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## **COLLEGE AND SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES**

FOR STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE (CURRENT & FORMER),  
MCKINNEY-VENTO, AND JUVENILE JUSTICE IMPACTED PROGRAMS

**MARCH 2023**

## Financial Aid & Scholarship Application Tips:

### ★ Start Early

Start your search and apply at the beginning of your senior year.

### ★ Ask for Help

Ask someone to help you review your application and essays.

### ★ Stay Organized

Keep a log of all the scholarships you applied to; such as name of the scholarship, website, phone numbers, deadline, date you applied and status (applied, received, pending, etc).

### ★ Create a General Essay

Many scholarships require essays. Write a general essay that you can edit to meet the requirements of a specific scholarship you're applying to. Write your story; your strengths, challenges you have experienced and overcome, and your future goals. Share what feels comfortable to you.

### ★ Be Patient and Don't Give Up

### ★ Review your Financial Aid Award Letters

Follow up and ask for help if needs

### ★ Avoid Scams

Avoid scholarships that ask for fees, credit cards, bank accounts, and promise or "guarantee" awards.

## Disclaimer

*This resource is provided to assist you in finding college-related resources. The Hacienda La Puente Unified School District does not assume responsibility for the services provided by the organization. The distribution or display of this material is provided as a community service.*

## Financial Aid & Scholarship Log:

Scholarship Name	Contact information	Deadline	Date applied	Status

## People I can ask for help:

Name (counselor, teacher, social worker, et)	Phone number	Email



# Resources & Programs



## FAFSA/CADAA

Students in foster care at or after age 13 qualify as "independent" and may be eligible to receive more financial aid. Students who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or "unaccompanied" may consider as "independent student" and parent's income information may be waived - FAFSA: [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) CADAA: [dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov)



## CALGRANT

Financial aid for college specific for California. Needs to apply using the FAFSA/CADAA application and submit GPA verification - [www.csac.ca.gov/cal-grant-faq](http://www.csac.ca.gov/cal-grant-faq)



## CHAFEE GRANT

Grant of up to \$5,000 for college, university, or vocational school for current and former foster youth - [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov)



## CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE GRANT

Waives community college enrollment fee for eligible California students - <https://home.cccapply.org/en/money/california-college-promise-grant>



## COLLEGE BOARD

Help connects students to college success and opportunity and provides information about preparing for college, including information about SAT, AP exams and college application fee waivers - [www.collegeboard.org/](http://www.collegeboard.org/)



## NEXT UP CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Resources to help foster youth succeed at community colleges, vocational schools, and four-year universities - <https://cacollegepathways.org/search-foster-youth-programs/>



## LA. CASH FOR COLLEGE

Offers resources to help students pursue their college and career dreams - <http://lacashforcollege.org>



## WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE (WUE)

WUE is a tuition-savings program that makes attending out-of-state colleges and universities more affordable for students. Through WUE, you receive a reduced tuition rate, giving you more education options for your money - [www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/](http://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/)

Community Colleges and Universities have Student Support Programs that provide Basic Needs resources such as food, housing, financial aid, health care, transportation, laptop and hot spot for school, tutoring, counseling, employment, and more.

# Student Support Programs



## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC) STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

**Guardian Scholars** (current and former foster youth)  
[www.ucop.edu/student-equity-affairs/campus-contacts/current-and-former-foster-youth-services/index.html](http://www.ucop.edu/student-equity-affairs/campus-contacts/current-and-former-foster-youth-services/index.html)

**Basic Needs Campus Centers**  
<https://basicneeds.ucop.edu/about/campus-centers.html>

**Underground Scholars Initiative (USI)**  
supports for incarcerated, formerly incarcerated and system impacted individuals in higher education. There's a USI Chapter in each UC campus. Visit individual campus website for more information.



## CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES RISING SCHOLARS

Supports student impacted by the justice system achieve their educational goals. To find a college serving Rising Scholars  
**visit:** <https://risingscholarsnetwork.org/>



## MT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

**Guardian Scholars Program** (current and former foster youth)  
(909) 274-6556 - [www.mtsac.edu/reach/](http://www.mtsac.edu/reach/)

**Basic Needs Resource Program**  
(909) 274-6170 - [www.mtsac.edu/basic-needs/forms/request\\_assistance.html](http://www.mtsac.edu/basic-needs/forms/request_assistance.html)



## RIO HONDO COLLEGE STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

**Guardian Scholars Program** (current and former foster youth)  
(562) 463-7472 - [www.riohondo.edu/guardian-scholars/](http://www.riohondo.edu/guardian-scholars/)

**HOPE Scholars** (Basic Needs)  
626-385-7735 - [www.riohondo.edu/student-life/scholars-hub/hope-scholars/](http://www.riohondo.edu/student-life/scholars-hub/hope-scholars/)



## CITRUS COLLEGE STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

**Guardian Scholars Program** (current and former foster youth)  
(626) 857-4028 - [www.citruscollege.edu/fkce/Pages/GuardianScholars.aspx](http://www.citruscollege.edu/fkce/Pages/GuardianScholars.aspx)

**Basic Needs Resource Program**  
(626) 963-0323, ext. 5228 - [www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrvc/studentaffairs/Pages/ResourcesInNeed.aspx](http://www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrvc/studentaffairs/Pages/ResourcesInNeed.aspx)



# Scholarship Websites

These free websites include a range of different private scholarships. They are not exclusive to youth in the foster care system and can be awarded based on a range of factors (financial need, ethnicity, special talents, academic experience, leadership ability, sexual orientation, community service or personal life experience, etc.)



Name	Description	Website
FASTWEB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Find, track and filter scholarships and internships</li> <li>Create a profile and get automatically matched to scholarships that best fit your experience</li> </ul>	<a href="http://fastweb.com">fastweb.com</a>
COLLEGE BOARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enter information to be matched to over 6,000 scholarship programs and other college and career planning resources</li> </ul>	<a href="http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search">bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search</a>
PETERSON'S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Find, track and filter scholarships and other college and test preparation resources</li> </ul>	<a href="http://petersons.com">petersons.com</a>
UNIGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a free account to get personalized scholarship results and other information about college stats and reviews</li> </ul>	<a href="http://unigo.com">unigo.com</a>
CAPPEX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large scholarship database</li> <li>"What Are My Chances" tool to calculate the odds of getting admitted into a college before you apply</li> </ul>	<a href="http://cappex.com">cappex.com</a>
NICHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Search for scholarships</li> <li>Explore K-12, college and graduate school programs to determine best fit for college</li> </ul>	<a href="http://niche.com">niche.com</a>
HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offers millions of scholarships each year to students with Hispanic heritage</li> <li>Apply to conferences, internships, and jobs</li> </ul>	<a href="http://hsf.net/scholarship">hsf.net/scholarship</a>
LET'S GO TO COLLEGE CALIFORNIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about applying for, paying for, and succeeding in college</li> <li>Find scholarships and other resources for success</li> </ul>	<a href="http://letsgotocollege.org">letsgotocollege.org</a>

# Students in Foster Care (Current and Former)



Program Name and Website	Award	Deadline
<b>Cash For College (CFC) Cal Grants California</b> <a href="http://www.calgrants.org">www.calgrants.org</a> <a href="http://www.californiacashforcollege.org">www.californiacashforcollege.org</a>	\$1,000	March
<b>Friends of Foster Children</b> <a href="https://www.fofcgv.org/scholarships">https://www.fofcgv.org/scholarships</a> (626) 567-2907	\$500 - \$1,000	March
<b>Foster Care To Success &amp; Casey Family Scholars Scholarships</b> <a href="https://www.fc2success.org/our-programs/information-for-students/">https://www.fc2success.org/our-programs/information-for-students/</a>	\$500-\$5,000	March 31st
<b>Aaron Ruben Scholarship Fund</b> <a href="http://casala.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Aaron-Ruben-Scholarship-Application.pdf">http://casala.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Aaron-Ruben-Scholarship-Application.pdf</a>	\$1,500 - \$3,000	July 1st
<b>April Parker Foundation Scholarship:</b> <a href="http://aprilparker.org/scholarships">aprilparker.org/scholarships</a>	\$1000	July 11th
<b>Fostering Educational Opportunities Foundation Scholarship</b> <a href="http://www.feof.education/application.html">www.feof.education/application.html</a>	\$1,000-\$5,000	August 1st
<b>Nsoro Foundation Scholarship Program</b> <a href="https://nsoro.submittable.com">https://nsoro.submittable.com</a>	\$1,000-\$10,000	March 15
<b>Department of Children and family Services</b> <a href="https://www.ilponline.org/Education/Scholarships">https://www.ilponline.org/Education/Scholarships</a> or contact your social worker or ILP Coordinator	Varies	Varies
<b>Adoption STAR Academic Scholarship Program:</b> <a href="http://adoptionstar.com/resources/scholarship/">adoptionstar.com/resources/scholarship/</a>	Varies	May

Eligibility
Submit the FAFSA & your verified Cal Grant GPA by March 2023 deadline - Must plan to attend an accredited 2 to 4 year college.
Foster child/court dependent from San Gabriel Valley or were in one of the residential treatment centers they serve. Are or will be a high school graduate or equivalent. Have a definite and verifiable educational plan for a vocational program, community college, college or university.
Must have been in foster care at least 1 year at the time of their 18th or enter legal guardianship after your 16th birthday. Enrolled in or accepted to a post secondary program.
Current or former foster youth of Los Angeles County Dependency Court. High School Senior. Must be enrolling in vocational school, college, or university
Current or former LA County student age 17-24 years old. GPA of 2.0+. Must be planning on attending a trade school, college or university.
Currently or formerly participated in foster care ages 18-26. GPA of 2.0+. Attending or planning on attending college or a job training program.
Currently in foster care, a ward of the state, or eligible for ILP, having aged out of foster care as a young adult under the age of 26. GPA of 2.0+. Have been accepted into an accredited, Pell-eligible college or another post secondary school. Be a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States
Current or former foster youth eligible for ILP and applying and enrolling in college
Adopted or in foster care. Must have advanced education plans to a 4-year college and demonstrated academic progress during their four years of high school.



Program Name and Website	Award	Deadline
All-Star College Scholarship: <a href="http://umpscare.com/scholarship/all-star-college-scholarship/">umpscare.com/scholarship/all-star-college-scholarship/</a>	Up to \$10,000/ year for up to 4 years	May
Foster Care to Success Scholarship: <a href="http://fc2success.org/ourprograms/information-forstudents/">fc2success.org/ourprograms/information-forstudents/</a>	\$2500 - 5000	March 31
George & Kathy Hicker Chapter for Success Textbook Fund: <a href="http://echoesofhope.org/programs-1/2018/8/14/chapters-for-success">echoesofhope.org/programs-1/2018/8/14/chapters-for-success</a>	\$300- \$1,200	Varies
International Student Foundation <a href="http://isfite.org/for-students">isfite.org/for-students</a>	Varies	Varies

Eligibility
Been adopted or exited foster care to permanent guardianship at or after the age of 13. • Applicants must be incoming college freshmen under the age of 20. • Demonstrate financial need through the FAFSA
In foster care for the 12 consecutive months leading up to and including their 18th birthday; or adopted or placed into legal guardianship after their 16th birthday; or have been orphaned for at least one year at the time of their 18th birthday and not subsequently adopted. Under the age of 25. Have been accepted into or expect to be accepted into an accredited college or other postsecondary school.
Current or former foster youth, low-income, homeless, and/or undocumented students between the ages of 17-28 years old. • Must be enrolled in community college, four year, or vocational school. Referral based with your college/university.
Orphaned or current foster care. Strong moral character and are willing to learn. Planning or applying to be a full time undergraduate student. GPA of 2.5+. Under age of 23 on April 30th of the year of application. Have submitted the FAFSA application. Willing to commit to a mentoring program of twice monthly phone conversations with assigned ISF mentor.

## McKinney-Vento & Juvenile Justice Impacted



Program Name and Website	Award	Deadline
NAEHCY Scholarship Fund <a href="https://naehcy.org/naehcy-scholarship-fund/">https://naehcy.org/naehcy-scholarship-fund/</a> or email <a href="mailto:scholarship@naehcy.org">scholarship@naehcy.org</a>	Varies	May
SchoolHouse Connection <a href="https://schoolhouseconnection.org/youth-leadership/scholarship-program">https://schoolhouseconnection.org/youth-leadership/scholarship-program</a>	\$2000	October
Servant Arms - Donna Turner Scholarship <a href="https://www.servantsarms.org/who-we-are">https://www.servantsarms.org/who-we-are</a>	\$500-2000	June 1
Equal <a href="https://eequal.org/scholarships/">https://eequal.org/scholarships/</a>	\$8,000	March 1

Eligibility
McKinney Vento Senior. Application, personal essay, transcripts, letters of recommendation, verification letter.
Currently Residing in the United States (undocumented applicants are eligible). Born On or After October 15, 2002. Begin College (four year, community college, or trade school) for the first time in 2023 (not including dual-enrollment courses. Experienced Homelessness in the Last Six Years
Essay, GPA 2.75+, senior, community service, must enroll in college/trade school, letters of recommendation.
McKinney Vento 16-23 years old legal resident. 2.0+ GPA. Apply or enrolled in college.