

# FOSTERINGhope

## SCHOLARSHIP

Alabama's **FOSTERING HOPE SCHOLARSHIP** is an investment in the post-secondary education and training goals of youth who were in the foster care system when they earned a high school diploma or GED, as well as those adopted from Alabama foster care after age 14. This comprehensive program covers tuition and fees for eligible students enrolled in a post-secondary certificate or degree program; additionally, it helps eligible high school students begin planning ahead towards achievable goals.

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### Eligibility Requirements

- Children currently in the legal custody of the foster care program at the time of graduation from high school or at the time of receipt of a General Education Development (GED) certificate; **OR** who are/were in the permanent legal custody of the foster care program when his/her adoption is/was finalized (age 14 or older) and has graduated from high school or has earned a GED certificate;
- Children who have been accepted for enrollment in a degree-granting, training, or certification program; **OR** are enrolled and working toward a degree, certificate, or completion of a job training program, and who are making adequate progress toward completion of said degree, certificate, or training program;
- Additional requirements: Children must have net personal assets worth less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) subject to adjustment to account for inflation.

A student who earns grants, scholarships, or other awards (excluding loans) sufficient to pay his/her tuition, room and board, and other fees, may not participate in the Fostering Hope program.

### Application/Referral Process

- Social Workers, community providers, colleges, and universities can refer children who may qualify for this scholarship. Children may apply for this scholarship by going to the Foster Care 2 Success web page. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come-first served basis. Rising High School Seniors (beginning class of 2017) can complete the registration form and will be contacted with specific program information.

**Eligible students** may attend any of Alabama's 42 public community and technical colleges, four-year colleges or universities. **Eligible enrollees** in Alabama's state-funded career and technical training programs may be eligible if the program leads to a recognized certificate and employment. Private colleges and universities are not part of this program. **Eligible high school students** are matched with a mentor to help them plan their post-secondary education. The program does not pay for private high schools or any secondary (high school) education expenses.