IMPORTANT LINKS

- WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV
  The U.S. Department of Education’s application for federal financial aid.

- WWW.FINAI.D.ORG
  Provides information on all types of financial aid.

- WWW.ISEEK.ORG
  Minnesota’s comprehensive career, education, and job resource.

- WWW.MNCAREERCOLLEGES.ORG
  Provides information on 17 of Minnesota’s private career schools.

- WWW.NASFAA.ORG
  Offers information on financial aid and help to foster youth completing their FAFSA.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

If college is not for you, but you are still interested in obtaining further education and career training:

- www.americorps.gov
  Provides participants with a living allowance and education award in exchange for a long-term, full-time community service commitment.

- www.jobcorps.gov
  U.S. Department of Labor’s free education and training program.

- www.military.com
  Provides information about military enlistment.

INFORMATION ABOUT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH CAN BE FOUND IN CLC’S FINDING EMPLOYMENT BROCHURE.

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Scholarship Opportunities

**FRIENDS OF CHILDREN FOUNDATION**
Provides small grants (up to $500 per child per year) to foster children for the purchase of computers and tutoring services.
- www.friendsofchildren.com

**ORPHAN FOUNDATION OF AMERICA**
Provides post-secondary scholarships up to $10,000 for youth under age 25 who have spent at least 12 consecutive months in foster care.
- http://orphan.org

**NATIONAL FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION**
Offers scholarships for foster youth, or biological youth of currently licensed foster parents, who wish to further their education beyond high school, including college or university studies, vocational and job training, and correspondence courses.
- www.nfpainc.org

**Additional Scholarship Resources**
- www.blackexcel.org/
- www.collegeanswer.com
- www.collegeNET.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.scholarshipexperts.com
- www.scholarships.com
- http://scholarshipamerica.org
- www.nationalappcenter.com

**DID YOU KNOW THAT MINNESOTA STATE WARDS QUALIFY FOR TUITION WAIVERS AT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES?**

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCHERS**
The State of Minnesota and Minnesota counties offer financial assistance to current and former foster care youth who wish to enroll in college or attend a vocational training program. Funds can be used toward tuition or other costs related to post-secondary education (e.g. books, transportation, computers, living expenses).

**STATEWIDE PROGRAM**
- (651) 431-4663
- DHS.ETVcoordinator@state.mn.us

**RAMSEY COUNTY**
- (651) 266-4705
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**WHY COLLEGE?**
**MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES**
College graduates have more jobs to choose from than those who do not pursue education beyond high school.

**EARN MORE MONEY**
People with a bachelor’s degree earn over 60 percent more than those with only a high school diploma.

*Education Pays*, 2007 study by College Board

**CONFUSED ABOUT THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS? NOT SURE HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?**
For information on everything from ACT prep to tips on writing college application essays visit:
www.admissionpossible.org