

University-Based Organizations that Support Transition Age Foster Youth

State	School	Program	Contact Info
AL	University of Alabama	Alabama Reach: for current & former foster youth, homeless youth, or emancipated minors, supportive environment that allows students the freedom to pursue higher education	shannon.hubbard@ua.edu
AK	University of Alaska	Child Welfare Academy- Office of Youth Empowerment: Financial Assistance, Education and Training Voucher, Presidential Foster Youth Tuition Waiver, Post Secondary Education Conference	uaa.cwa@alaska.edu Phone: (907)-786-6720
AZ	Arizona State University	Bridging Success: help with application, applying for financial aid, ongoing support until graduation, personal coaching, helping become career-ready	justine.cheung@asu.edu
AR	University of Arkansas	Upward Bound: must attend one of the “upward bound target schools” before coming to the University. Summer Academy and Summer Bridge Program	Director: kbrink@uark.edu Office Assistant: kebrink@uark.edu Assistant Director: lgebhart@uark.edu
CA	UCLA	Guardian Scholars- provides support to current or former foster youth who are UCLA students... individual mentoring, campus resources, supporting academic achievement and personal development, promoting realization of student’s educational and career goals	eives@saonet.ucla.edu
CA	<i>See chart below for additional California-based schools/programs</i>		
CO	UC Boulder	Guardian Scholars: individualized academic, career, and personal support and coaching, tutoring/supplemental instruction, small course access, financial aid assistance, financial literacy support, graduate or professional school preparation, career development, cultural awareness	guardianscholars@colorado.edu Phone: (303) 492-3842
CT	University of Connecticut	Fostering Connections for College Success- Creating Caring Communities (receiving academic and social assistance with members that identify in the same community; peer mentoring; creative problem solving to navigate the unique challenges that they face); Resource Guide- different resources, departments, and programs to help navigate college journey)	susana.ulloa@uconn.edu alexandra.katz@uconn.edu Phone(s): (860)-486-3074, (860)-486-0125
DE	University of Delaware		
FL	University of Central Florida	Knight Alliance Network: promote access and student success for foster youth and foster care alumni	mass@ucf.edu Phone: (407) 823-2716

FL	Florida International University	Fostering Panther Pride: tailored academic and support services to former foster youth and students experiencing homelessness	https://sas.fiu.edu/fpp/
GA	University of Georgia	Embark: statewide leadership program increasing college access for young people who have experienced foster care or homelessness. Statewide network and one of 17 local campus based programs in GA.	Phone: 706-542-1108 EMBARK@fanning.uga.edu
HI	University of Hawaii	Bridge to Hope: community resources available for former foster youth to attend college, creating a supportive environment for academic and personal success; assists students who have aged out of foster care	uhfoster@hawaii.edu Phone: (808)-956-8059
ID	Boise State University	Impact Scholars Program: academics, campus life and leadership development to help take full advantage of college, financial planning, academic assistance and mentorships, achieve educational and career goals by creating opportunities for networking, civic engagement and scholarships	annamoreshead@boisestate.edu Phone: (208)-426-1527
IL	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Postsecondary Pathways for Former Foster Care Youth	Office of Community College Research and Leadership, College of Education occr1@illinois.edu Phone: 217-244-9390
IN	Indiana University Bloomington		
IA	University of Iowa	Separate from University of Iowa- Iowa Foster & Adoptive Parents Association- Iowa College Student Aid Commission (advocates for Iowa students and administers grants, scholarships, loans and related programs to help finance colleges and universities), Iowa College Access Network (downloadable documents to help plan, apply pay for and succeed in college)	info@iowacollegeaid.gov ican@icansucceed.org
KS	University of Kansas	Fostering Jayhawk Success: network of professionals working together to support former foster youth throughout their journey at University of Kansas- encourages academic and personal success, access to a network of supports, priority admission to TRIO SES STEM opportunity	julie.hamel@ku.edu
KY	University of Kentucky	Tuition Waiver for Foster and Adopted Children- waives the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at all of Kentucky's public 4 year universities; Educational Training Vouchers	chafee.ilp@ky.gov

LA	Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College		
ME	University of Maine	Tuition Waiver for participating Maine schools;	
MD	University of Maryland	Fostering Terp Success- support community for youth who were or are in foster care, are homeless, at risk of being homeless, etc... assists students in accessing essential campus services, developing self-advocacy and life skills	fosteringterpsuccess@umd.edu https://www.launch.umd.edu/project/15905
MA	University of Massachusetts- Amherst	Foster Success- community of peers and staff to help with transition to campus, success during time at school, and career prep. New Students Program, Power up for College Success program, financial aid, support for student success	
MI	Michigan State University	Fostering Academics Mentoring Excellence (FAME) Program: supportive network for foster care alumni on campus/ connecting them to supportive services to ensure their success as college students	mart1525@msu.edu Phone: 517-353-5537
MN	University of Minnesota	Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare	cascw@umn.edu Phone: 612-624-4231
MS	Mississippi State University	MSU Thrive- comprehensive support necessary in navigating and maximizing their college experience; provides a supportive network and resources to promote academic success, professional and life skills. Community Building, Thrive Tuesday, The Pantry, Writing Wednesday	Instructor/Coordinator: ldavenport@tlc.msstate.edu Thrive Graduate Assistant: sperkins@tlc.msstate.edu
MO	University of Missouri	Missouri Reach- tuition and fee waivers offered to youth who have been in foster care	MO@statevoucher.org 1-800-585-7115
MT	Montana State University		

NE	University of Nebraska		
NV	University of Nevada	NSHE Foster Youth Success Initiative- Foster Youth Success Initiative- recruit, support, and retain students who have been dependents of the child welfare system; course enrollment fee waiver	lobrist@nshe.nevada.edu 702-522-7035
NH	University of New Hampshire	Tuition Waiver for Children in State Foster Care or Guardianship	rodler@dhhs.state.nh.us
NJ	Rutgers University	Rutgers School of Social Work's Transitions for Youth and Price Family Fellows- skills workshops, research, goal setting for financial and personal needs	Office of Child Welfare Workforce Advancement: tmccutcheon@ssw.rutgers.edu Office of Human Services Training and Educational Programs: msena@ssw.rutgers.edu Office of Youth Empowerment: mbscalera@ssw.rutgers.edu
NM	University of New Mexico	NMCAN Summer Bridge- College Enrichment Program- assistance with academics, financial aid and funding, personal issues, getting connected to community organizations, meals and housing, and other concerns	larmell@unm.edu
NY	New York University	NYU Silver School of Social Work- Youth and Young Adult Mental Health Group	silver.bs@nyu.edu
NC	North Carolina State University	NC Reach- provides college funding and support services to young people adopted from NC foster care. Funding, mentoring, workshops, academic support, internships, care packages, administrative support	amanda@ncreach.org
NC	University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill	Family and Children's Resource Program -UNC School of Social Work	https://fcrp.unc.edu/contact/
ND	University of North Dakota		

OH	The Ohio State University	Fostering Achievement Network: comprised of former foster youth seeking higher education as well as mentors and community partners offering a network of support	cloe@fosteringachievementnetwork.org
OK	University of Oklahoma		
OR	Portland State University	FUTURES Program- Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior college students who have lived in the foster care system are mentored by upper division students (near-peer coaches) who offer support regarding relationships, communication skills, careers and academics.	sturner@pdx.edu 503-888-0327
PA	Penn State University	Resource Information for Former Foster Youth and Current Foster Youth at Penn State	https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/file/Childrens_Advocacy/Foster_Youth_Program_Current_Students.pdf
RI	University of Rhode Island	First Star URI Academy- year long program that provides some of RI's foster youth improved access to college through education and exposure. Summer/school year program (pre-college)	caswellm@uri.edu angus_cantwell@uri.edu
SC	University of South Carolina	College of Social Work- Children, Youth and Families Program Grant/Project: The Duke Endowment: Developing a Health and Education Information Exchange for Children and Youth in Foster Care in South Carolina	yanfeng@mailbox.sc.edu kdseay@mailbox.sc.edu
SD	South Dakota State University		
TN	University of Tennessee		
TX	Texas A&M University	Former Foster & Adopted Aggies: provide students with information and advice on financial aid, tuition fees and exemptions, on and off campus living options, transportation, health care, campus employment, and other available campus and community services	melaniem@studentlife.tamu.edu Phone: 979-845-3113
TX	University of Texas- Austin	Spark Program: located at the Texas Institute for Child and Family Wellbeing within the School of Social Work; creating a network of support to assist current and potential college students who have experienced foster care to achieve educational success	shannon.mann@austin.utexas.edu
UT	Brigham Young University	Foster Love- program that connects foster care children in the community with one another to help build friendships and strengthen	fosterlove@byu.edu

		social skills. Open to foster care children as well as biological/adoptive children of the foster family	
VT	University of Vermont	Fostering Healthy Families Program for Children and Youth in Custody in VT- improving health care of children in foster care.	angela.zinno@med.uvm.edu
VA	George Mason University	Children and Youth- faculty research on children's rights, youth aging out of the foster care system, and transition to adulthood	srose@gmu.edu jlee120@gmu.edu srome@gmu.edu ewaithak@gmu.edu
WA	University of Washington	Champions Program- provide holistic support for youth and alumni of foster care, ensuring academic success and preparation for lifelong achievement after graduation from postsecondary education. Provide direct support, build collaborative network, eliminate the stigma of foster care	uwchamps@uw.edu
WV	West Virginia University		
WI	University of Wisconsin	Fostering Success- provides guidance and resources for foster youth who have been in foster care, or who have been homeless or orphaned and who have an interest in pursuing higher education	ruppean@uwstout.edu mentzelg@uwstout.edu
WY	University of Wyoming	Human Development and Family Sciences Degree Option- careers and program options	cwade@uwyo.edu amcelwai@uwyo.edu bsteinm1@uwyo.edu

Additional California-Based Organizations that Support Transition Age Foster Youth

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CA	San Diego State University	Guardian Scholars- helps students exiting the foster care system, helps achieve goal of college degree	mojica@mail.sdsu.edu
CA	USD	Torero Renaissance Scholars- outreach, support, guidance to foster youth	cynthiaavery@sandiego.edu
CA	USC	Trojan Guardian Scholars- financial aid, life coaching, mentoring, housing and personalized attention	georges@dornsife.usc.edu

CA	CSU- LA	EOP Foster Youth Program - admission counseling, academic advising, peer mentoring, courses, workshops, tutoring, preparation, supplemental financial assistance	swilson@cslanet.calstatela.edu
CA	CSU- Chico	Path Scholars/Educational Opportunities Program- improve access and retention of low-income and first-generation college students	msfox@csuchico.edu
CA	CSU- Sonoma	Seawolf Scholars- develop a community and access essential on and off-campus resources.. Increases knowledge and understanding of the Foster Care System for Sonoma State University students, staff, faculty, and local community	lisa.brooks@sonoma.edu
CA	CSU- Sacramento	Guardian Scholars- improve life and success rate of former foster youth- mentoring, advising, career counseling, financial assistance, scholarships, community building events	soua.lee@csus.edu
CA	CSU- East Bay	Renaissance Scholars- promoting holistic development and graduation rates of former foster youth	Lael.Adediji@csueastbay.edu
CA	CSU- Monterey Bay	Guardian Scholars- encouraged to apply to EOP as well	bamir@csumb.edu
CA	CSU- Fresno	Renaissance Scholars- under EOP program- system of support and experiences to empower students to grow into self-sufficient adults	kizzyl@csufresno.edu
CA	CSU - Stanislaus	Promise Scholars- providing avenue and support services	Wbonnell@csustan.edu
CA	CSU- Bakersfield	Guardian Scholars- assist in admission, provide comprehensive living support, encourage active participation, prepare students for graduation, provide experiences that enrich students educationally, culturally and socially	mdiaz_padilla@csub.edu
CA	CSU- Channel Islands	PATH Program - Promoting achievement through hope- improve access and retention rates	leticia.cazares@csuci.edu
CA	CSU- Northridge	Resilient Scholars- special admission consideration to the university, providing resources	jina.gonzalez@csun.edu
CA	CSU- Fullerton	Guardian Scholars- scholarships and support services necessary for academic success - serving 40 scholars at a time	guardianscholars@fullerton.edu
CA	CSU- Dominguez Hills	Toro Scholars- expanding educational and interpersonal skills on path to independence	mclavelle@csudh.edu
CA	CSU- San Bernardino	EOP Foster Youth Program- comprehensive support services	medwards@csusb.edu

CA	CSU- San Marcos	ACE Scholars Services- meeting unique needs of students who are former foster youth and to improve their rates of matriculation, graduation, and career success	ace@csusm.edu
CA	UCLA	Guardian Scholars- provides support to current or former foster youth who are UCLA students... individual mentoring, campus resources, supporting academic achievement and personal development, promoting realization of student's educational and career goals	eives@saonet.ucla.edu
CA	UCSD	Guardian Scholars- former foster youth invited to participate. Ensure academic success, offer support services and experiences that encourage active participation in campus life, provide career development skills	aklein@ucsd.edu
CA	UCSB	Guardian Scholars	lisa.przekop@sa.ucsb.edu
CA	UC Davis	Guardian Scholars	atbates@ucdavis.edu
CA	UC Berkeley	Hope Scholars- individual support, guidance, and resources to assist students in their transition- facilitate academic progress, personal development, promote realization of educational and career goals	Dlowemartinez@berkeley.edu
CA	UC Merced	Guardian Scholars	cnies@ucmerced.edu
CA	UC Santa Cruz	Smith Renaissance Society	sal@ucsc.edu
CA	UC Riverside	Guardian Scholars- resources, strengths, and support of community	tuppett.yates@ucr.edu
CA	Pepperdine	Guardian Scholars- financial aid, life coaching, and mentoring, housing and personalized attention	John.Miller@pepperdine.edu
CA	Loyola Marymount	Guardian Scholars- financial aid, life coaching, mentoring, housing, and personalized attention.	jellsper@lmu.edu
CA	Humboldt State	ELITE Scholars (excelling and living independently through education)- broad array of support services	abc1@humboldt.edu
CA	San Jose State University	Guardian Scholars	rhonda.leiva@sjsu.edu
CA	San Francisco State University	Guardian Scholars- in collaboration with school of social work- commitment to student success and academic achievement	xvsz@sfsu.edu

CA	Cal State Polytechnic, Pomona	Renaissance Scholars- draws on Cal Poly Pomona's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and the Casey Family Programs' It's My Life framework for transitioning foster youth; workshops, mentoring, tutoring, academic advising, seminar classes, year-round housing, financial assistance, and community building activities	mdbostic@cpp.edu
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