

**Appendix A- Chart of Temporary Federal Changes to Chafee, ETV and Title IV-E**

**1. Additional Chafee Funding (award)**

- Youth must have been in foster care in New York at the age of 14 or older

<b><i>Timeline to receive the additional direct cash award</i></b>	<b><i>Age criteria for the additional direct cash award dispersed by the state's vendor</i></b>
Eligibility for direct cash award until <i>September 30, 2021</i>	18 up to age 27 (Out of Foster Care) 20 and 21 years of age still in foster care
Continued eligibility for direct cash award until <i>September 30, 2022</i>	18 up to age 21 (Out of Foster Care) (21 through 26 years of age no longer eligible) 20 years of age still in foster care

Other eligible youth still in care should receive services, resources, and financial assistance through local departments of social services annual Chafee allocations

Young adults currently receiving public assistance benefits must report the Chafee cash awards as income to the county where benefits are issued except for award money used for transportation and education expenses.

Note: Youth who received assistance through the Family First Transition Act (FFTA) between March 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, will not be eligible for the additional Chafee cash award.

**2. Additional ETV Funding**

**The ETV award was temporarily increased. Previously allowed awards were up to \$5000. For a limited time, the awards will be up to \$12,000.**

Standards and time frame for eligibility of the increased ETV award:

<b><i>Timeline to receive increased funding</i></b>	<b><i>Guidelines for eligibility</i></b>
<i>April 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021</i>	Students are eligible to receive the increased ETV award through 26 years of age. Satisfactory academic performance standards temporarily waived Awards may be used for expenses that are not part of the cost of attendance.
<i>October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022</i>	Students are eligible to continue to receive the increased ETV award through age 22. (ages 23 through 26 are no longer eligible).

Note: No student may receive an ETV award for more than five years regardless of consecutive or not.

Initial eligibility requirements for first-time applicants remain the same:

- be under the age of 21 years old to be initially eligible for the ETV program,
- be a U.S. citizen or qualified alien, and
- be enrolled in or attending an accredited college or vocational program prior to age 21.

In addition, an applicant must have been

- in foster care on or after their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday and otherwise eligible for services under Chafee; or
- in OCFS custody placed in a non-secure facility or on aftercare status on or after their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday; or
- adopted or entered KinGAP from foster care at age 16 or older.

### 3. Reentry and Aging Out of Foster Care

<b><i>Eligibility for reentry to foster care</i></b>	Youth who aged out of foster care, including youth 21 years of age, between <i>January 27, 2020, to September 30, 2021</i>
<b><i>Youth aging out but wish to remain in foster care</i></b>	Youth cannot be discharged from foster care solely based on age from <i>December 27, 2020, to September 30, 2021</i>

Education and employment requirements for youth are waived until September 30, 2021, for youth either remaining in foster care and for those reentering foster care.

The moratorium on aging out and the allowability to reenter after age 21 ends on September 30, 2021.

Reasonable efforts must be made and documented to determine the Title IV-E eligibility of each youth remaining in or reentering foster care beyond the age of 21 under the above referenced temporary federal standards.