



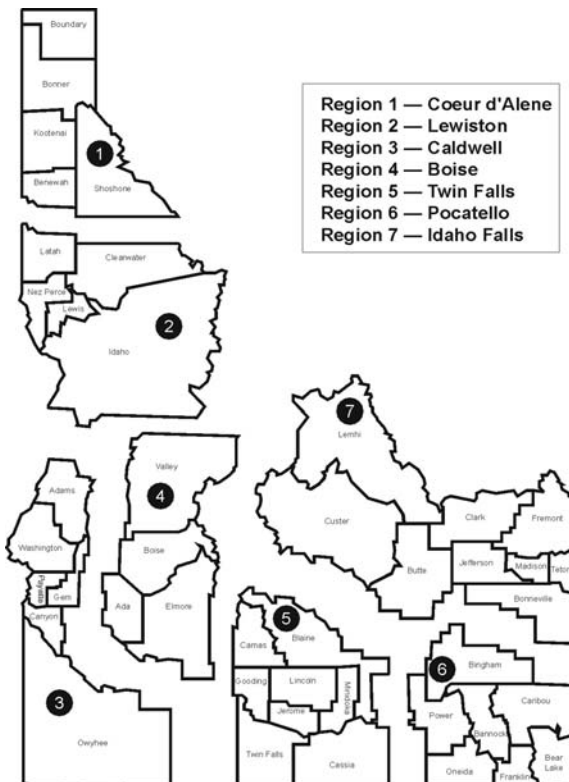
## IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE

### 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 that will help them receive an education, training and services not covered by another funding source. Funds are available for youth who have been, or are currently in living in, foster care for at least 90 days between the ages of 15 and 18 to attend colleges, universities or vocational training institutions.

The ETV Program can help with residential housing, room and board costs, fees/tuition, personal items, books/supplies, child care, transportation needs, computer or other required equipment, 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 as defined in section 472 of the Higher Education Act.

To be considered you must submit the application and all supporting documents to the Independent Living Coordinator in the Region in which you reside:



Region 1 Kathleen Fairbanks  
208-665-8951

Region 2 Brad Forth  
208-799-4360

Region 3 Falen LeBlanc  
208-455-7012

Region 4 Miren Unsworth  
208-334-0968

Region 5 Chris Waitley  
208-734-4000

Region 6 Lisa Van Voorhis  
208-239-6200

Region 7 Lee Ann Shaw  
208-528-5917

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.

## **Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program Eligibility Requirements**

Those who are eligible to participate are:

- Youth between 17 and 21 who have a high school diploma or equivalent and are attending a public or non-profit program that provides a bachelor's degree or not less than a 2 year program that provides credit towards a degree or certification. (See List on last page to find Schools in Idaho)
- Youth who are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance (age 18) and are attending an accredited or pre-accredited program that provides not 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 21
- Youth participating in the education and training voucher program on their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday can remain eligible until 23 as long as they are enrolled and making satisfactory progress toward completing their postsecondary education or training program

### **Additional Expectations**

You will be required to provide a copy of college transcripts for the semester or quarter, a thank you letter annually stating how the ETV Program has helped you accomplish your educational goals, and you may be requested to give public presentations on how the ETV Program has helped you achieve your goals.

To be considered for the Education and Training Voucher Program you must complete the application and mail it along with all supporting documents.

An application requires a completed application form, a copy or verification of your high school diploma or GED certification, a copy of your current or most recent independent living plan, and your own personal written plan for your future. The independent living plan is usually completed with your caseworker to help you develop goals that will move you towards self-sufficiency and, when appropriate, your vocational/educational goals as well as a target date for completion.

You will need the following:

- Verification from your caseworker of your eligibility to participate in the program.
- A copy of your financial aid award letter (if applicable), or a 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