Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to offer educational grants to young adults through the Foster Youth Education Fund. We encourage applicants who plan to attend two year or four year colleges and universities, as well as vocational and career technical education programs for the 2024-2025 academic year. We support former foster youth in all academic endeavors.

We have enclosed guidelines and ask that you review them carefully and then complete the application. It’s important that we have all of the requested information, so please re-review the guidelines before finalizing and sending in your application. If you have trouble obtaining all of the information by the deadline of **August 1 2024**, please let us know. You may have the additional information sent directly to the Foster Youth Education Fund in order to avoid further delay. An incomplete application can result in us not considering your application.

Our goal is to support as many former foster youth as possible who are attending school or were in foster care in Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer and Yolo counties. FYEF supports students attending school in these four counties AND/OR students who were in foster care in one of these four counties who are attending school outside the region. We apologize, but we do not have resources to provide scholarships to students who do not meet either of these criteria. In addition to need, we award scholarships based on academic strength and achievements (transcripts), any participation in community and/or school activities, letters of commendation and/or recommendation and your personal essay.

**All applications must be postmarked by August 1st, 2024.**

If you have any questions or need help with the completion of your application, please contact FYEF at Scholarships@fyef.org. You may also text or call 916-335-5485. Congratulations on your achievements and good luck!

Sincerely,

Virginia Williams
FYEF Scholarship Chair

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BACKGROUND
This educational grant program has been developed by the Foster Youth Education Fund to support the ongoing educational efforts of youth who have been in foster care in Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, and Yolo counties OR who were in foster care in California and are attending a post-secondary educational institution in these four counties. Funds are raised during our annual fashion show whose models are current and former foster youth, as well as donations from business and the local community. Eligibility for educational grant is without regard to race, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or political affiliation.

PURPOSE OF THE EDUCATIONAL GRANTS
These educational grants are awarded each year to youth who have been in foster/kinship care or are non-minor dependents and are pursuing post-secondary education, and have successfully completed their high school education, or its equivalent.

USE OF EDUCATIONAL GRANT
The educational grant from FYEF shall be used to support any field of study at an accredited college, university, technical or trade school; and be used for school-related expenses.

ELIGIBILITY
Current or former foster youth in California entering or attending a two or four year accredited college/university or technical/trade school beginning the Fall quarter or semester of 2024-25. High school seniors may apply with proof of college enrollment.

All applicants MUST meet one of the following:
A. Currently attending or planning to attend a post-secondary institution in Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer and Yolo counties OR
B. Were in foster care in Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer or Yolo counties and are attending or plan to attend a postsecondary institution

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Must include all documentation at the time the application is received by the committee. You may only apply for educational grant funding once per academic year.
- Completed application.
- Completed intake meeting with Outreach Coordinator.
- Official high school or equivalency transcripts or current college or vocational program transcripts. Copies will be accepted.
- One letter of recommendation from non-relatives.
- One page essay describing your education goals and how you plan to use the FYEF funds. Also, include a paragraph about any challenges that have impacted your goals.
- Proof of enrollment (Funding will not be issued until proof of acceptance is provided).
- While we do not specify the amount you may apply for, applicants should be aware our average amount awarded ranges from $500-$2,500.

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Foster Youth Education Fund
APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL GRANT GUIDELINES

Application must be postmarked by August 1st, 2024.

You may email your COMPLETED application to: Scholarships@fyef.org

Mail or email your completed application to:
Foster Youth Education Fund
2443 Fair Oaks Boulevard # 392
Sacramento, CA 95825 (This is a PO Box not FYEF location)

The postmark is important; however, it is not necessary to go to the expense of sending overnight or other expensive mail methods.

Scholarship Questions or Submissions? Email: Scholarships@fyef.org

EDUCATIONAL GRANT AWARD REQUIREMENTS
In the event that you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive a scholarship award letter.

Prior to release of grant money, each recipient must submit proof of enrollment for the most current semester available in the academic year in which you are applying for. In the event that your scholarship award indicates that it is an award being dispersed over multiple semesters, you will need to provide proof of enrollment each semester prior to distribution of allocated award amount for that semester.

Example: If you are applying for the 2024-2025 Academic year and receive a scholarship award letter in August, you will need to submit proof of enrollment for the Fall 2024 semester.

Recipients of the FYEF grant may be encouraged to participate in activities such as:
- Attending or appearing in our annual Foster Youth Fashion Show
- Meeting with FYEF volunteers and donors
- Providing written testimonials
- Assisting with community outreach
- Participation in follow-up surveys
- Foster Youth Programing
- Social Justice Committee

You may only apply once per academic year for FYEF educational grant funding

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# Foster Youth Education Fund
## 2024-2025 Educational Grant Application

## Applicant Information

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County you will/have aged out of care from/are still a non-minor dependent of:

## Educational and Assistance Information

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Cumulative Grade Point Average

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**Must include College / Vocational transcripts with application.**

**Note:** The amount of the scholarship may be determined based upon academic standing.

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## Are You Part of Any of the Following Assistance Programs

Are you part of any of the following assistance programs?

- ☐ The Foster Youth Services
- ☐ Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS)
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<th>☐ The Foster Youth Initiative</th>
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<td>☐ Other:</td>
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Are you a First Year FYEF Applicant  YES ☐ NO ☐

Are you interested in being featured in upcoming FYEF informational campaigns (example: Big Day of Giving): YES ☐ NO ☐

Are you receiving any additional scholarships, grants or financial aid? (Pell, CHAFEE, Cal Grants, BOG Fee Waiver, CalFresh/Food Stamps, etc.)

*Please list here:*
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### ESTIMATE OF NEED
List the approximate amount of funding that would assist with costs for one full school year that will not be paid for by current personal savings, employment, other scholarships and student financial aid:

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### LAPTOP
If available, are you in need of a computer or laptop to assist with school?  YES ☐ NO ☐

### CELLPHONE
If available, are you in need of a cell phone or the use of a cell phone as a mobile hotspot in order to access the internet to assist with school?  YES ☐ NO ☐

*NOTE: Cellphone/mobile hotspots are provided via a California Public Utilities Commission pilot and are in no way affiliated with the Foster Youth Education Fund*

### OFFICE HOUR REQUIREMENT
Have you completed an intake with our FYEF Outreach Coordinator?  YES ☐ NO ☐

### INFORMATIONAL CAMPAIGNS
Are you interested in being featured in upcoming FYEF informational campaigns (ex: Big Day of Giving):  YES ☐ NO ☐

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Your Privacy Is Protected

This information is used to determine if our efforts are reaching all segments of the population.

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Your voluntary responses are treated in a highly confidential manner. Your responses are not released to the panel rating the applications, to anyone else who can affect your application, or to the public. This is vital information not available from any other source. We can only get it directly from you. Thank you for helping us.

**Gender:**

☐ Male ☐ Female  
☐ Not Listed Above ____________________

**Race/Ethnicity**

☐ Black or African American  
☐ Hispanic or Latino  
☐ White  
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native  
☐ Asian  
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
☐ Not Listed Above ____________________