained under the custody of the Vermont Commissioner of the DCF through 18th birthday otherwise)
- Be 21 years of age or younger
- Demonstrate financial need

Amount: Scholarships generally range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and may not exceed \$5,000.

Selection: Eligibility

Emily Lester Vermont Opportunity Scholarship

(sponsored by the State of Vermont)

This scholarship is administered with the proceeds from a trust fund established through an annual appropriation from State of Vermont's general fund. Funding for this program is conditional upon annual legislative approval.



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Applicant must be enrolled in an undergraduate associate's or bachelor's degree program. There are no requirements as to the number of credits an applicant is taking.

Duration: Recipient will receive this scholarship for one year only.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school located within Vermont and approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be currently under the custody of the Vermont Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families (DCF) OR be between the ages of 18 and 24 and have been under the custody of the Vermont Commissioner of the DCF for at least six months when applicant was between the ages of 16 and 18
- Demonstrate financial need

Amount: Scholarships generally range from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and may not exceed \$3,000.

Selection: Eligibility

Vermont Foster/Adoptive Family Association Scholarship

The Vermont Foster/Adoptive Family Association created this scholarship to assist young people in DCF custody with postsecondary education expenses.

Applicant may be a high school senior who will have earned either a high school diploma or GED by the start of the upcoming school year, OR be a student already enrolled in and attending postsecondary school.

Applicant also must be enrolled at least full time (minimum 12 credits per term) in an undergraduate associate's or bachelor's degree program.

Duration: Recipient will receive this scholarship for the first year and will have an opportunity to renew it for a second year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be or have been under the custody of the Vermont Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families (DCF) anytime after age 13
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate education/work ethic
- Face significant barriers or obstacles that limit your access to postsecondary education

Amount: Up to two scholarships ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,000

Selection: Essays, financial need, and recommendation letter



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