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Transfer Conference for Counselors



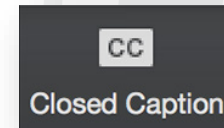
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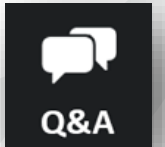
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Increasing Access to Higher Education: California Community Colleges Foster Youth Support Programs

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Facts: Foster Youth and College

- At age 17, 85.5% of California's foster youth aspire to complete college
- At age 19, 96.3% of California's foster youth aspire to complete college
- Foster youth who participated in a campus support program were 2.45 times more likely to persist than those who did not

Facts: Foster Youth and College

- 95% of youth participating in support programs received financial aid compared to 80% of youth not in programs
- 70% of youth participating in a support program remained in college compared with 50% of youth not in programs
- 65% of youth participating in a support program completed 9+ units compared with only 30% of youth not in programs

Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI)

- Foster Youth Liaisons in various departments – Financial Aid, Counseling, etc.
- Initial point of contact for students from foster care
- Knows the unique needs of students from foster care
- Financial Aid (deadlines, eligibility, etc.)
- [Statewide FYSI Directory](#)



The FYSI Liaison connects the foster youth student to a network of support

- Financial Aid Support
- On-Campus Support Programs
- Academic Support and Career Exploration
- Community Resources
- Basic Needs/Public Benefits
- Physical & Mental Health



Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI)

- Although many of the roles of the FYSI Liaison are invisible, they are incredibly valuable to the success of the students
- Be available, supportive and balanced



California Community Colleges: NextUp Program

NextUp provides guidance, support and direct financial assistance to foster youth attending college

- 46 California community colleges; Expanding to all 115
- Benefits vary
- All offer financial assistance



NextUp Program Eligibility

- In care on or after 13th birthday
- Established residency in CA
- Enrolled in 6 units*
- Under the age of 26



NextUp Program Services

- Personal and academic counseling
- Frequent in-person contact
- Tutoring
- Career guidance and transfer counseling
- Independent living and financial literacy skills support
- Book and supply grants
- Work study awards



NextUp Program Services

- Unmet need grants
- Childcare assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Meal tickets and/or emergency food support
- Emergency housing support
- Health & mental health payment assistance
- Housing assistance



NextUp Program – Outreach Efforts

- Ongoing marketing campaigns to foster youth and influencers
- Increase awareness and enrollment
- Most recent campaign focused on Black and African American students
- More outreach to come



NextUp Program – Outreach Efforts

- NextUp Phase II Video 2:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Btbjx3Yv20Y&t=12s>



NextUp Program Website

- How to find NextUp programs
- Eligibility requirements
- Real stories from NextUp students
- Helpful resources/materials
- <http://nextup.cccco.edu/>



Transitioning to New Website

- ICanGoToCollege.com
- College locations/majors, enrollment, financial aid, career pathways, resources.
- Fully transitioned by end of 2023



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Guardian Scholars

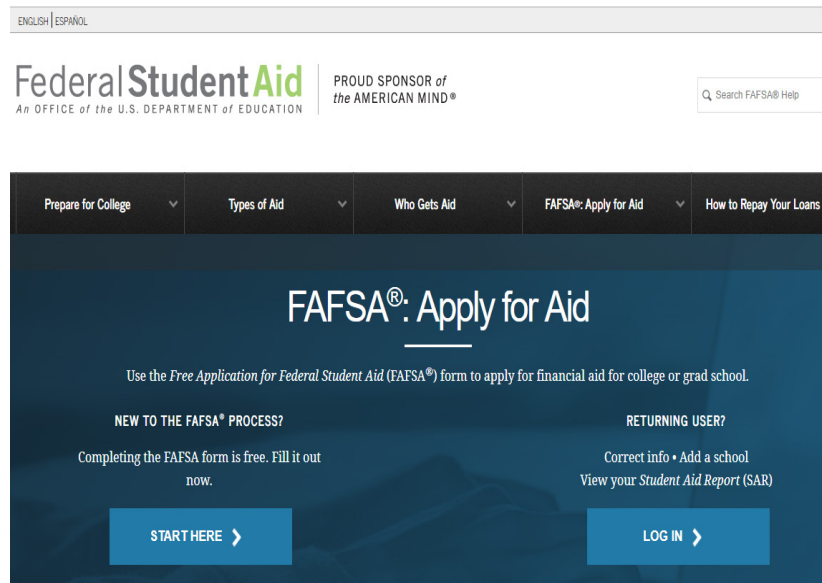


- In addition to FYSI and NextUp, many colleges have Guardian Scholar programs:
 - ~ 30 California community colleges have formal support programs
 - Services vary though most offer comprehensive counseling and many provide direct aid to the students
 - Students can continue on to Guardian Scholars at CSU/UC

Transferring to UC/CSU

- Both systems stand committed with the California Community Colleges in supporting foster youth.
- Guardian Scholars/Hope Scholars
- Services include:
 - Orientation to university life
 - Student employment opportunities
 - Assistance with financial aid applications
 - Life skills counseling
 - Career planning
 - Priority class registration

Financial Aid – The Applications



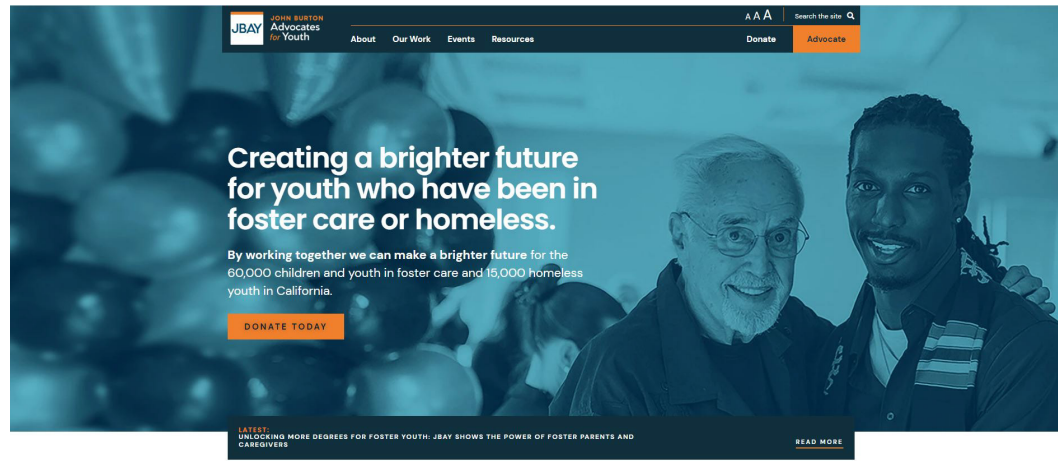
Financial Aid

- CalGrant
 - Apply by March 2 for maximum aid (all California community college students can apply through September 2)
 - Foster youth students in care on/after 13th birthday can apply up to age 26
 - Can receive grant for 8 years
 - \$6000 access award for students with dependent children
- California College Promise Grant
 - Apply at any time
 - Waives enrollment and tuition fees

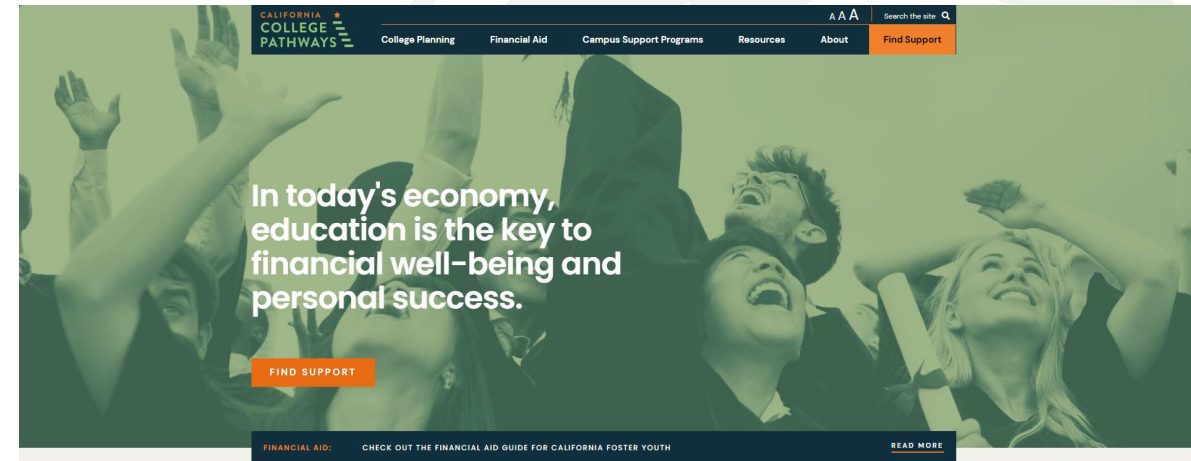
Financial Aid

icangotocollege.com/financial-aid

Key Partnership: John Burton Advocates for Youth (JBAY)



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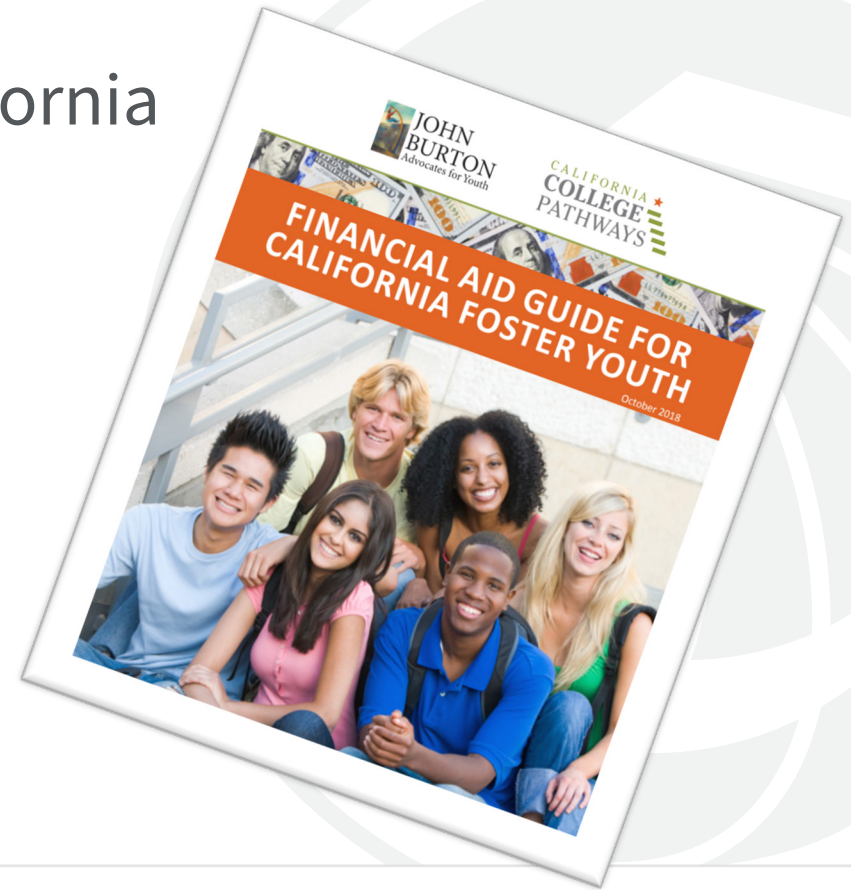


[California College Pathways](#)

Financial Aid Guide for Youth and Adult Supporters

Download the Financial Aid Guide for California Foster Youth:

<https://jbay.org/resources/financial-aid-guide/>



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