

## Did You Know There Is Money Available Just For Foster Youth To Get Employment Training Or Attend College?

### To qualify, you must be an individual who:

- ◆ Is currently in foster care and has not yet attained 21 years of age; or
- ◆ Exited foster care after the age of 14, but while in foster care received 12 months of TAL services and the court terminated reunification services with your biological parents while you were in foster care; or
- ◆ Reached 18 years of age while in foster care; or
- ◆ Was adopted from foster care after attaining 16 years of age and has not yet attained 21 years of age; or
- ◆ Is (or has been) under tribal court jurisdiction and meets the above eligibility criteria.

### To be eligible, you need to:

- ◆ Graduate from high school or get your GED; and
- ◆ Be accepted into college or a vocational training program.

**Olene S. Walker Transition to Adult Living Scholarship:** The scholarship is designed to assist qualified youth who are transitioning out of state foster care to complete a post-secondary education program (degree or certificate) at one of the Utah System of Higher Education institutions. The scholarship is sponsored by private donors in partnership with the Utah Educational Savings Plan.

**Utah Education and Training Voucher (ETV):** The Utah ETV grant program provides financial assistance from the state of Utah to current or former foster youth. The ETV program provides financial resources to assist the youth in completing post-secondary education and/or to assist in vocational training. The ETV grant is provided through both federal and state funds, and each year is subject to availability of funds.

**The Siegfried and Ellen Karsten Scholarship:** The Siegfried and Ellen Karsten scholarship is for those students interested in attending the University of Utah. Scholarship applicants must be between the age of 18 and 20 years when applying for admission as an undergraduate student or no older than 22 years if a transfer or returning student. The award is for \$6000 annually and can be renewed.

**How Much Could I Receive?:** An eligible young person may receive up to \$5000 per state fiscal year for tuition, room and board, books, a computer, and other costs for your education. Actual award amounts will be determined by financial need and other financial aid/scholarship resources and funds availability. Awards will be pro-rated for part-time students.

**Federal Aid:** To be considered for the Olene S. Walker TAL Scholarship, the Siegfried and Ellen Karsten Scholarship, and/or the Utah ETV, you must apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and qualify for a Pell Grant. Starting in the 2009-2010 school year answer "Yes" on the FAFSA form if you were in foster care at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today.

**For more information and to get started:**

- ◆ Click on the "Foster Youth & Alumni" tab on the top of the Just for Youth website;
- ◆ Contact your Department of Workforce Services or WIA caseworker;
- ◆ Contact your Child and Family Caseworker or Regional Independent Living Coordinator.

**Child and Family Services  
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