

FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAMS-CSU



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Cal State University Fullerton - Guardian Scholars

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements Application is open year round Not age limit and cap Open to undergraduate and graduate students Provide copy of Foster Youth Verification or Ward of the Court Letter 	<p>Jaime Hamilton jehamilton@fullerton.edu 657-278-2389 657-278-3458 - Center for Scholars</p> <p>Aissa Bugarín Guardian Scholars Outreach & Marketing Coordinator aissabugarin@fullerton.edu</p>	<p>All majors are currently impacted.</p>

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Nov.-Mar. 2nd each year Verify FY after 13 Under age 26 Provide copy of Foster Youth Verification or Ward of Court Doc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster Youth Program Applications Housing Applications Academic support resources

Cal State University Dominguez Hills - Toro Guardian Scholars

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current and former foster youth, McKinney-Vento and unaccompanied minors Submit Toro Guardian Scholars application through email or in person Verification Letter or Paperwork (dependency letter/ward of court document, McKinney-Vento document) No age limit; rolling admissions 	<p>Marie Medina mmedina127@csudh.edu 310-243-2052</p> <p>Financial Aid Marcela Vega mvega@csudh.edu 310-243-3691</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions applications Priority registration University Housing application and fees Emergency financial support Resource support (e.g., textbooks), graduate school preparation, scholarship and community resources

Cal State University Fresno - Renaissance Scholars Program

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate application is required for FY program To be fully accepted, RSP applicant must attend 2 day /1 night RSP LINC orientation at Fresno State. Students will stay in the dorms 	<p>Ofelia Gamez & Juan Fonseca 559-278-5055</p> <p>Financial Aid Erin Connor 559-278-2182</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursing Social Work

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions Applications Housing Applications (FY get priority) FAFSA/CADAA College Applications

Sacramento State University - Guardian Scholars Program

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No deadline to submit an application No age limit to apply Must be accepted to Sacramento State University; Must be able to provide their dependency document (typically this would be court papers or Dept. of Social Services; any documentation stating the youth was in foster care, adopted, a ward of the court, orphan or McKinney Vento) The student will need to fill out our GSP application; Sign the consent and agreement forms Write an essay answering the questions listed on the check list 	<p>Susan Kischmischian Assistant Director susan.kischmischian@csus.edu 916-278-6184</p> <p>Gina Bryan Program Coordinator g.bryan@csus.edu 916-278-2116</p> <p>Sienna Horita Program Coordinator susan.kischmischian@csus.edu 916-278-2116</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Administration (minimum 2.4 GPA) Criminal Justice (Overall GPA of 2.6 or higher) Graphic Design Health Science (No supplemental application required) Nursing (minimum 3.0) Psychology (Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.30 in all college level units) Public Health (No supplemental application required) Have a 2.5 minimum in overall GPA

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions Applications Housing Applications (FY have priority) FAFSA/CADAA College Applications

Cal State University Northridge - Resilient Scholars Program

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply to CSUN • Apply to EOP • If accepted to EOP - Must participate in a Summer Bridge Program • Apply to RSP • Must submit Court Dependency Letter with application 	<p>General Email and Phone Number: eoprsp@csun.edu 818-677-4151</p> <p>Ashley Cano EOP Resilient Scholars Coordinator ashley.cano@csun.edu 818-677-4151</p> <p>Orlando Roybal EOP Resilient Scholars Senior Specialist orlando.roybal@csun.edu 818-677-4151</p> <p>Karla Loreto Financial Aid Financial.aid@csun.edu 818-677-4085</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Applications • Foster Youth Program Applications • FAFSA/CADAA • College Applications

CSU San Bernardino- EOP Renaissance Scholars Program

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a current or former foster youth student applying to or currently attending CSU San Bernardino • Be able to participate in Summer Bridge program (if you are an incoming EOP first-time freshman student) • Be able and willing to submit an online application, write a personal statement and participate in a personal interview • Please visit our website for further information on application deadlines etc. 	<p>Reneisha Wilkes RSP Coordinator Reneisha.Wilkes@csusb.edu</p> <p>Rosalinda "Rosie" Martinez RSP Advisor Rmartinez8@csusb.edu 909-537-5042 (main office)</p> <p>Dianne Byrd EOP Financial Aid Liaison dbyrd@csusb.edu 909-537-3850</p>	<p>The following majors are impacted and may have GPA minimum requirements and/or prerequisites for acceptance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychology • Criminal Justice • Social Work • Kinesiology • Pre-Nursing

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster Youth Program Applications • Housing Applications • FAFSA/CADAA • College Applications

California State University San Marcos - ACE Scholars

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet all admissions eligibility for first time freshman at a CSU • Documented Foster Care Placement • Apply to ACE Scholars Services no later than Feb 1st • Submit Verification of Foster Care Dependency letter • Participate in Spring campus visit and meeting with ACE staff to discuss program requirements • Participate in 6-week summer bridge program, maintain full time status and must live on campus freshman year 	<p>Laurie Orr, LCSW Counselor lorr@csusm.edu 760-750-4862</p> <p>Nyla Vivas, M.A.Ed. Outreach & Retention Counselor nvivas@csusm.edu 760-750-6039</p> <p>Financial Aid finaid@csusm.edu 760-750-4850</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological Sciences • Biotechnology • Business Administration • Communication • Electrical Engineering • Kinesiology • Mass Media • Nursing, Pre-Licensure • Software Engineering <p>*Note: each program has their own supplemental criteria</p>

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster Youth Program Applications • ACE assists students from the submission on their application to their completion of their academic journey at CSUSM

Cal State University Long Beach- Guardian Scholars Program

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current or Former Foster Youth • Currently enrolled in CSULB • Separate application is required for Foster Youth program • A completed FAFSA or CADAA • Complete a separate Guardian Scholar Application 	<p>Oneida Santana Outreach & Admissions Coordinator oneida.santana@csulb.edu 562-985-7598</p> <p>Cheryl Crumble Resource Coordinator guardianscholars@csulb.edu 562-985-2639</p> <p>Lorena Romero Asst. Director EOP/GS Financial Aid Counselor Lorena.Romero@csulb.edu 562-985-5637</p>	<p>For more information on the impacted majors at CSU, Long Beach, visit: Impaction Program website</p>

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Applications • Foster Youth Program Applications • FAFSA/CADAA • Housing Applications • Resources

California State University Pomona - Renaissance Scholars

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet all admissions eligibility for first time freshman at a CSU • Documented foster care placement • Apply to Renaissance Scholars Services no later than Feb 1st • Submit verification of foster care dependency letter • Participate in Spring campus visit and meeting with staff to discuss program requirements • Participate in 6-week summer bridge program, maintain full time status and must live on campus freshman year 	<p>Makeda Bostic Coordinator mdbostic@cpp.edu 909-869-3169</p> <p>Erica Carrillo Assistant Coordinator ejcarrillo@cpp.edu 909-869-4306</p> <p>Daisy Peraza Educational Counselor dperaza@cpp.edu 909-869-2992</p> <p>Financial Aid finaid@cpp.edu 909-869-3700</p>	<p>For more information on the impacted majors at CSU, Pomona, visit their Impaction Program site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychology (Freshmen & Transfer) • Sociology (Transfer Only)

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster Youth Program Applications • ACE assists students from the submission on their application to their completion of their academic journey at CSUSM

Sonoma State University- Seawolf Scholars

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualify for admission to Sonoma State University as a freshman or transfer undergraduate student • Complete program application and submit verification of eligibility • Must be a current or former Foster Youth • Guardianship care/kinship care • Ward of the court • Emancipated minor • Unaccompanied Homeless Youth • Independent by appeal (must be updated yearly) 	<p>Shelly Gomez EOP & Seawolf Scholars Manager gomez@sonoma.edu 707-664-3891</p> <p>Stacie Rodriguez-Fitch Seawolf Scholars Advisor rodrigusta@sonoma.edu</p> <p>Financial Aid vasquedu@sonoma.edu 707-664-2389</p>	<p>Refer to SSU Admissions website for impacted majors information and criteria for first-time, first-year students (freshmen)</p>

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority registration and Academic Advising • Resource support (textbooks, school supplies, basic needs. etc.) • Community building • Emergency funding • Guidance with housing, scholarships and community resources

San Francisco State University - Guardian Scholars

Requirements

Contact

Impacted Majors

- Ward of the court letter
- Must have spent at least one day in out-of-home placement
- A separate Foster Youth Program application is required

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For more information on the impacted majors at San Francisco State University visit their [Impaction Program site](#).

- Nursing

Scholarship Application

Assistance With

- Housing application

California State University Los Angeles - Guardian Scholars

Requirements

Contact

Impacted Majors

- Apply or be admitted to Cal State LA
- Apply to EOP
- Must be a current or former foster youth
- A [separate application](#) is required for GSP
- No deadline to submit an application.
- No Age limit to apply
- Be able to participate in Summer Bridge (Freshmen only)
- Submit Verification of Foster Care (Court Dependency letter)

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For more information on the impacted majors at CSU Los Angeles visit their [Impaction Program site](#).

- Biology B.S.

Scholarship Application

Assistance With

- College Applications
- Foster Youth Program Applications
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing Applications

California State University, Stanislaus - Promise Scholars

Requirements

Contact

Impacted Majors

- Both current and former foster youth are eligible for Promise Scholars.
- Also accepted under the Foster Youth definition is:
 - Guardianship Care/Kinship Care
 - Ward of the Court
 - Emancipated Minor
 - Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
 - Independent by Appeal (must be updated yearly)
- Scholars Applicants should meet the following eligibility criteria:
 - Former foster youth between the ages of 17-23
 - Must be a California resident
 - Qualify for admission to Stan State
- Complete the Promise Scholars Application
- Complete the FASFA
- Provide Foster Youth or Unaccompanied Homeless Youth documentation
- Meet with Promise Scholar Program

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For more information on the impacted majors at CSU Stanislaus visit their [Impaction Program site](#).

- Nursing

Scholarship Application

Assistance With

- Housing application

San Jose State University - Promise Scholars

Requirements

Contact

Impacted Majors

- A student who is admitted to SJSU
- Enrolled at least part-time (6 units) at SJSU
- A current or former youth who experienced Foster Care or identify as
 - Dependent/Ward of the Court
 - Under Legal Guardianship
 - AB12 Eligible
 - Independent Student Status as determined by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships
- GSP applicants must have a complete application that includes
 - a dependency or ward of the court letter to verify that you were in care

*EOP acceptance is no longer required to apply to the Guardian Scholars Program.

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For more information on the impacted majors at CSU Los Angeles visit their [Impaction Program site](#).

- Engineering

Scholarship Application

Assistance With

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced class registration • Priority consideration for housing • Housing during academic breaks • Textbooks and school supplies • Community Building | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA/CADAA, scholarship applications • Academic, Career and Personal resources |
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Cal State University Bakersfield - Guardian Scholars

Requirements

- Requirements
- Separate application located at www.csub.edu/gsp/guardian-scholars-program-application
- Must be between the ages of 17 & 24
- Qualify for undergraduate admission to CSU Bakersfield as a freshman or transfer student
- Apply to the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- Be a California Resident
- Qualify for "Independent Student" status under federal financial aid guidelines
- Apply for financial aid by completing either the FAFSA or CADAA.
- Apply for the Chafee Grant by March 2nd
- Be able to participate in EOP Summer Bridge Program, if a first-time freshman

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Impacted Majors

For more information on the impacted majors at Cal State University Bakersfield

- Nursing

Scholarship Application

Assistance With

- Admission to the university
- Transitional program and support
- Priority registration
- Hierarchy needs
- Emergency funds
- Experiences that enrich students educationally, culturally and socially
- Preparation for graduation and beyond

California State University Channel Islands - Dolphin Scholars

Requirements

- Currently or were in a foster care placement any time since birth
- Currently or previously in guardianship between the ages of 0-18
- Currently or previously living with a relative or friend of the family that was not your biological parent between the ages of 0-18
- Having been adopted
- Currently or previously experienced homelessness between the ages of 0-18 for more than 30 days

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Impacted Majors

Scholarship Application

Assistance With

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic assistance • Career exploration • Financial literacy education • Coaching and student leadership development • Graduate school preparation • Job and internship preparation and search assistance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance with housing, scholarships and community resources • Mentoring |
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California State University, Chico - Path Scholars

Requirements

- Requirements
- Apply to EOP (not required but strongly encouraged)
- Must be admitted to Chico State Contact PATH Scholars program staff
- Submit verifying documentation of foster youth, guardianship, kinship care, ward of the court or unaccompanied homeless as a minor
- Submit PATH Scholars application packet

Contact

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Impacted Majors

Scholarship Application

Assistance With

- Admission to the University
- Transitional support
- Priority registration
- Dedicated liaisons in key campus departments
- Basic Needs support/Emergency grants when funding is available
- Social events and opportunities
- Community resources
- Preparation for graduation and beyond

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FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAMS-UC



UC Los Angeles - [First Star Bruin Guardian Scholars](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Los Angeles County foster youth with an open DCFS case Currently in 8th, 9th and 10th grade (LAUSD schools preferred) Able and willing to participate in a 2-4 week residential component at the university and monthly Saturday sessions during the school year At least a 2.0 GPA and 90% attendance in current and previous school year, unless there is a reasonable explanation for participation Demonstrates maturity and potential to thrive in a college-prep setting encouraged to apply online. 	<p>Markeith Royster mroyster@ori.ucla.edu</p> <p>General First Star GS Contact Information FSBGSA@saonet.ucla.edu 310-825-5415</p> <p>Financial Aid 310-206-0400</p>	<p>Majors requiring supplemental applications here.</p>

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Applications Foster Youth Program Applications FAFSA/CADAA

UC Los Angeles - [Bruin Guardian Scholars](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be an admitted UCLA undergrad or graduate student Have experienced: foster care, kinship care, adoption, houselessness, juvenile probation or identify as an unaccompanied minor at any time after birth. Submit a verification of foster care lived experience (dependency letter etc) and submit an online application 	<p>Teaira Nelson Tnelson@saonet.ucla.edu 310-206-6995</p> <p>Jade Mouton jmouton@saonet.ucla.edu 424-259-5309</p> <p>Financial Aid 310-206-0400</p>	<p>Majors requiring supplemental applications here.</p>

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
<p>Former Foster Youth Scholarship Fund</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with... FAFSA/CADAA Housing Applications, Academic assistance Internship opportunities Externship opportunities Professional development opportunities Graduate school preparation Priority registration Priority housing Scholarships Tutoring services Mental health and wellness services

UC Santa Cruz - [Renaissance Scholars](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements • Application is open year round • Not age limit and cap • Open to undergraduate and graduate students • Provide copy of Foster Youth Verification or Ward of the Court Letter 	<p style="text-align: center;">Jaime Hamilton jehamilton@fullerton.edu 657-278-2389 657-278-3458 - Center for Scholars</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aissa Bugarín Guardian Scholars Outreach & Marketing Coordinator aissabugarin@fullerton.edu</p>	<p>All majors are currently impacted.</p>

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Nov.-Mar. 2nd each year • Verify FY after 13 • Under age 26 • Provide copy of Foster Youth Verification or Ward of Court Doc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster Youth Program Applications • Housing Applications • Academic support resources

UC Berkeley - [Hope Scholars](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current and former foster youth, McKinney-Vento and unaccompanied minors • Submit Toro Guardian Scholars application through email or in person • Verification Letter or Paperwork (dependency letter/ward of court document, McKinney-Vento document) • No age limit; rolling admissions 	<p style="text-align: center;">Marie Medina mmedina127@csudh.edu 310-243-2052</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Financial Aid Marcela Vega mvega@csudh.edu 310-243-3691</p>	<p>These majors are in high demand and may be impacted for first year students.</p>

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
<p>Find scholarships here.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions applications • Priority registration • University Housing application and fees • Emergency financial support • Resource support (e.g., textbooks), graduate school preparation, scholarship and community resources

UC Santa Barbara - [Guardian Scholars](#)

Requirements

- Undergraduate or graduate student
- Any age
- Former Child Welfare status before 18, emancipated youth, current ward of the court or Kinship care

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Impacted Majors

[These majors](#) may be impacted or require a supplemental application.

Scholarship Application

Find scholarships [here](#).

Assistance With

- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing application

UC Merced - [Guardian Scholars](#)

Requirements

- Must be a UC Merced Student or have submitted a SIR to UC Merced
- Must identify with at least one of the following:
 - **Foster youth** - someone who has been in foster care, no matter the length of time or age at the time of care.
 - **Emancipated Minor** (arranged formally and informally) -someone who is a minor (under age 18 in CA) and is no longer under parental control and/or is financially independent.
 - **Homeless** (or at risk of being homeless) - someone who is living in a shelter, on the street or "couch hopping".
 - **Living with Kin** (arranged formally or informally) - someone whose care is provided by relatives, extended family member(s), friends, loved ones, etc. due to any number of reasons.
 - **Dependent or ward of the court** - someone who has received protection from the court and may have had a legal guardian appointed either by the court or by parental consent.
 - **Orphaned**-someone whose parents or legal guardians are deceased, unknown or absent.

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Impacted Majors

[These majors](#) may be impacted for first year students.

Scholarship Application

Find a list of scholarships [here](#).

Assistance With

- Admissions applications
- Priority registration
- University Housing application and fees
- Emergency financial support
- Resource support (e.g., textbooks), graduate school preparation, scholarship and community resources

Additional Information

If you feel you may qualify but don't meet any of the criteria above email guardianscholars@ucmerced.edu The deadline for the Guardian Scholar application is always the day that the semester begins.



FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAMS- COMMUNITY COLLEGES

California Community College Website

If you would like to find a community college based on your field of interest, visit: icanGotoCollege.com

Cerritos College - [L.I.N.C./ Next Up](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enroll in at least one course for credit at Cerritos College • Current or former foster youth who was in care at age 13 or older • Provide proof of dependency letter (LINC/NextUp can help with obtaining this document) 	<p>Laura Delgado ldelgado@cerritos.edu linc@cerritos.edu 562-860-2451 xt.2398</p> <p>Adriana Leguizamon, Financial Aid aleguizamon@cerritos.edu 562-860-2451 xt2390</p> <p>Patricia Robbins Smith, EOPS probbinssmith@cerritos.edu 562-860-2451 xt2525</p>	
Scholarship Application	Assistance With	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic and career counseling, transfer applications • FAFSA/CADAA • Book vouchers and school supplies • Access to free tutoring • Emergency support • Food and transportation support • Housing navigation available via referral to basic needs office. Students must meet housing program eligibility. • Housing available in summer and winter if eligible. 	

LA Harbor College - [Next UP](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<p>You may be eligible for NextUp if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are a current or former foster youth who was in foster care, in any state, for at least one day, on or after your 13th birthday are no older than 26 at the start of any academic year in which you first enroll in the program are enrolled or planning to enroll in at least 9 units can provide written verification of your Foster Youth status 	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Jassiel Dominguez Next Up/ CAFYES domingj@LAHC.edu 310-233-4552</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EOPS Office 310-233-4265</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialized counseling & mentoring Augmented book awards Cash grants Meal vouchers Food bank Transportation assistance (bus tokens and gas cards) Specialized workshops College fee waivers Resource referrals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing referrals available through Housing Navigator Housing not available during summer and winter break

LA Southwest College - [NEXT Up and Guardian Scholars](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<p>NextUp Program Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be enrolled in at least 9 units Current or former foster youth in California whose dependency was established or continued on or after their 13th birthday Provide a court of verification letter Be under the age of 26 	<p style="text-align: center;">Angelica Arauza Guardian Scholars arauza@lasc.edu 323-241-5298</p>	
<p>Guardian Scholars Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current or former foster youth with proof of a Foster Care Verification Form Currently enrolled in at least 3 units Maintain a GPA of a minimum of 2.0 	<p style="text-align: center;">Naomi Hobayan Next Up hobayan@lasc.edu</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority Registration Scholarships assistance Financial Aid Academic and Personal Counseling Life Skills Workshops Educational & Community Enrichment Activities Computer Lab 	

Pasadena City College - [Next UP](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply and be admitted to the EOP&S program • Be enrolled in at least 9 units • Have dependency established or continued by the court on or after your 13th birthday • No older than 25 years of age at the beginning of the academic year 	<p>David Sigala Gomez Next Up/ CAFYES dsigalagomez@pasadena.edu 626-658-8075</p> <p>Geyene Chechyan Financial Aid 626-585-7987</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Applications • Foster Youth Program Applications • FAFSA/CADAA • Housing Applications • EOP&S;CAL FRESH scholarships, grants, child care • EOP&S NextUp Counselor • Financial Assistance • Additional funds for books, school supplies, meals, transportation, housing • Tutoring Services • Specialized Workshops • College Tours and Student Conferences • Study Abroad opportunities • Vendor cards (Target, Walmart, grocery stores, Uber, gas cards and fast-food chain cards) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • housing referrals available through Housing Navigator • housing available during summer and winter break

Compton College - [NextUp/ Project Tipping Point](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<p>NextUp Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In foster care after the age of 16 • Under age 26 • Enrolled in a minimum of 9 units (or be on an educational plan to work towards 9 units) • Have an EOPS application on file <p>Project Tipping Point Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current or former foster youth • Between the ages of 18-25 • Earned a high school diploma or GED 	<p>Tosin Williams owilliams@compton.edu 310-900-1600 ext. 2025 310-900-1600 ext. 2912 - EOPS</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Applications • Foster Youth Program Applications • FAFSA/CADAA • EOP&S • Formerly Incarcerated Students in Transition Program 	

Glendale Community College - [Foster Youth Support Program](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current or former foster youth students at GCC • Required: Ward of the court letter • Enrolled in credit classes at GCC • Submit a completed EOPS application • Attend an intake meeting with a Foster Youth Support Program counselor <p>Once admitted, complete these 3 program requirements each semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One 30-minute appointment with an academic counselor • One progress check • Attend one workshop or event during the semester 	<p style="text-align: center;">Nick Bravo EOPS/ FYS Counselor nbravo@glendale.edu 818-240-1000 x. 5571</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Linda Carrasco Financial Aid lindac@glendale.edu</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic, financial aid, transfer and career counseling • Student Educational Plan development • Community events and enrichment activities • A stronger sense of belonging • Opportunities to build community at GCC • Supportive environment to achieve academic and personal goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial assistance for groceries • Bookstore credit to purchase books • Transportation support, including TAP cards, parking permits or gas cards • Textbook and technology loans • Housing referrals to campus and county resources as needed

Mt. San Antonio College - [NextUp/ REACH](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current and former foster youth, McKinney-Vento and unaccompanied minors • Submit Toro Guardian Scholars application through email or in person • Verification Letter or Paperwork (dependency letter/ward of court document, McKinney-Vento document) • No age limit; rolling admissions 	<p style="text-align: center;">Jeze Lopez jlopez164@mtsac.edu nextupreach@mtsac.edu 909-274-6556</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marlene Sandoval Financial Aid msandoval@mtsac.edu 909-274-5685</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Applications; • Foster Youth Program Applications; • FAFSA/CADAA; • Housing Applications; • EOP&S • Housing referrals are available 	

Rio Hondo - [Next Up / Guardian Scholars](#)

	Contact	Impacted Majors
<p>Guardian Scholars eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In foster care at ANY age, for ANY amount of time Obtain official "Ward-of-the-Court" letter and submit to our team 	<p>Deborah Lopez NextUp/Guardian Scholars dvlopez@riohondo.edu 562-463-7315</p>	
<p>NextUp Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In foster care after the age of 13 Currently under the age of 26 Obtain official "Ward-of-the-Court" letter and submit to our team 	<p>Zoe Lozano zlozano@riohondo.edu 562-908-3435</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialized dedicated counselors to plan and help achieve educational goals Assistance with funds to purchase textbooks. Transportation vouchers such as uber and gas cards Workshops on financial literacy, employment, daily living skills and career exploration Fieldtrips to 4-year Universities Cultural and Social fieldtrips Weekend Retreat in the Mountains Bi-Weekly Resilience Support Group with Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Need Based Grants One-Stop Center with free snacks, food and a sense of community

Long Beach City - [NextUp / Guardian Scholars](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide foster care dependency verification letter 		
<p>NextUp Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current or former foster youth whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the youth's 13th birthday Must be EOPS eligible Enrolled in at least 0.5 units Under 26 years of age at beginning of their first academic year in the program 	<p>Cristina Gutierrez Next Up jcgutierrez@lbcc.edu 562-938-3218</p>	
<p>Guardian Scholar Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current or former foster youth under the age of 35 when admitted to the program Enrolled in at least 3 units 	<p>Andreina Lucero Guardian Scholars alucero@lbcc.edu 562-938-3273</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority registration/ Financial aid application Specialized counseling Workshops and events Access to book loan and school supplies Basic needs support/ housing referrals

- Access to Student Lounge - snacks, printing, wifi, & laptop access
- Gift cards and grants as funding permits

College of the Canyons - [Inspire Scholars/ NextUp](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<p>INSPIRE Scholars Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster Youth in care at any time Up to age 35 No unit enrollment minimum <p>NextUp Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current or former foster youth whose dependency was established on or after the youth's 13th birthday No older than 25 years of age 9-unit enrollment minimum or College of the Canyons educational plan that shows student plans to enroll in 9 units in a subsequent semester <p>INSPIRE and NEXT Up Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ward of the Court letter Separate Application needed for Inspire Scholars/NextUp Program 	<p>Evelyn Garcia/Dora Lozano inspirescholars@canyons.edu 661-362-3676 657-278-3458 - Center for Scholars</p> <p>Karin Fredrickson Financial Aid karin.fredrickson@canyons.edu</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic & Career Counseling; Financial Assistance (Need-Based grants, Books, supplies, etc.); Specialized workshops and events; College Applications 	<p>Foster Youth Program Applications; FAFSA/CADAA; Housing Applications; Connect them to contacts to help with Medi-Cal, CalFresh applications.</p>

Santa Monica College - Foster Support Programs - [NextUp & Guardian Scholars](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<p>NextUp and Guardian Scholars Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be in foster care on or after 13th birthday (FY Verification form must be submitted) No older than 25 years of age upon entering SMC's NextUp Program Be enrolled in classes at SMC 	<p>Debra Joseph-Locke, Ed.D. Guardian Scholars locke_debra@smc.edu 310-434-4519</p> <p>Raul Enciso Next Up/ Guardian Scholars enciso_raul@smc.edu</p> <p>Ma'isha Reid EOPS/ Foster Support Services reid_maisha@smc.edu fosterservices@smc.edu</p> <p>Financial Aid financialaid@smc.edu 310-434-4343</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic, Career and Transfer Counseling Priority Enrollment Financial Aid & CHAFEE Applications Tutoring Transportation Assistance (bus fee and gas cards) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-based referrals and resources Mental Health Therapy (via Telehealth) Food Security Student Success Workshops

El Camino College - [NextUp and Guardian Scholars](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply to ECC. Must be a current or former foster youth. [Documentation can include a Dependency Verification/ Ward of Court Letter from the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) or your Social/Community Worker.] Submission of FAFSA or CADAA. Note, we have a separate application to apply but there's no due date as we accept students on a rolling basis. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Jaqueline Munive Student Success Coordinator jmunive@elcamino.edu guardian@elcamino.edu nextup@elcamino.edu 310-660-3593 x. 7355</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kristen Johnson EOPS 310-660-3593 x. 6052</p>	
Scholarship Application	Assistance With	

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;EOP&S;
- Housing Applications;

LA City College - [Next Up and Guardian Scholars](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guardian Scholars- current/former foster youth of any age, at least one enrolled class NextUp- in foster care of age 13 or over, under 26 at start of the semester, 1 class minimum, CA resident 	<p style="text-align: center;">Carrie Apolonio apolonci@lacitycollege.edu 323-953-4000 ext.2007</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marcela Vega EOPS novoasg@lacitycollege.edu 323-953-4000 ext. 2306</p> <p style="text-align: center;">guardianscholars@lacitycollege.edu</p>	
Scholarship Application	Assistance With	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic, guidance and personal counseling Tutoring Transfer/Career counseling Book and supply grants Independent Living and Financial Literacy Skills Support Emergency loans (if approved by the Chancellors office) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unmet Need grants (if budget permits) Child care assistance (if budget permits) Transportation assistance Meal voucher and/or emergency food support |
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LA Pierce College - [NextUp](#) & [Guardian Scholars](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be enrolled in one unit • Been in foster care since age 13 and/or up 	<p>Ngan Mork Associate Dean of Student Services morknt@piercecollege.edu guardianscholars@piercecollege.edu 818-712-2656</p>	
Scholarship Application	Assistance With	

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;EOP&S;
- Housing Applications

West Los Angeles College - [Next Up](#) & [Guardian Scholars](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be enrolled in/working towards 9 LACCD units with at least 3 WLAC units (DSPS = 6 units) • Current or former foster youth in California whose dependency was established or continued on or after their 13th birthday • Provide a court of verification letter • Be under the age of 26 • Have WLAC as home school/campus 	<p>Tracye Jones NextUp jonest13@wlaac.edu nextup@wlaac.edu 310-287-4317</p>	
Scholarship Application	Assistance With	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Advisement • Access to Computers • Assistance with course enrollment • Assistance with Financial Aid & CHAFEE • Career Counseling • Community-Based Referrals and Resources • Employment Assistance • Housing Referrals • Independent Living Program (ILP) • Meal Assistance • Mental Health Referrals • Mentoring • Network Building • Priority Registration • Student drop-in center • Student Success Workshops • Transportation Assistance • Text book Assistance • Tutoring • University Filed Trips | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Book Voucher • NextUp cash grants • Specialized workshops • Additional services as needed/available |
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Golden West College - [Next Up and Guardian Scholars](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<p>Guardian Scholars Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be in foster care for at least 1 day in the students life Under the age of 35 when admitted to the program Enrolled in 9+ units CA Resident or AB540eligible Foster Care Dependency Verification <p>NextUp Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In foster care on or after 13th birthday Under the age of 26 at the start of the semester 	<p>Bridget Vu brvu@gwc.cccd.edu 657-278-2389 657-278-3458 - Center for Scholars</p>	
	<p>goldenwestcollege.edu/eops</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic, career and personal counseling Additional textbook services provided Associated Student Body fee paid Educational supply voucher Material and health fees paid Monthly gas cards or bus passes Referrals for housing, transportation and clothing Snack/hygiene pantry Unmet Need Grants Emergency grants (Limitations apply) Students will be informed of any additional or new services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Books, School Supplies and Career Education costs Priority registration Grants and scholarships Academic counseling transportation assistance Referrals for on and off-campus support/resources Financial aid & college application as well as registration assistance

Orange Coast College - [Next Up/ Guardian Scholars](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current or former Foster Youth/ Ward of Court Under the age of 26 at the start of the academic year Resided in an out-of-home placement on or after 13th birthday Enrolled in at least 1 unit at OCC *Special circumstance application available for students who do not meet the above eligibility but have experience similar circumstances such as incarceration, homelessness, abuse/neglect, etc. 	<p>Nexy Gavidia Program Coordinator ngavidia@cccd.edu</p> <p>Tanya De La Cruz tdelacruz5@occ.cccd.edu guardianscholars@cccd.edu 714-432-6935</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College on-boarding - application, financial aid, registration Financial Resources - textbook awards, fee payment, transportation assistance, emergency grants Academic Counseling - major exploration, student education plan, transfer Drop-in Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing assessment available for on campus housing Housing assistant grant is available via referral from the Guardian Scholars program. I

Saddleback College - [Next Up](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a current or former foster youth in care at age 13 or older Be enrolled or planning to enroll in courses at Saddleback College Be under 26 years old at the start of the academic year 	<p>EOPS/CARE/Next Up sceops@saddleback.edu 949-582-4620</p>	
Scholarship Application	Assistance With	

- \$7,500 to get them started in college.
- Back pack with educational supplies
- Priority Registration.
- Parking Permit.
- All course materials paid (with proof of course registration).
- Personalized counseling and much more...

La Trade Technical College - [Guardian Scholars / Next Up](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current or former foster youth in California with court dependency established or continued on or after their 13th birthday Under 26 years old at the start of the academic year to participate in NextUp Students who joined NextUp before turning 26, disenrolled and later returned may be readmitted Enrolled in at least 1 unit and working toward 9 units with an educational plan (DSPS students may take fewer units if approved) 	<p>Reasey Estrada Next Up Counselor estradr3@laccd.edu</p> <p>Donny Senachai EOPS Counselor senachgd@lattc.edu</p> <p>Maggie Cordero Dean corderm@laccd.edu</p>	
Scholarship Application	Assistance With	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over and above specialized counseling Next Up workshops/activities Book and supply grant Welcome Kit upon entry into the program Monthly meal tickets Cash Grant every Fall and Spring semesters Basic needs support, housing resources Access to Lift Career Services and Program Mentorship support Next Up English and Math Tutors Counseling 20 course Field trips | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to the NextUp Lounge with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free snacks Printing Wi-Fi Clothing Personal hygiene items Laptop access |
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Citrus College - [Guardian Scholars](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current or Former Foster Youth	<p>Jorge Razo jrazo@citruscollege.edu 626-857-4028</p> <p>Denise Luna Financial Aid dluna@citruscollege.edu 626-963-6323</p> <p>Sara Gonzales-Tapia EOPS ceopands@citruscollege.edu 626-914-8555</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College Applications• Foster Youth Program Applications• FAFSA/CADAA• EOP&S

Citrus College - [NextUp Program](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In foster care on or after their 13th birthday and are under age 26• Enrolled in at least one class	<p>Mikisha Deason Next Up mdeason@citruscollege.edu 626-823-8024</p> <p>Eduardo Lopez EOPS/CARE elopez@citruscollege.edu 626-823-8025</p> <p>Main Line 626-914-8555 eopands@citruscollege.edu</p>	

Scholarship Application	Assistance With
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic guidance and personal counseling• Tutoring services• Transfer and career employment• Independent living and financial literacy skill support• Book/Supply grant• Work-Study awards• Emergency awards• Childcare assistance• Transportation assistance• Food security resources• Health and mental health support



FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAMS- PRIVATE COLLEGES



Loyola Marymount University - [Guardian Scholars Program](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualify for admission to Loyola Marymount University as a freshman or transfer student (see Admissions website for details). • Be at least one day of foster care experience (e.g., foster care, group home or court-placed relative) or qualify as Independent, Homeless or Emancipated. • Be a full-time LMU undergraduate student (minimum 12 units per semester). • Maintain good academic standing. 	<p>Malone Student Center, Suite 301 guardianscholarsprogram@lmu.edu 310-338-5252</p>	
Scholarship Application	Assistance With	Additional Information

- Academic Resources
- Career and Professional Development
- Disability Support Services

University of Laverne - [Access Program](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<p>This program supports students who are current or former foster youth, have incarcerated parents or qualify for an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0 and receive Cal Grant A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services begin as early as middle or high school and continue until the student's sophomore year in college. • High school seniors can also participate if they commit to completing their FAFSA. • Referrals can be made by anyone. 	<p>Alesha Knox aknox@laverne.edu 909-448-4544</p>	
Scholarship Application	Assistance With	Additional Information

The University of La Verne (ULV), Chapman University and San Bernardino College are participating colleges that offer full scholarships, including waived housing and lab fees.



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[Denmark Technical College, South Carolina](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Associate Degrees • 15 Certifications • 4 Diploma Programs • Top programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cyber Security ◦ Nursing 	<p>Lamar J. White VP of Student Affairs whitel@denmarktech.edu 803-571-0926</p>	Aviation Program
Scholarship Application	Assistance With	

- Counseling
- Food and Clothing Resource Center
- Tutoring Services
- Mentorship
- Financial assistance merit and non-merit based
- Scholarships/Grant opportunities

[Elizabeth City State University, North Carolina](#)

Requirements	Contact	Impacted Majors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current or Former FY • Currently enrolled in CSULB • Separate application is required for FY program • A Completed FAFSA or CADAA • Complete Separate Guardian Scholar Application 	<p>Arlinda Halfacre Director of Admissions amhalfacre@ecu.edu</p>	
Scholarship Application	Assistance With	

- North Carolina Promise provides Out of State Tuition at \$2,500
- Offer in-state tuition at \$7,001 a year
- Division 1 competing in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC).

Coppin State University, Baltimore

Requirements

- 35 undergraduate programs
- Top programs
 - Nursing
 - Education
 - Criminal Justice
 - Bio/Chem
 - College of business

Contact

Nicole Lee
Admissions
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410-951-3707

Impacted Majors

Scholarship Application

Assistance With