



C/ FORWARD works with K-12 students on an individual basis to ensure they have access to the best educational opportunities by matching them with first-tier independent and public charter schools. We guide them through the application process and work with them to get the most out of their high school experience, culminating with assistance in the completion of college applications, graduating from high school, and attending college.

### **Program Description and Objectives**

C/FORWARD provides foster youth with opportunities for lifelong success by matching them with excellent independent and public charter schools along with year-round individualized support, mentoring, and enrichment activities and opportunities.

C/FORWARD arranges for and often funds school application fees, tutoring, internship opportunities, college readiness programs, and summer enrichment. C/FORWARD also helps to make sure its student have school-related necessities, such as books, uniforms, school supplies, technology, SAT prep courses, college application fees, and costs associated with attending fairs and college tours. C/FORWARD collaborates with other organizations focused on foster youth to help provide the students with additional services and programs and makes sure no stone is left unturned.

We connect with each student a minimum of once a month, and for many (depending on their current issues and needs) as frequently as a couple times a week. When C/FORWARD students are in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade our college-oriented efforts increase, e.g., assisting with determining colleges to apply to, making sure they prepare for and complete testing requirements (SAT, ACT), helping with their college applications and essays, researching and encouraging applications for scholarships. For many of our students, they are the first in their family to ever attend college, and some are the first to have graduated from high school.

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