

# Calling All Foster Youth & Foster Youth Supporters!

*Are you a foster youth thinking about going to college?  
Are you working with a foster youth who wants to go to college?*

A college degree can put you on track to a fulfilling career and can help ensure your financial future. Even if you are unsure about what your dream job is, college can help you explore your options. There is financial aid and scholarships, and lots of support services that can help you make your dreams a reality!

Make this year the year you begin the path to college! Check out the [Foster Youth Education Planning Guide](#) and the [California College Pathways](#) website for steps you can take today to start planning for your future! Also available are three Resource Guides specifically designed for foster youth planning to attend a [Community College](#), [Cal State University](#) or [University of California](#).

Make sure you are aware of these important deadlines:

- CSU and UC:
- SAT or ACT test must be taken no later than December (*registration deadline early November*). Sign up for the SAT exam at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) or ACT exam at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).
  - CSU application period *October 1<sup>st</sup> - November 30<sup>th</sup>*
  - UC application period *November 1<sup>st</sup> - November 30<sup>th</sup>*
  - Check with your school regarding application deadlines for foster youth campus support programs and EOP.
- Community college:
- Apply through [www.cccapply.org](http://www.cccapply.org) by *December* for the following fall in order to complete enrollment process in time to access *April* priority registration. Students who miss this deadline can still apply but early application is strongly encouraged.
  - Check with your school regarding application deadlines for participation in foster youth campus support programs and EOPS.
- All students:
- Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA), [GPA Verification Form](#) and [Chafee grant](#) application between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> for maximum financial aid. Students who miss the March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline should still apply but early application is strongly encouraged.