

# Money for...

- Tuition
- Fees
- Housing
- Books
- Supplies

*For more information about the program, please contact:*

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[http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/forms/pdf/dcf\\_f\\_cfs2197.pdf](http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/forms/pdf/dcf_f_cfs2197.pdf)

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## Other Important Resources

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**Federal Student Aid Programs**  
U.S. Department of Education  
1-800-433-3243 [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

**Free Scholarship Searches**  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

**Online Guide to Financial Aid**  
[www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com)

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid**  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**Wisconsin Educational Opportunity Program**  
[www.dpi.state.wi.us](http://www.dpi.state.wi.us)

**Orphan Foundation of America Scholarship**  
[www.orphan.org](http://www.orphan.org)

## Department of Children and Families Scholarship Program

*For youth in out-of-home care*



*Wisconsin Youth Reaching  
Their Dreams*

Department of Children and Families  
Division of Safety and Permanence

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## WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

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Wisconsin youth who are placed in out-of-home-care may be eligible for up to \$5,000 in scholarship money for post-secondary education.



*MAKING YOUR  
EDUCATIONAL  
DREAMS  
COME TRUE!!*

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## FUNDS AVAILABLE:

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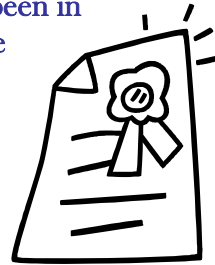
- ✓ Up to \$5,000 a year
- ✓ Renewable annually with a new application and successful completion of prior semester
- ✓ Applications are accepted on a rolling basis but should be submitted as early as possible

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## SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

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- ✓ You must have been in out-of-home care (foster home, group home, child caring institution, or court ordered kinship care) for at least six months after the age of 15.
- ✓ You must be under the age of 21, unless already enrolled and attending a post secondary program on your 21<sup>st</sup> birthday (which will extend eligibility to age 23).
- ✓ You must be accepted to an accredited or pre-accredited institution/program of higher learning (i.e.: technical college, 2 or 4 year college or university).
- ✓ Those youth adopted after the age of 16 who meet the criteria may also apply.



“The only thing more expensive than going to college is not going to college”

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

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- ✓ Contact your County/Tribal Independent Living Coordinator for an application and information regarding the DCF Scholarship Program or obtain an application on line at:  
[http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/forms/pdf/dcf\\_f\\_cfs2197.pdf](http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/forms/pdf/dcf_f_cfs2197.pdf)
- ✓ Submit an application and a copy of your acceptance letter to the DCF Independent Living Coordinator indicated on the application.
- ✓ Applicants will be notified within 20 days as to the status of their application and scholarship award.



This scholarship program is made available through the Federal Chafee Foster Care Independence Program, Education and Training Vouchers Program. Scholarships are awarded by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Children and Families