



Short-Term Certificate Grant Application For Foster Youth

The Ohio Department of Education (ODHE) awarded Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) funds under the Short-Term Certificate Grant Program in 2018 to provide grants to students enrolled in certificate programs to meet the in-demand needs of Ohio based business and industries. This grant is designed to support students with demonstrated financial need in obtaining a certificate they can complete in less than one year while providing a **one-time** grant of up to \$2000 (minus any grants, scholarship, or outside aid) to assist with tuition in one of these short-term certificates. **Funding as a part of this grant has been designated to assist students in the Foster Care System or who have recently exited the system and students who at any time were in a kinship relationship.** Kinship refers to a temporary or permanent arrangement in which a relative or any non-relative adult took over the full-time, substitute care of a you when your parents were unable or unwilling to do so. This grant is to be used only for tuition and fees (does not include the cost of books and supplies) and is a limited fund that will be awarded until funds are exhausted.

To be considered, interested students must:

- Submit the Short-Term Certificate Grant Application.
- Plan to enroll in one of the following certificates at COTC:
 - State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA)
 - Emergency Medical Technician
 - Addiction Studies Certificate
 - Peace Officer Basic Training
 - Phlebotomy Certificate
 - Short-term Medical Coding Certificate
 - Fire with EMT Certificate
 - Patient Care Technician
 - Industrial Electrician
 - Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA)
- Certify that you are either currently in the Foster Care System or that you are preparing to exit or just recently exited the Foster Care System or were in a kinship care arrangement.
- Certify that you have a financial need for this grant. Financial need may be because of unemployment or underemployment (working in low paying or low skill jobs) or **simply lacking resources to fully meet all your current expenses.**

Name: _____

COTC ID#: _____

Phone #: _____

COTC Email Address: _____

CERTIFICATION: I certify that all statements made in this application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

By checking the box and signing below, you are certifying that you have financial need for this grant, and you are in the Foster Care System or in the process of exiting or have exited the Foster Care System or were in a kinship arrangement.

Signature _____

Date _____

Electronic Signatures will not be accepted.

TO RETURN THIS FORM: Students may upload all forms and documents in the **Student Assistance Portal**. Select the "Assistance" icon in the upper right-hand corner of the screen, followed by "Submit Financial Aid Documents" from the drop-down menu. Or **mail to:** COTC, Student Financial Services, 1179 University Dr, Newark OH 43055 or **Email to:** nwk-studentfinancialservices@mail.cotc.edu

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