

COLLEGE RESOURCES

Are you a SENIOR in FOSTER CARE who needs assistance applying for college, scholarships, and financial aid?

Contact the LAUSD - Foster Care Unit
and ask about the

PATHWAYS TO COLLEGE PROGRAM

Norlon Davis (818) 654-5086 (LDs 1 & 2)

Hiram Dabbah (213) 241-1273 (LDs 4, 5, & 6)

La Shona Jenkins (310) 592- 8012 (LDs 3, 7, & 8)

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS (YESS) PROGRAM

- Assists (current and former) foster youth in navigating community colleges
- Assists students with financial aid, FAFSA, and Chafee grant applications
- Refers students to community resources and life skills training

GUARDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

- Provides financial assistance (up to \$6,000) to help cover costs not typically covered by financial aid (such as housing) to former foster youth attending some universities, community colleges or vocational programs
- Assists students with financial aid, life skills, post-graduate career planning, and mentoring

RENAISSANCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

- Provides students access to year-round housing, scholarship opportunities, admissions assistance, academic advising, financial aid assistance, career counseling, social activities, mentoring and leadership opportunities

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

- EOP is for California residents who are historically low income, educationally disadvantaged, and first generation college students
- Provide admissions assistance, financial support, and academic/personal support services

Please contact the Los Angeles Unified School District—Foster Care Unit for more information on these college support programs.

FOSTER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS & COLLEGE RESOURCES 2011-2012



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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FOSTER YOUTH



SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT	DEADLINE	QUALIFICATIONS	CONTACT
United Friends of the Children College Sponsorship Program	\$3,000 per year	January 13, 2012 Applications are available November 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current high school, associates degree, or college transfer student • Minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher • Have been accepted to a 4 year college • Resident of Los Angeles County 	Monica Bomkamp-Enia (213) 580-1845 Email: monica@unitedfriends.org
DCF Celebration I	\$500-\$7,500 Varies year to year depending upon funding	Late February 2012 Registration begins December 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Senior • GPA of 2.8 or above • Plan to attend vocational school, community college or university 	Contact your Independent Living Program (ILP) Coordinator or County Social Worker to obtain an application.
Cash For College Cal Grants California	\$1,000	March 2, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a workshop in Jan/Feb 2012 and complete an exit survey • Submit the FAFSA & your verified Cal Grant GPA by the March 2nd deadline • Must plan to attend an accredited 2 or 4 year public or private degree granting institution in the fall 	(888) CA-GRANT (888) 224-7268 www.calgrants.org
Friends of Foster Children (renewable)	\$1,000 for 4 year college \$500 for community college or vocational school	March 15, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a foster youth • A high school graduate or equivalent • Have a definite and verifiable educational plan for a vocational program, community college or university • Must document financial need 	Stephen Wittmer Scholarship Chairman (626) 445-4542
Change a Life Foundation	\$5,000 and up	March 18, 2012 Applications are available January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior enrolling in a 4 year university • Current or former foster youth • Minimum GPA: 3.5 • Minimum SAT score: 1,500 • Must be from California 	Mikelle Meyer (949) 788-9999 mmyer@changealife.org
Foster Care to Success & Casey Family Scholars Scholarship (renewable)	\$500-\$5,000 per year, based upon financial need	Part 1 due March 31, 2012 Part 2 due April 15, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have been in foster care at least 1 year at the time of their 18th birthday OR both parents are deceased OR entered into legal guardianship after your 16th birthday • Must be under the age of 25 at the close of the application period • Enrolled in (or have been accepted to) a post secondary training program 	Mary Imler (800) 950-4673 ext. 110 Email: scholarships@orphan.org www.orphan.org
National Foster Parent Association (renewable)	\$1,000 per year	March 31, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster or adopted youth • Foster parents must be member of the NFPA • Senior in high school, if attending a 4 year college • 17 years of age, if attending a vocational school 	(800) 557-5238 Email: scholarships@orphan.org www.orphan.org
Aaron Ruben Scholarship Fund	Varies between \$1,500 and \$3,000 per year	May 1, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current or former foster youth of Los Angeles County Dependency Court • High School Senior • Must be enrolling in vocational school, college or university 	Carolyn McGee (323) 526-6666
Chafee Grant	\$5,000 per year	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current or former foster youth (dependency must be established between 16 and 19 years of age) • Have not reached your 22nd birthday as of July 1st of the award year • Have financial need 	(888) 224-7268 Email: studentsupport@csac.ca.gov www.chafee.csac.ca.gov
University of Phoenix First Chance Scholarship/National Foster Parent Association	Full tuition and fees at University of Phoenix	Refer to website for deadlines and announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current or former foster youth 	(800) 557-5238 Email: scholarships@nfpaonline.org www.nfpaonline.org