




APPLYING FOR THE FAITH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The FAITH Scholarship award program allows qualified current and former foster youth in Mississippi to be awarded up to the full cost of attendance at any college or university in our state!

HOW TO APPLY:

-  1 Complete your FAFSA.
-  2 Complete your **State Financial Aid** application (MAAPP) and answer **yes** to questions about **being in foster care after age 13**.
-  3 Apply for admission to a postsecondary institution in Mississippi (community college, college, university).

To learn more about FAITH Scholarship eligibility, rules, and regulations, Scan QR Code or visit <https://www.msfinancialaid.org/faith/>



FAITH ACT FAQ AND FAST FACTS

- The Mississippi Legislature created the Representative Bill Kinkade Fostering Access & Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship in 2022.
- **There is not a specific application for the FAITH Scholarship.** Your answers on the FAFSA and the MAAP will determine your eligibility for the FAITH Scholarship!
 - Your completed MAAPP profile should list the FAITH Scholarship as a potential funding opportunity.
- There are **no deadlines** for FAITH, but the Mississippi Aid Application is only open from October 1- September 15 each year.
- **Renewal** follows the **same steps** as the first year enrollment. As long as you stay in **good academic standing**, you should be eligible for renewal!
- Applicants should also apply through CPS for an **Educational and Training Voucher (ETV)** if eligible to apply!

WHAT IS AN ETV?

The Education & Training Voucher (ETV) Program is a federal grant program developed to assist current and former foster youth with the costs associated with post-secondary education costs. The ETV program is administered through the MDCPS Youth Transition

Support Services Program. Youth who enroll and continue to meet the eligibility requirements below may receive up to \$5,000 per year, for a maximum of 5 years or until age 26 while they actively attend an accredited post-secondary educational or training program.

ETV can be used to assist with any costs associated with post-secondary educational program attendance; however, a remaining tuition balance will be paid first. Every youth is different just as their education needs are different, so we make every effort to meet any justifiable need within reason, such as but not limited to books, classroom supplies, technology expenses, housing, and transportation.

To learn more about ETV eligibility, rules, and regulations, Scan QR Code or visit <https://www.mdcpms.gov/foster-youth/foster-youth-resources>

