
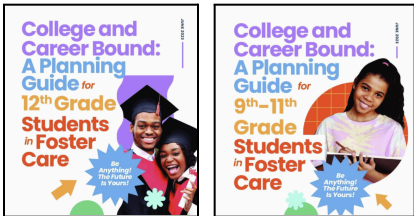





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College Resources and Programs



Resource	Description
 <p>FOSTER YOUTH FINANCIAL AID ONE-PAGER</p>	<p>Foster Youth Financial Aid One Pager</p> <p>This is a quick at-a-glance of understanding independent status for foster youth as well as an outline of awards and scholarships that are available</p>
	<p>College and Career Bound: Planning Guide for 12th Grade Students in Foster Care</p> <p>College and Career Bound: Planning Guide for 9th-11th Grade Students in Foster Care</p>
 <p>California College Pathways</p>	<p>Students can explore this site to discover resources for college planning, financial aid and campus support programs for foster youth. There is a search feature to find services and programs that support foster youth at the various colleges and universities both in and outside of California.</p>
 <p>Guardian Scholars at CCSF</p>	<p>Check out the services and supports for foster youth through the Guardian Scholars Program at City College of San Francisco.</p> <p>The Guardian Scholars Program accepts applications year-round. If you know a current or former foster youth college-bound student, they may be eligible to receive services through the Guardian Scholars Program. Review the eligibility requirements and simple steps to join HERE.</p>
 <p>Next Up at CCSF</p>	<p>The NextUp Program (formerly known as Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support or CAYFES) provides community college students that are current or former foster youth with support services including, transportation, food, book, supplies and grants as funding permits. Learn more HERE</p>

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 <p>Guardian Scholars at SFSU</p>	<p>The Guardian Scholars Program at SFSU is a comprehensive program tailored to fit the needs of undergraduate students who are current or former foster youth. The Guardian Scholars Program partners with on-campus departments and works with off-campus social service groups to ensure a pipeline for CSU eligible youth in foster care. Each year, the program admits both first-time freshmen and transfer students. Review eligibility requirements and steps to apply HERE.</p>
 <p>CSU Campus Foster Youth Programs</p>	<p>The CSU provides a wide range of services to support incoming freshmen and transfer students who were in foster care. Check out this portal for CSU Foster Youth Programs, supports and services are searchable by university within the CSU system.</p>
 <p>Basic Needs Centers (UCs, CSUs, CCC's)</p>	<p>Basic Needs Centers provide transportation costs, food, housing resources, tech, and more to students to help cover their basic needs so that students can focus on their academics. Every campus has these resources available to all their students,</p>

Grants & Scholarships

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 <p>Foster Youth Access Award</p>	<p>Foster youth can qualify for a new or increased award to help cover the cost of attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age requirements in foster care on or after age 13 and under 26 years of age at the start of the academic year • Available at California public colleges, or private non-profit institutions • Award amount varies based on enrollment level
 <p>Cal Grant B Foster Youth Award</p>	<p>The Cal Grant B Foster Youth award allows students who are current and former foster youth to be eligible for increased Cal Grant eligibility. Foster youth have until their 26 birthday to apply.</p>

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 <p>California Community Colleges</p> <p>CCCApply</p> <p>California College Promise Grant</p>	<p>For eligible California residents, the California Community Colleges Promise Grant permits enrollment fees to be waived. (Assistance for the purchase of books and supplies must be applied for separately.)</p>
 <p>CHAFEE GRANT</p> <p>Chafee Grant</p>	<p>Chafee Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pays up to \$4,500 annually to help foster youth pay for college career/technical vocational training. • Administered by the Commission (CSAC) through interagency agreement with California Department of Social Services (CDSS) • Federal and state funded grant subject to annual availability • Eligible participants must complete one-time Chafee application
 <p>CalKIDS</p> <p>California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program</p>	<p>Foster Youth Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster youth get up to \$1,500 automatically deposited in their CalKids account • This includes an additional \$500 specifically for being identified as foster youth • Money can be used for college expenses like tuition, books, supplies, and equipment • The money is invested and grows over time until you're ready to use it <p>How to Access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check your eligibility at https://calkids.org/ • No application needed - it's automatic if you're eligible
 <p>JCYC</p> <p>25-26 Scholarship List - pending updates</p>	<p>JCYC and Partners Scholarship List</p> <p>This is a comprehensive list of scholarships available to seniors applying to college. Check specific criteria and eligibility per scholarship.</p>
 <p>Foster Love</p>	<p>Foster Love provides over 500K in scholarships</p> <p>Pending updates for 25-26</p>

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Other Supports/Resources

 <p>California Foster Youth Tax Credit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JBAY Tax Filing and Tax Credits Informational Resources • Foster Youth Tax Credit Flier • How Tax Filing Benefits Foster Youth 	<p>Current or former foster youth (in foster care on or after 13th birthday) ages 18-25 may qualify for up to \$1,117 when they file in 2025.</p>
	<p>San Francisco - Independent Living Skills Program (SF-ILSP)</p>	<p>San Francisco Independent Living Skills Program (SF ILSP) is a supportive community for young people in foster care. SF ILSP provides guidance, resources and services to help them succeed in school, build the skills for self-sufficiency, and get on a path for long term success in adulthood. Programs include education, housing, career development and health & wellness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF-ILSP Program Overview • Referral Form
	<p>FosterSpace</p>	<p>FosterSpace is a tailored wellness app designed by foster youth, for foster youth.</p>
	<p>LifeLine Foster Program</p>	<p>California LifeLine Foster Program provides free cell phones for current foster youth ages 13-21 in California.</p>