The Child Welfare Academy offers educational awards to youth eligible for the OCS Independent Living Program attending University of Alaska Campuses.

What do I get?
Up to $5,000 per academic year!
This can be used toward the following school related expenses:
- Tuition costs & required fees
- Books & supplies
- On-campus & off-campus housing
- Transportation
- Personal care items
- Child care
- Tutoring

How do I apply?
Get an ETV application from your IL Specialist or the Youth Education Coordinator. Complete the application and attach:
- A copy of your high school diploma or GED.
- Verification of acceptance to or enrollment in an approved education or training program.
- A typed, 1-2 page personal statement that includes career goals & how the funding will help you achieve those goals.
- A copy of your Student aid report from FAFSA [http://www.fafsa.ed.gov]

Who is eligible?
You are, if you meet the following requirements!
- Youth who are or were in foster care (out-of-home care) on or after their 16th birthday and have not yet reached age 21.
- Youth must be accepted into a qualifying institution of higher education.
- Must be attending at least half-time to an accredited school that:
  1. Awards a Bachelor’s degree or not less than a 2-year program that provides credit towards a degree.
  2. Provides not less than 1-year of training towards gainful employment, or
  3. Is a vocational program that provides training for gainful employment and has been in existence for at least two years.
- Youth must be enrolled in a program prior to their 21st birthday to receive funds until they reach age 23.

*Students should not expect ETV to cover their entire cost of attendance. ETV funds can be combined with other grants and scholarships to minimize or eliminate the need for student loans.

For more information:
Contact the Associate Director, Office of Youth Empowerment
◆ Amanda Metivier @ (907) 786-6732/almetivier@alaska.edu
Or:

Contact your Regional Independent Living Specialist:
◆ Anchorage Region: Amy Magnuson @ 269-4075/1-800-478-4444/amy.magnuson@alaska.gov
◆ Anchorage Region: Michelle Virden @ 269-3955/michelle.virden@alaska.gov
◆ Southcentral Region: Carla Burns @ 352-8902; 1-888-304-9780/ carla.burns@alaska.gov
◆ Southcentral Region: Kayla Anderson @ 352-8987/kayla.anderson@alaska.gov
◆ Northern Region: Heather Jacobs @ 451-2068; 1-800-353-2650/heather.jacobs@alaska.gov
◆ Southeast Region: Stephany Day @ 465-1664; 1-888-622-1650/ stephany.day@alaska.gov
◆ Western: Raphael Martins @ (907) 543-5725/raphael.martins@alaska.gov

UAA is an AA/EO employer and educational institution and prohibits illegal discrimination against any individual: www.alaska.edu/titleIXcompliance/nondiscrimination.