

Foster Care Tuition and Fee Waiver

The Fostering Independence through Education Act (Act 16 of 2019) provides a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees to PA resident students who have been in foster care to reduce financial barriers. Tuition waivers are provided for the balance of tuition and mandatory fees after the awarding of all eligible federal and state grants and other scholarships.

Student Eligibility Requirements

- Student must be accepted to a Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center School of Nursing or Allied Health program.
- Student must be awarded all grants and scholarships for which the student qualifies.
- Student must be eligible for the PA Chafee Education and Training Grant. Student must be a youth who was in foster care after age 16. For more information and to apply for the PA Chafee Education and Training Grant, please visit www.pheaa.org.
- Student must be under age 26.
- Student must be a current PA resident.

Tuition and Fee Waiver

The Fostering Independence Waiver will have subtracted from it the amount of any federal grants, state grants, or other scholarship/grants the student receives. The student can receive the waiver for five years, whether or not consecutive, or until the student reaches 26 years of age.

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These individuals can assist eligible students apply to the institution, access school and support services, and apply for financial aid.