

Alabama FOSTERINGhope SCHOLARSHIP

Alabama's **FOSTERING HOPE SCHOLARSHIP** is a state-funded investment in the post-secondary education and training goals of qualified youth who were in the foster care system when they earned a high school diploma or GED. The scholarship is also extended to those who are a part of the States Kinship-Guardianship program or adopted from Alabama foster care after the age of 14. This program covers tuition and required fees as provided by the school for eligible students enrolled in a post-secondary certificate or degree programs.

Eligibility Requirements

- Youth in the legal custody of the foster care program at the time of their graduation from high school or at the time they receive their General Education Development (GED) certificate; **OR** those who are/were in the permanent legal custody of the Alabama foster care program when kinship-guardianship or their adoption was finalized (age 14 or older) and has graduated from high school or has earned a GED certificate;
- Youth 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: Youth must have net personal assets worth less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) subject to adjustment to account for inflation.

Application/Referral Process

Youth can apply for this scholarship by themselves or with the help of social workers, community providers, colleges, or universities by going to www.fosteringhopeal.org. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come-first served basis.

Eligible students may attend any of Alabama's 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 certification and employment. Private colleges and universities are not part of this program. Eligible high school can be 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.

For more information or to apply, go to www.fosteringhopeal.org