

COLLEGE SPONSORSHIP



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United Friends of the Children empowers current and former foster youth on their journey to self-sufficiency through service-enriched education and housing programs, advocacy, and consistent relationships with a community of people who care.

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United Friends of the Children provides financial assistance to foster youth to attend four year colleges/ universities without the fear of an overwhelming financial burden through the College Sponsorship Program. The program offers support services and personalized attention to recipients, with the goal of empowering students to become good decision makers.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Current/former Los Angeles County foster youth in 12th grade or under age 23 and preparing to transfer from community college
- ILP-eligible, including Kin-Gap, legal guardianship, or adoptive placements
- Must have a 2.8 GPA or above and enroll in a 4-year college or university for the fall
- Demonstrated commitment to educational goals

Academic Monitoring and Support

UFC's Education Program staff monitors the progress of each Sponsorship recipient through regular contact. As you continue in school, staff is available to offer support as you work to achieve your educational goals.

Career Planning

Education staff members are available to assist you with job search techniques, resume creation, and career planning. UFC provides paid, career-oriented internships that afford the opportunity to explore majors, apply skills, and gain valuable experience.

Financial Assistance

United Friends of the Children offers financial assistance to help cover school-related expenses. Each Sponsorship recipient receives a \$3,000 general award per year for up to five years.

Personal Touch

UFC sends little surprises to let you know that we are thinking of you. Get-togethers with student recipients are held several times each year to build community.

Post-Graduate Planning

Especially during your junior and senior years, staff will help you strategize on your post-graduate plans. In addition to the graduate school application process, we assist in determining the best options for your life after college.

Study Abroad Assistance

We believe traveling abroad and encountering different cultures provides tremendous benefits. UFC provides extra financial support for recipients who participate in study abroad programs.

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