

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR MONEY FOR COLLEGE OR A TRADE SCHOOL?: DCYF is excited to announce the availability of the DCYF Post Secondary Education Tuition Assistance Program (PETAP) for the 2012-13 academic year (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013). Applications must be received by June 1, 2012 to be considered for an award. Some key points:

- **The application deadline is June 1, 2012. WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING ANY APPLICATIONS AFTER JUNE 1, 2012.**
- **You must complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before we can process your application. Go to www.fafsa.gov for the FAFSA.**
- **Our application is completely web-based and must be completed online. This lets us send and receive information directly to the school each student identifies as their “selected school”.**
- Before you go to the application site, please make sure you read our "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)".
- When you click on application link, it will take you to the website of the RI Higher Education Assistance Authority (RIHEAA), our partners in this process.
 - **If you applied for our money in 2010-11 or in 2011-12, you will need to enter your user name and password that you created at that time.** If you have a login to the RIHEAA Web Information Portal you can access the DCYF application by logging in to the portal and clicking the DCYF System button.
 - If you are newly applying for our funds, you will need to create a username and a password to open an account. You will be asked for an email address. *An email will be sent to you and you have to do what that email tells you to do to finish creating your account – if you don't, we won't know you applied!*
 - After you have entered your existing account or opened your new account, simply follow the directions on the application screens. **Be sure to finish the application completely to the confirmation page!**
- **New applicants - [Click here](#) to start your application process! Returning applicants – [click here](#) to start your 2012-13 application process!**
- **Remember, youth currently in college or some other post high school educational program and who are receiving higher education grant funds from DCYF, these funds are not automatically renewed each year. Each youth must reapply each year to be considered for funding.**