



Tuition Waivers

The Overcoming Hurdles in Ohio Youth Advisory Board is a statewide organization of young people, ages 14-24, who have experienced foster care. The OHIO YAB exists to be the knowledgeable statewide voice that influences policies and practices that impact youth who have or will experience out of home care, including foster care, kinship care, adoption, group homes and residential facilities.

The Problem:

- **Ohio ranks in the bottom 10% of the nation** when it comes to outcomes for older youth in foster care. Ohio foster youth are less likely to graduate high school or obtain a GED, secure employment, and enroll in post-secondary education. Within eight years, 50% experience homelessness and 70% rely on public assistance.

The Solution:

- **In Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, New Mexico, North Carolina, and Virginia**, publicly funded higher education institutions are prohibited from charging tuition for this population. **This avoids needing to ask for a provision in the state budget every two years.**

The Details:

State	Name of Program	Age Limit	Link to Statute	Additional Details
1.) Florida	Tuition and Fee Exemption Tuition Waiver	28	2025 Florida Statutes, Chapter 1009	Includes adoptees.
2.) Kansas	Kansas Foster Child Education Assistance Act	23	Senate Bill 85 and Senate Bill 355	Link to application.
3.) Kentucky	Kentucky Foster or Adopted Children Tuition Waiver Program	28	Kentucky Revised Statutes 164.2847	Link to application and list of eligible schools.
4.) Maryland	Tuition Waiver for Foster Care Recipients	Enroll by 25	MD Code 15-106.1, COMAR 07.02.11.12, COMAR 13B.02.02.23	Link to additional details and liaison list.
5.) New Mexico	New Mexico Tuition Waiver	Enroll by 25	NMSA 21-1-4.7	
6.) North Carolina	North Carolina Foster Youth Tuition Waiver	26	NCLEG 115B-2	Link to detailed scope of work.
7.) Virginia	Virginia Foster Care Tuition Grant	No age limit	Code of Virginia 23.1-601	Regulations related to this provision.

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