

Education & Training Voucher (ETV)

THIS APPLICATION SESSION ONLY: There is special pandemic relief funding to support your education goals. Apply for ETV before August 20 to receive up to \$12,000!

You may qualify for ETV if you can answer YES to ALL 5 statements below:

1. I graduated with a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. I am under 27 years of age.
3. I turned 18 in foster care OR adoption/guardianship* occurred after my 16th birthday.
4. I did not already receive ETV for 5 years.
5. I am enrolled in college for fall semester OR I did not enroll/maintain enrollment in college during the pandemic because of a change in circumstances related to the pandemic (such as virtual learning, job loss, lack of child care, school closed, health concerns, etc.).



What's different this application session?

- The maximum ETV award is raised from \$5000 to \$12,000.
- You don't have to be enrolled in college to receive ETV.
- You can use ETV to pay down student loans, outstanding debts, housing and other expenses.
 - You may qualify even if your scholarships and grants exceed your cost of attendance.
 - You don't need to meet GPA requirements (make satisfactory academic progress).
- If you received ETV during the past two semesters, you can also apply for retro benefits.

How to apply:

- Log on to or create your Shakatown account at www.shakatown.com.
- Complete the ETV application in Shakatown BY AUGUST 20, 2021.
 - o If you are NOT enrolled in college, complete the COVID relief portion of the application.
 - o If you ARE enrolled in college, complete the entire ETV application.

Ask an Independent Living provider if you need help:

- o Kaua'i: Hale 'Ōpio 808-245-2873
- o O'ahu: Hale Kipa 808-589-1829 ext. 251
- o Maui/Moloka'i/Lāna'i: Maui Youth and Family Services 808-579-8414
- o Hawai'i Island: The Salvation Army-Family Intervention Services
Hilo 808-959-5855 or Kona 808-323-8081



*Guardianship with a relative/kin

This pandemic relief funding comes from the Consolidated Appropriations Act.

To learn more or see what else you may be eligible for, visit

www.epicohana.org/youthpandemicsupport.