



Youth In College/Vocational Training Program

Eligibility Requirements:

- DCFS must have court ordered legal responsibility for youth.
- Youth must be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited university, college, or a vocational training program.
- Must complete the CFS 449 (Youth in College/Vocational Training Program application).
- Must be at least 16 years old and not yet 21, at time of application.
- Maintain at least “C” average each semester.
- Maintain full-time status (12 hours Fall & Spring, 6 hours in Summer, or an approved summer internship). Enrollment will be verified through the National Student Clearinghouse.
- Submit youth class schedule at the start of each semester and your grades at the end of each semester (no schedule and grades, no payment!)
- Report any change of address promptly to your YIC Coordinator.
- Apply for financial aid every year to cover tuition or room and board costs.
- Youth transitioning to the YIC program at age 21 must have completed at least one semester of a post secondary program at full time status with a 2.0 GPA or higher.

Benefits:

- Youth may choose to attend an accredited vocational school, four-year college or community college.
- A monthly grant in the amount of \$511. Direct deposit is strongly recommended.
- Reimbursement available for books not covered by financial aid.
- Education advisors and OETS staff are available for assistance.
- Benefits available through the semester the youth turns 25.
- Youth are eligible for a one-time \$200 start-up payment to be used for initial living expenses.

Important Plans To Consider:

- Arranging transportation to the school location
- Planning for housing when school is closed for breaks and holidays
- Devising a backup plan for education finances if your grant is lost or stolen
- Seeking tutorial assistance through the school, and meeting with your education advisor and OETS staff if your grades are low, if you are having problems in a particular course, or if you must withdraw from any classes.
- Education and Training Voucher Program for expenses not covered by Youth in College/Vocational Training Program.

What the Youth In College/Vocational Training Program DOES NOT Cover:

- Orientation fees
- Computers or Internet services
- Room/board costs
- Laboratory fees
- Supplies
- Study abroad
- Study enhancement programs
- Phone bills
- Library fines
- Dorm room damages
- Repayment of student loans
- Transportation to and from school
- Tuition

See reverse side for more details.



Important Dates

Please mail the following documents to the Office of Education and Transition Services by the following dates:

August 15	Schedule, Summer Grades, Address Changes
January 15	Schedule, Fall Grades, Address Changes
June 15	Schedule, Spring Grades, Address Changes

Pay Run Dates for 2018

MONTH	MAILING
JANUARY	1/18/18
FEBRUARY	2/21/18
MARCH	3/19/18
APRIL	4/17/18
MAY	5/16/18
JUNE	6/18/18
JULY	7/18/18
AUGUST	8/16/18
SEPTEMBER	9/19/18
OCTOBER	10/17/18
NOVEMBER	11/20/18
DECEMBER	12/18/18

NOTE: All mailing dates are estimated.

Important Phone Numbers

Central Payment Unit	800-525-0499	Education Advisors	815-753-5562
Direct Deposit	217-557-0930	Chicago Office	312-814-6800
Medical Card Hotline	800-228-6533	Springfield Business Office	217-557-2689
Youth Hotline	866-459-6884		

