

NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
FOSTER YOUTH COLLEGE SUCCESS INITIATIVE PROGRAM

IMPORTANT: You may be eligible for additional funding for college!

To be eligible:

The student must be enrolled in one of the following:

- State University of New York (SUNY) **-OR-**
- City University of New York (CUNY) college/university **-OR-**
- Private college/university with a Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP)

AND the student must:

- have been in foster care on or after their 13th birthday; **-OR-**
- living with a relative in a KinGap agreement or adopted on or after age 13; **-OR-**
- in foster care on or after their 13th birthday in another state, other than New York **-OR-**
- orphan, both parents deceased before the student is 18 years old and student was NOT adopted prior to age 13 **-OR-**
- Undocumented immigrant youth who were in foster care on or after their 13th birthday

AND the student must currently be a resident of New York State.

Important things to know about completing your consent form:

- A completed consent form is required to share your foster care information with NYSED, SUNY or CUNY.
- If you do not want to share foster care information with NYSED, SUNY or CUNY and you do not submit the consent form, you will not be considered for additional support or funding at this time.
- If you change your mind and would like to be considered for additional support or funding in the future, you will need to complete the consent form at that time.
- The consent form needs to be completed and submitted once. If you change schools, a new consent form must be submitted with your new college listed.

To apply:

- **Complete the consent form and email to FCY4College@ocfs.ny.gov.**
- It is recommended that you follow up with your college's financial aid office for award status.

For additional information:

- Contact the New York State Education Department at fosteryouth@nysed.gov.

These funds may be used for:

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| ▶ Tuition and Fees | ▶ Transportation | ▶ Academic Support |
| ▶ Meals and Housing | ▶ Advisement | ▶ Personal Expenses |
| ▶ Books and Supplies | ▶ Tutoring | |

****Please note: This program is NOT the same as the Education Training Voucher (ETV)! You can apply for and may be eligible for both! For more information on ETV and to apply:***

<https://etv-nys.smapply.org>

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Please check all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> Student is/was in foster care on or after their 13 th birthday in New York State. <input type="checkbox"/> Student is/was living with a relative in a KinGap agreement or adopted on or after age 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Student was in foster care on or after their 13 th birthday in another state, other than New York (STATE: _____). <input type="checkbox"/> Student is an orphan, both parents deceased before the student was 18 years old. <input type="checkbox"/> Student is an undocumented immigrant youth who was in foster care on or after their 13 th birthday.

If you are 18 years old or older, please complete Section A -OR-

If you are 17 years old or younger – please have your parent or legal guardian complete Section B

SECTION A – COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU ARE 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER, otherwise move to SECTION B	
Name of your college or university: University at Buffalo (UB)	
Enrollment Date: / /	Semester/Year of attendance (for example: Fall/2023): /
Your first name:	Your last name:
Were you ever known by any other name? (Include first and last names):	
Date of Birth: / /	
Please enter the last four digits of your Social Security number:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number: ()	
Mailing Address:	
By signing here, I attest that I am 18 years old or older, and hereby authorize OCFS to release my name, the last four digits of my Social Security number, and my status as a current or former foster youth to the New York State Education Department, for the sole purpose of evaluating my eligibility for additional services and support through the Foster Youth College Success Initiative. I further authorize NYSED to release the below Student information and my eligibility status to the institution of higher education in which I am currently enrolled for the purposes of the Foster Youth College Success Initiative.	
Signature: X	Date: / /

SECTION B – TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IF STUDENT IS 17 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER	
Name of student’s college or university: University at Buffalo (UB)	
Student’s enrollment date: / /	Semester/Year of student’s attendance (example: Fall/2023): /
Student’s first name:	Student’s last name:
Was student ever known by any other name? (Include first and last names):	
Student’s date of birth: / /	
Please enter the last four digits of the student’s Social Security number:	
Parent/Guardian first name:	Parent/Guardian last name:
Relationship to the above student:	
Parent/Guardian Email Address:	
Parent/Guardian Phone Number: ()	
Parent/Guardian Mailing Address:	
By signing here, I attest that I am the parent or legal guardian of the youth listed above. In that role, I hereby authorize OCFS to release the name of the youth listed above, the last four digits of their Social Security number, and the youth’s status as a current or former foster youth to the New York State Education Department for the sole purpose of verifying the youth’s eligibility for additional services and support through the Foster Youth College Success Initiative. I further authorize NYSED to release the above student information and the youth’s eligibility status to the institution of higher education in which the youth is currently enrolled for the purposes of the Foster Youth College Success Initiative.	
Signature: X	Date: / /

Please submit this consent form to FCY4College@ocfs.ny.gov

Completing this consent form does not guarantee eligibility or funding. Please follow up with your institution of higher education’s financial aid office for eligibility/award status.