COLORADO
Office of Children,
Youth & Families
Division of Child Welfare

Financial Support Available for Current and Former Foster Care Youth				
Name	Eligibility	Funds Available	Requirements	Application Process
Education and Training Vouchers (ETV)	-Youth who are/were in foster care at 18 or over. -Youth who entered guardianship/adoption assistance at 16 or older. -Youth who are/were in a community placement through DYS at 18 or over.	Up to $5,000 per year (based on cost of attendance and availability)	-At least 17 but younger than 26 to apply. -Have high school diploma/GED -Applied to and been accepted to a post-secondary program -Maintain status of student in good standing	Application available on an ongoing basis at www.statevoucher.org
Helen McLoraine Scholarship for Foster Care and Emancipating Youth	-Youth who are in the Colorado foster care system 13-18, for at least 24 months -Emancipated from the Foster Care system	Typical awards range between $2,000 to $7,000 per year	-Use for career or technical school, community college, or 4 year institution	Application can be found at: www.denverfoundation.org
Forward Steps Scholarship	-Youth who emancipated from the Colorado Foster Care system -Must be younger than 26 to apply for the first time	Unmet financial needs up to $6,000 per year	-Applicants must reside in Colorado and going to school in Denver, Boulder, or Fort Collins -Must have completed high school diploma/GED	Application available at: www.forwardsteps.org

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Boundless Opportunities Scholarship	-Non-traditional students including:
	  -Former foster care youth
	  -Former Juvenile Justice youth
	  -GED recipients
	  -Pursuing EMT or paramedic training
	  -Pursuing Early Childhood Education Certification
		$500 to $5,000 per year	-Only available at specific 2 and 4 year colleges in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming
			-US Citizens
			-Legal Residents of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming
				Information on application process: http://www.danielsfund.org/Boundless/

National Foster Parent Association Scholarship	-Foster Youth -Adopted Youth	Announced in January	-Must have completed the GED, or have obtained a high school diploma	Information on application process: http://nfpaonline.org/nfpascholarship

Additional Helpful Information:

*Independent status on the FAFSA - If a young person was in foster care on or after the age of 13, they qualify for this status which means that their parents income is not taken into consideration when calculating financial aid: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/dependency

**Foster Care Dependency Form - This form should be filled out to verify independent status for the FAFSA: https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/Supreme_Court/Committees/Committee.cfm?Committee_ID=8

***College Opportunity Fund - Created by the Colorado Legislature, provides a stipend to eligible undergraduate students. Eligible undergraduate students must apply, be admitted and enroll at a participating Colorado institution. Both new and continuing students are eligible for the stipend. https://cof.college-assist.org/

****My Colorado Journey website - A great online resource for students: https://www.mycoloradojourney.com/journey