Foster youth scholarships

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FOSTER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS & COLLEGE RESOURCES 2013-2014

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

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

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

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### Scholarships for Foster Youth

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| United Friends of the Children College Sponsorship Program | $3,000 per year | Mid January 2014 | - Current high school, associates degree, or college transfer student with GPA of 3.0 or higher  
- Plan to attend a four year college in Fall 2014  
- Resident of Los Angeles County | Linda Ramos  
(213) 975-1418  
www.unitedfriends.org |
| DCFs Celebration I | $500-$7,500 | Late February 2014 | - 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 (CFC) Cal Grants California | $1,000 | March 2, 2014 | - Attend a CFC workshop in Jan/Feb 2014 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  
www.californiacashforcollege.org |
| Friends of Foster Children (renewable) | $1,000 for 4 year college  
$500 for community college or vocational school | Early to Mid March 2014 | - 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  
FOFC@earthlink.net |
| Change a Life Foundation | $5,000 and up | March 18, 2014 | - Senior enrolling in a 4 year university  
- Current or former foster youth  
- Minimum GPA: 3.5 and Minimum SAT score: 1,500  
- Must be from California | Mikelene 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 | Applications from January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014 | - 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 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  
Tina Raheem,  
tina@fc2success.org |
| National Foster Parent Association (renewable) | $1,000 per year | March 2014 | - 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: info@nfpainc.org  
www.orphan.org |
| Aaron Ruben Scholarship Fund | Varies between $1,500 and $3,000 per year | June 1, 2014 | - Current or former foster youth of Los Angeles County Dependency Court  
- High School Senior  
- Must be enrolling in vocational school, college, or university | Sue Thompson  
(323) 526-6399  
Email: studentsupport@csac.ca.gov  
www.chafee.csac.ca.gov |
| Chafee Grant | $5,000 per year | Ongoing | - 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 |