

College Readiness Guide for Foster & McKinney Vento Youth

Quick Guide to Local Colleges & Universities, Financial Aid, and Supports

By the Yolo County Office of Education: Foster and Homeless Education Services

McKinney Vento Youth include any youth experiencing homelessness.

Colleges/Universities

Community Colleges

(Los Rios Community College District has four local colleges:)

- American River College – Sacramento, CA
 - <https://arc.losrios.edu/>
- Cosumnes River College – Sacramento, CA
 - <https://crc.losrios.edu/>
- Folsom Lake College – Folsom, CA
 - <https://flc.losrios.edu/>
- Sacramento City College
 - Davis campus: <https://scc.losrios.edu/student-resources/davis-center-services>
 - Sacramento campus: <https://scc.losrios.edu/>
 - West Sacramento campus: <https://scc.losrios.edu/student-resources/west-sacramento-center-services>

(Yuba Community College District has two colleges and five campuses in Northern California:)

- Woodland Community College
 - Colusa County Campus – Williams, CA <https://wcc.yccd.edu/colusa/>
 - Lake County Campus – Clearlake, CA <https://wcc.yccd.edu/lake/>
 - Woodland Campus – Woodland, CA <https://wcc.yccd.edu/>
- Yuba College
 - Sutter County Center – Yuba City, CA <https://yc.yccd.edu/scc/>
 - Yuba Campus – Marysville, CA <https://yc.yccd.edu/>

California State Universities (CSU)

- Sacramento State
 - <https://www.csus.edu/>

Public Universities of California (UC)

- University of California, Davis
 - <https://www.ucdavis.edu/>

CalFresh for Students

- CalFresh is a California financial aid program that helps students buy food and eat healthier. It won't affect your financial aid and you don't need your parent's tax return information to apply.
- **2 in 5 students are eligible for CalFresh.**
- **An eligible student will get \$234 each month.**
- It takes just a couple of minutes to check your eligibility and apply:
- <https://www.getcalfresh.org/en/apply?source=studentsportal>

Financial Aid (FAFSA)/ Dream Act - Chafee

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an application college students submit each year to receive financial aid. The Dream Act is for those who are undocumented or qualify for a non-resident exemption.
- Students apply between October 1st-March 2nd of the year prior to the new school year, to get the most aid possible.
- Don't forget, you must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and sometimes take at least a half-time course load to keep your financial aid, or else you must pay it back.
- <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>
- The Chafee Grant is for any person who was in foster care at least one day between ages 16 and 18. Offers up to \$5,000 per year that you don't have to pay back.
- Please apply here: <https://chafee.csac.ca.gov/>

Supports & Services - EOP&S - NextUp - Guardian Scholars Program

- Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOP&S) is found at most colleges and offers services to disadvantaged students to meet their academic, personal, and career goals.
- NextUp is found at many colleges and specifically supports students who were in foster care after age 16.
- The Guardian Scholars Program (GSP) supports students who were in foster care for at least one day between birth and 18 years old.
- Check the website of the college you plan to attend to find more information about their EOPS, NextUp, and/or GSP programs.

Childcare

- Many college campuses provide free childcare. Look into federally funded programs like Head Start and ask your college if they partake in the Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) Program.