

# Child Welfare Policy Manual

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## Questions & Answers

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### 3.5B Coordination and Duplication

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**1. Question:** The Chafee voucher program requires States to describe how they will avoid duplication of benefits under this and any other Federal assistance program. Does this mean that an award of an educational and training voucher precludes a youth from also receiving a Pell grant award?

**Answer:** No. A youth may receive both a Pell grant and a voucher. "Avoiding duplicated benefits" means that the youth cannot receive a combination of Federal educational assistance and vouchers that totals more than the actual cost of attendance, or otherwise claim for the same expense under multiple Federal programs.

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- **Legal and Related References:** Social Security Act § Section 477(b)(3)(J), Section 477(i)(5)