



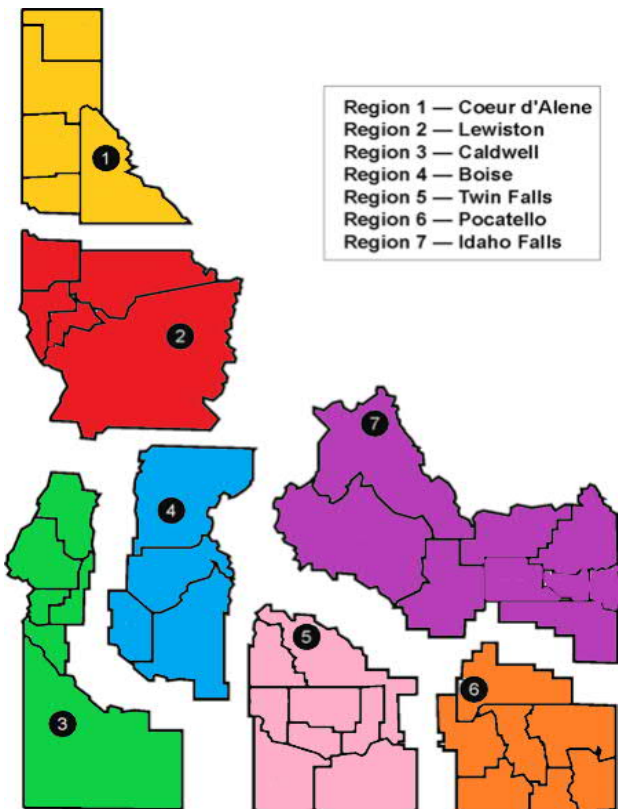
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE
FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

The ETV Program allows Idaho to help youth make a smoother transition to self-sufficiency and independence by providing funding for education, training and services not covered by another funding source. ETV is available to youth who have been, or are currently in living in, foster care for at least 90 cumulative days after the age of 14. Funding can be used to attend colleges, universities or vocational education programs, and other institutions of higher education as defined in Section 472 of the Higher Education Act.

ETV helps with fees and tuition, housing, room and board, books and supplies, personal items, child care, transportation needs, computer or other required equipment, and the cost for attendance at an institution of higher education that does not exceed the lesser of \$5,000 per year or the total cost of attendance.

To be considered eligible for funding, please submit the application and all supporting documents to the Independent Living Coordinator in the Region in which you reside:



- Region 1 Terassa Ruiz
208-665-8949
- Region 2 Maggie Morrison
208-665-8970
- Region 3 Jacqueline Corral
208-445-7169
- Region 4 Maren Hermanstorfer
208-334-6917
- Region 5 Marjean Hazen
208-732-1354
- Region 6 Lisa Walton
208-239-6246
- Region 7 Shawn Sharp
208-528-5931

To find out if you are eligible and what the program has to offer you, please contact your caseworker, foster parent, mentor, or the Independent Living Coordinator in your region.

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Eligibility

Those who are eligible include:

- Youth between 14 and 26 who have a high school diploma/equivalent and are attending a public or non-profit program that provides a bachelor's degree or no less than a 2-year program that provides credit towards a degree or certification.
- Youth who have a high school diploma or GED and are attending an accredited or pre-accredited program that provides less than one year of training towards gainful employment.
- Youth who are adopted from IDHW foster care after turning 16 years old who are not yet 26. Youth who are adopted prior to turning 16 are not eligible for ETV even when they otherwise meet requirements for the Independent Living program.
- Youth may remain eligible for ETV until age 26 or 5 cumulative years, whichever happens first.

Requirements

To be considered for the Education and Training Voucher Program, you must first apply for federal student aid at the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) web site, <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. You will most likely be eligible for a Pell grant (does not need to be repaid) and the amount of that grant must be included in the ETV Application along with any loans (accepted or denied).

To complete your application, you will need the following:

- Verification from your caseworker of your eligibility to participate in the program.
- High school diploma or GED.
- An Independent Living (IL) Plan developed with your caseworker after completing the Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment, <http://www.caseylifeskills.org>. The IL Plan records your goals toward self-sufficiency, including educational and vocational goals, and sets a target date for completion.
- A copy of your financial aid award letter (including Pell grant and loans if eligible) as well as letter or other proof of acceptance to the institution or higher education or vocational training program.
- A letter of recommendation from your caseworker, foster parent, foster care provider, adoptive parent, mentor, or employer. The letter should focus on personal and academic performance.