

# THE FOSTERING INDEPENDENCE THROUGH EDUCATION WAIVER

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Complete the PA Chafee ETG Grant Form right away! This will confirm that you are eligible for the waiver. Go to this link to fill out the form: <https://bit.ly/ChafeeForm>

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Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): <https://bit.ly/FedAidForm>

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Make sure that you can use the waiver at the schools you're interested in. These have to be schools in PA **AND** they have to be Title IV schools **OR** schools approved by the Department of Education.

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Find this out by looking at a school's website, asking their financial aid office or looking at this list: <https://bit.ly/SchoolCodeList>

Work with your team to make a plan for covering your living expenses. The tuition waiver will not cover room and board or other costs like books and transportation.

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Reach out to the 'Points of Contact' at the schools you're interested in.

- They are there to help students who have been in foster care.
- They can help you apply for admissions and financial aid and get access to the waiver.
- They can tell you about other resources that can help

Find the Points of Contact on the school's website. Some of them are listed here: <https://bit.ly/POCList>

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Get help with your admissions and financial aid applications like the FAFSA and Chafee applications. You can ask Points of Contact, case workers, Independent Living workers, foster parents, family members, guidance counselors and teachers at school. You can also get help from regional representatives at PHEAA. Find them here: <https://bit.ly/PHEAAReps>

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Apply for scholarships! Lots of organizations and companies offer scholarship money based on a variety of characteristics like ethnicity, gender identity, disabilities or background

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Read our Guide! 'Supporting Higher Ed. Access and Success for Youth with Experience in Foster Care in PA' Find it here: <https://bit.ly/JLCHigherEdGuide> and the PHEAA Program Guidelines: <https://bit.ly/PHEAAGuidelines>