

Short-Term Certificate Program, Foster Youth Grant

The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) awarded 19 grants to Ohio institutions intended to provide support to students in foster care who plan to pursue short-term credentials and certificates. The Short-Term Certificate Foster Youth Grant Program provides funds across 16 community colleges and three universities earmarked to support foster care youth in programs that take less than a year to complete.

Key Program Guidelines

1. The program must be completed in less than one year.
2. The certificate must lead to or direct the student toward an industry-recognized credential for an in-demand job.
3. \$2,000 maximum award per student, for one or more credentials (including those that are Pell and non-Pell eligible programs).
4. Eligible expenses are tuition and fees.
5. Student must demonstrate financial need; unemployment that resulted from COVID-19's impact on business operations may be used to demonstrate a student's financial need.

Participating Institutions

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- Belmont College
- Central Ohio Technical College
- Cincinnati State Technical & Community College
- Columbus State Community College
- Cuyahoga Community College
- Eastern Gateway Community College
- Hocking College
- Lorain County Community College
- Marion Technical College
- North Central State College
- Northwest State Community College
- Rhodes State College
- Sinclair Community College
- Southern State Community College
- Stark State College
- Terra State Community College

UNIVERSITIES

- Bowling Green State University
- Cleveland State University
- Wright State University

For more information, please visit ohiohighered.org/students/prepare-for-college/foster-care-youth

Please visit ohioreach.org for additional resources and institutional contacts. The institutional contact list is available by clicking the "network" tab on the Ohio Reach website. Please be advised that the institutional contact list is evolving.