

# FIND YOUR PLACE

HOUSING  
EDUCATION  
EMPLOYMENT  
WELL-BEING

## GUIDING YOU TOWARD YOUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS.



### Helping you navigate your educational path.

From high school, GED testing, vocational school, to four-year college, Bridges can connect you to the resources you need. As a former foster youth, you may be eligible for financial aid - including scholarships and need-based aid.

### EDUCATION



Your Bridges representative can help you navigate your educational path. You may be eligible for a variety of financial aid, including scholarships, need-based aid and help through the Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program, which provides federal assistance for education for young people who aged out of foster care or who were adopted after age 16. For more information, visit [fc2success.org](https://fc2success.org).

Also, be sure to visit [OhioMeansJobs.com](https://OhioMeansJobs.com) and register for a free account. You can take a Career Profile assessment to identify potential careers, take free college entrance and career preparation practice tests, and find local training programs that can help you launch a sustainable and rewarding career.



## IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW.

A Bridges representative will work with you - connecting you to the people and resources you need to make a successful transition into adult life.



## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for Bridges, you must have left the foster care system after turning 18 and be under the age of 21. You must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be completing secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent credential.
- Be enrolled in college or other post-secondary school.
- Be participating in a program or activity designed to remove barriers to employment.
- Be employed at least 80 hours a month.
- Or be incapable of doing any of the above activities due to a physical or mental health condition.



## HOW TO APPLY

### If you're transitioning from foster care:

Talk with your children services caseworker about your interest in Bridges. He or she will contact a Bridges representative three months before you leave foster care to coordinate services.

### If you've aged out of foster care:

If you left foster care after turning 18 and are under the age of 21, please connect with a Bridges representative using the interest form on our website. A representative will contact you within two business days.

