

Foster Youth Student Supports at California Colleges and Universities

CA Community Colleges

- Foster Youth Success Initiative Liaisons (FYSI) assist with financial aid and access to other supports
- Priority Registration
- California Community Colleges Promise Grant (formerly Board of Governors Fee Waiver): Pays student fees
- Student Services
 - EOPS (Extended Opportunity Program and Services)
 - “Over and above” services to students with academic and financial need as mandated by the state
 - Most current and former foster youth qualify
 - CARE (Cooperative Agencies and Resources for Education)
 - Single, head of household student with a child under age 14 who also utilizes CalWORKs/TANF funds as income assistance
 - Next Up (CAFYES - Cooperative Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support)
 - Support education success, health and well-being of foster youth in California community colleges (26 colleges)
 - SB 12 passed in 2017 provides for expansion to 10 more districts
 - CalWORKS (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids)
 - Temporary cash aid, employment services, work study, childcare assistance and health insurance to eligible families who have children under 19

Assistance Provided

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| • Academic and personal counseling | • Tutoring |
| • Books and supplies | • Cultural events |
| • Seminars and workshops | • Agency and community referrals |
| • Meal cards, bus passes, gas cards | • Community resource referral |

- **DSPS** (Disabled Student Program and Services)
 - Priority consideration for reduced unit load for full-time status
 - Note-taking assistance
 - Special test-taking accommodations, eg. extra time, quiet environment
 - Assistive technology for hearing and visually impairment, interpreters
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- **Foster Youth Campus Support Programs**
Called Next Up, Guardian Scholars, Promise Scholars, Renaissance Scholars, or other names

California State Universities

- Priority registration
- EOP (Extended Opportunity Program) - offers admission assistance, financial assistance, academic counseling and advising; Must complete EOP application at time of completing CSU application for admission
- Summer Bridge Program
- Housing - Priority housing, housing during term breaks at no extra charge (summer not included at most campuses), some campuses offer year-round housing, some campuses defer housing deposits until financial aid is disbursed
- Health Center - Medical, Psychiatric and Psychological services included in enrollment fees, doctors and nurses available

University of California Varies by campus

- Application fee waived
- Priority registration
- Priority housing including term breaks at no charge (summer not included)

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Sources of Assistance for Specific Needs

Specific programs and assistance vary across campuses but all community college campuses have Extended Opportunity Programs, CA Promise Grants to pay enrollment fees, priority registration, and Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI) Liaisons to assist with financial aid and access to other supports.

Book Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EOPS ○ CalWORKS ○ Special college programs such as "freshman academy" (a cohort program); ○ TRIO programs, ○ Foster Youth Programs such as Guardian Scholars or Next Up
Childcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Campus child development centers ○ CalWORKS ○ CARE ○ Next Up
Financial Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ California Community Colleges Promise Grant (formerly Board of Governors Fee Waiver) pays enrollment fees ○ Federal Financial Aid - Pell Grant, Cal Grants, Scholarships, CARE, EOPS (some programs offer need based grants) ○ Next Up, Guardian Scholars ○ CA Dream Act application - AB540 DACA Affidavit, www.csac.ca.gov CA Student Aid Commission
Employment	Work study, on-campus employment; CalWorks work-study for students with children
Transportation	Check for college-wide transportation passes through an agreement with local transit agency Foster Youth programs such as Guardian Scholars, Next Up
Food	EOPS, CARE, Guardian Scholars, Next Up, College Food Pantry, CalFresh
Academic Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General counseling, Special counselors in special programs, EOPS, Guardian Scholars, Next Up ○ New student special programs such as "First-Year Experience" ○ Tutoring Center - might have individual tutoring, group tutoring, embedded in class or separate ○ Mentoring - peer and/or faculty <p>Start with counseling and continue each semester- seek help whether or not you're having difficulty</p> <p>Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS): Assistance and accommodations for students with physical, mental and/or learning disabilities. Whether or not you believe you have a disability, apply. Can help to address anxiety and PTSD</p>
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Services and referrals for family planning, pregnancy testing, prescription refills, flu shots, HIV screening, STD screening, mental health, workshops stress management, group counseling ○ Available to all students - Services vary - some colleges have very robust health services, others less so
Social Support and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Special interest/majors programs, student clubs ○ Programs for students from particular backgrounds such as Puente, Umoja, MESA, first generation students ○ Foster youth programs