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Beginning with academic year 2010-2011, LOSFA will administer the Chafee Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) Program for the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services.

The Chafee ETV Program awards up to \$5,000 annually during the academic year to qualified students who have been in the foster care system so that they can pursue an academic college education or technical and skill training in college to be prepared to enter the workforce. The actual award amount is determined by the student's financial need.

Initial eligibility requires that a student must:

- Be 15 to 21 years of age, unless already participating in the Chafee ETV Program at age 21 in which case they may receive ETVs until age 23; and
- Be in the foster care system, or aged out of the foster care system, or have been under the care of a legal guardian; or
- Have been in the foster care system or under the care of a legal guardian and adopted after age 16; and
- Be enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution; and
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for each year enrolled in college

Renewal eligibility requires that a student must:

- Not have attained the age of 21, or the age 23 if receiving a Chafee ETV at the age of 21 and received the Chafee ETV continuously; and
- Continue to make satisfactory academic progress
- Submit a FAFSA for each year enrolled in college

Complete program rules are located on LOSFA's website, www.osfa.la.gov and can be accessed at http://www.osfa.state.la.us/MainSitePDFs/policy4_SG10121E.pdf.

Details regarding the Chafee ETV Program billing procedure are forthcoming.

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