

# Los Angeles County Benefit and Entitlement Charts for Youth in Foster Care and on Probation

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## Introduction

In 2018, the Office of Child Protection (OCP) released its [Permanency Report for Los Angeles County Foster Youth](#). Multiple research studies have demonstrated the importance of achieving permanency (being adopted by a family, returning home to live with a biological parent or parents, living with relatives, and/or living with a legal guardian), and the need to address challenges surrounding permanency to improve outcomes for youth who are or have been involved in the foster and/or probation systems. Youth who exit foster care without a permanent family or adult connection have a higher risk for increased rates of homelessness, poverty, teen pregnancy, a lack of education, and involvement with the criminal-justice system. Having a stable, permanent family and supportive community is linked with youth being able to successfully attain permanent housing, higher education, self-efficacy, and social/emotional well-being.

Caregivers and youth were interviewed for the 2018 report, and one topic repeatedly mentioned was a concern around public benefits—both the potential loss of benefits following adoption, and the lack of information on available benefits. For example, some caregivers/youth believed that once youth turned 18, they could not be adopted, and once adopted (at any age), they lost access to benefits. Not necessarily. Older foster youth have permanency options—including non-minor dependent adoptions—that leave them still eligible for Adoption Assistance Payments and Independent Living Program benefits.

These charts were compiled to provide a comprehensive resource<sup>1</sup> of foster-youth benefits to assist youth and caregivers, particularly when making permanency decisions. This document also includes a section on benefits and entitlements that can potentially still be accessed (depending on case circumstances) once a youth exits the child-welfare system.

Please note that while some benefits may not be available once a youth leaves foster care, youth who achieve permanency have better outcomes and more supports available as they work toward self-sufficiency.

For the purposes of this document, the term “foster youth” is defined as youth ages 14 through 20 years old, with open/active cases with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), including Family Maintenance, Voluntary Family Maintenance, Family Reunification, Permanent Placement, AB 12/Supportive Transition, Kin-GAP; or youth ages 16 through 24 years old with a closed case, who are/were Independent Living Program–eligible. “Probation youth” are those with open/active Probation Department cases who are “suitably placed” within the community when it is not appropriate for them to return to their parental home.

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<sup>1</sup> Benefit eligibility may depend on case circumstances, so please consult with your attorney and social worker about applying for specific benefits. Various benefits and programs listed in this document may have limited funding availability and caps.

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1040 West Avenue J, Room 1130 | Lancaster, CA 93534*If you are involved in an open juvenile dependency case or know someone who is, and you believe a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer would be helpful, please visit the CASA referral link:*[Refer a Child](#) | [CASA of Los Angeles \(casala.org\)](#)**DCFS—Child Protection Hotline** (reporting suspected child abuse and neglect) **(800) 540-4000****DCFS—Youth Development Services (YDS) Staff** [Contact Us - ILP Online](#)Darlene McDade-White: (213) 251-0126 | [mcdadd@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:mcdadd@dcfs.lacounty.gov)Jenny Serrano: (213) 604-5675 | [ILPJobs@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:ILPJobs@dcfs.lacounty.gov)**DCFS—ILP Coordinator**To find out who your ILP coordinator is or to answer any questions, e-mail: [youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov)  
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[Los Angeles County Foster Youth District Liaison List -MASTER.xlsx - Google Sheets](#)

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# **Benefit and Entitlement Chart**

## Basic Living

| Benefit Name                             | Independent Living Program (ILP) General Benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Benefit Department                       | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS)   Independent Living Program (ILP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Benefit Description                      | The Independent Living Program (ILP) provides financial assistance and services to current and former foster/probation youth ages 16 through 20. This financial assistance can help to fund items such as car insurance, driving lessons, books, and more if youth meet additional eligibility requirements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Benefit Eligibility                      | Youth are eligible for ILP services from their 16th birthday through the day before their 21st birthday, provided <b>one</b> of the following criteria is met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The youth is/was in foster care at any time from their 16th through their 18th birthdays, either through DCFS or the Probation Department</li> <li>▪ The youth was in foster care and entered a kinship guardianship at any age <b>AND</b> is receiving/did receive Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments (Kin-GAP) during ages 16 through 18</li> <li>▪ The youth is a former foster youth who entered a non-related legal guardianship (NRLG) after their 8th birthday <b>AND</b> is receiving/has received permanent placement services</li> <li>▪ The youth was adopted after their 16th birthday</li> </ul>                                                           |
| Access/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | Discuss adding needs to your <a href="#">Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP)</a> with your social worker. (If you have issues with the TILP, tell the judge or your attorney.)<br><br>When you are 16 or older, your children's social worker (CSW) will refer you to ILP. You may also self-refer; call (213) 351-0101 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on regular business days to self-refer or ask questions. During non-business hours, call (877) 694-5741 or e-mail <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a> . Access more contact information at <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a> .<br><br><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b><br><br>ILP FAQ <a href="#">FAQs - ILP Online</a><br>ILP Transportation <a href="#">Transportation - ILP Online</a><br>TILP <a href="#">Transitional Independent Living Plan &amp; Agreement (ilponline.org)</a> |
| Length of Benefit                        | From your 16th birthday through the day before your 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Benefit Amount                           | Varies based on availability and need                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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Benefit Name	Independent Living Program (ILP) Life Skills Program/Individualized Transition Skills Program (ITSP)
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
Benefit Description	The Individualized Transition Skills Program (ITSP) provides a one-on-one life coach to help youth navigate access to benefits and services, enhance daily life skills, and gain self-sufficiency and permanent connections/relationships.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must be Independent Living Program (ILP)—eligible (page 7), age 16 through the day before your 21st birthday, <b>AND</b> reside in Los Angeles County</li> <li>▪ Must be referred to the program before your 19th birthday</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Discuss with your social worker if you want to join this program and ask them to update your needs on your Transition Independent Living Plan. (If you have issues with your TILP, tell the judge or your attorney.)</p> <p>You may also self-refer; call (213) 351-0101 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on regular business days to self-refer or ask questions. During non-business hours, call (877) 694-5741 or e-mail <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a>. More contact information at <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a>.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p>ILP FAQ <a href="#">FAQs - ILP Online</a></p> <p>ILP Transportation <a href="#">Transportation - ILP Online</a></p> <p>TILP <a href="#">ITSP FACT SHEET.pdf (ilponline.org)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Transitional Independent Living Plan &amp; Agreement (ilponline.org)</a></p>
Length of Benefit	Two-year program
Benefit Amount	Based on availability and need

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| Benefit Name                                        | Independent Living Program (ILP)<br>Youth on the Move (TAP Cards)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)   Metro.net                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Benefit Description                                 | This program offers free annual <a href="#">Transit Access Passes</a> (TAP cards) for current and former foster and probation youth.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>You are eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You were in foster care (through DCFS or the Probation Department) on or after your 17th birthday <b>AND</b></li> <li>You are currently ages 18 through 23 (the day before your 24th birthday) <b>AND</b></li> <li>You are a participant in the Independent Living Program (ILP)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>An application, photo, and other forms are required to receive a pass. Participants must comply with program requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact your ILP Transition Coordinator <b>OR</b></li> <li>Complete the application on your computer (link below)—or scan the completed application into your computer—and e-mail <a href="mailto:serraj@dcfs.lacounty.gov">serraj@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a> the completed application along with a picture of your face (consider a school ID picture).</li> </ul> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP Webpage</b><br/> <a href="#">Transportation - ILP Online</a></p> <p><b>Application</b> <a href="#">Youth on the Move Application (ilponline.org)</a></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The age boxes in the application's Section III (voluntary information about you) stop at age 21, but youth ages 22 and 23 are still eligible.</p> |
| Length of Benefit                                   | From your 18th birthday through the day before your 24th birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Each card is worth between \$1,200 and \$4,200 and provides access for Metro buses and rail lines and up to 26 additional transit agencies operating in the geographic county.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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Benefit Name	Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
Benefit Description	The Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) provides financial and medical coverage to facilitate the adoption of children who otherwise would remain in long-term foster care. Adoptive families are eligible for post-adoption services that may include resource and referral connections, brief case management, and crisis intervention. Youth adopted after their 16th birthday are also eligible for Independent Living Program (ILP) services (page 7), except for housing assistance. AAP funding is paid only to an adoptive parent.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Please review the DCFS AAP policy for more information on eligibility at <a href="#">Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) Benefits and Medi-Cal Benefits - 0200-511.05 - DCFS Policy Institute Website (lacounty.gov)</a>.</p> <p>Once youth are determined eligible to receive AAP benefits, they remain eligible and the subsidy continues through the day before the child/youth's 18th birthday. AAP benefits can be continued through the day before the youth's 21st birthday if he or she meets at least <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The initial adoption assistance agreement was signed when the youth was at least 16 years old <b>AND</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Youth is working toward completing high school or equivalent program <b>OR</b></li> <li>b. Youth is enrolled in a college, community college, or a vocational education program <b>OR</b></li> <li>c. Youth is employed at least 80 hours per month <b>OR</b></li> <li>d. Youth is participating in a program designed to assist in gaining employment <b>OR</b></li> <li>e. Youth is unable to do one of the above due to a medical condition</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Youth has a physical or mental disability that warrants the continuation of assistance (through the day before the youth's 21st birthday)</li> </ol>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>AAP benefits are negotiated by the children's social worker (CSW) with the adoptive parent(s) before the parent(s) sign an adoptive placement agreement with DCFS and before finalizing the adoption. The CSW makes the final determination of the amount of the AAP benefit, which is based upon the youth's needs and the circumstances of the adoptive parent(s). The AAP agreement <b>must</b> be signed before the adoption is finalized.</p> <p>The extension of AAP benefits beyond age 18 depends on the adoptive parents requesting the benefit extension <b>before</b> the child/youth's 18th birthday by <b>BOTH</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Calling the Foster Care/Adoption Assistance Hotline at (800) 697-4444 <b>OR</b> Post Adoption Services at (800) 735-4984 <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Providing documentation to DCFS of the child/youth's eligibility (see <i>Benefit Eligibility</i> above)</li> </ul> <p>AAP must be recertified at least every two years.</p> <p>Questions? Contact your CSW/minor's attorney or call the Alliance for Children's Rights at (213) 368-6010.</p>
Length of Benefit	AAP benefits start on the date the AAP agreement is signed and continue through the day before the youth's 18th birthday. If the criteria are met for the two situations described above (reference 1 and 2 in <i>Benefit Eligibility</i> ), youth can continue to receive benefits through the day before their 21st birthday.
Benefit Amount	<p>Amount shall not exceed the foster-care maintenance payment and any applicable Level of Care (LOC) rate and/or specialized care increment that the child would have received while placed in a licensed or approved family home.</p> <p>The benefit amount does not increase by age; however, AAP benefits can be increased at any time if the child's needs or the family's situation changes. Documentation must be presented to justify any increase.</p>

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| Benefit Name        | CalFresh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Benefit Department  | Federal program administered through the State of California and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Benefit Description | CalFresh is the California name for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), an entitlement established to improve the nutrition of people in low-income households. CalFresh benefits are used instead of money at most grocery stores and farmers' markets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Benefit Eligibility | <p>Eligibility for CalFresh benefits is based on the income of a household.</p> <p><b>Household</b> For CalFresh purposes, a household is a group of people who live together <b>AND</b> buy and prepare food together. Youth under age 18 who are living with a foster family or with their biological family cannot apply for CalFresh separately from the family. In households in which meals are purchased and prepared together (i.e., Resource Family homes), non-minor dependents (NMDs) may not apply for CalFresh separately from their household. Instead, the head of household may apply for CalFresh on behalf of the entire household. In households in which meals are purchased and prepared separately (i.e., by a youth in THP-NMD housing renting a room in a Supervised Independent Living Program or SILP), NMDs may apply for CalFresh as a separate household.</p> <p><b>Income</b> CalFresh eligibility is based on the total income a household has. If a non-minor dependent is receiving Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) benefits, the SILP benefits count as income.</p> <p>Youth in many different placement types can apply for CalFresh, including youth living in transitional housing. However, youth living in Short-Term Residential Treatment Programs (STRTPs) or Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs) are not eligible for CalFresh.</p> <p><b>Students</b><br/>Persons may also be eligible if they meet the following CalFresh Student Eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Age: from your 18th birthday through the day before your 49th birthday</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled at least half-time in an institution of higher education</li> </ul> <p><u>CalFresh Student Exemption Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employed for a minimum of 20 hours per week</li> <li>▪ Approved for work/study for the current term and anticipating working during the school term</li> <li>▪ A parent with a dependent child under age 6</li> <li>▪ A parent with a dependent child ages 6 to 12 <b>AND</b> a lack of adequate child care preventing the parent from either attending class and working 20 hours per week or participating in work/study</li> <li>▪ Enrolled full-time in a higher-education institution <b>AND</b> a single parent with a dependent child under age 12</li> <li>▪ Participating in Extended Foster Care</li> <li>▪ Receiving a Cal Grant B (page 30) at a community college, California State University, or University of California; unmarried, 25 years or younger; and income of less than \$50,000 per year</li> <li>▪ Participating in the <a href="#">Chafee Education and Training Vouchers Program</a> (page 33)</li> <li>▪ Participating in a foster-youth campus support program—e.g., Guardian Scholars, Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI), NextUp, formerly known as CAFYES (Cooperating Agencies for Foster Youth Educational Support)</li> </ul> |

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Benefit Name	CalFresh
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participating in a campus support program—i.e., Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), CARE, the McNair Scholars Program, The Puente Project, Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA)</li> <li>▪ Participating in a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program</li> <li>▪ Those who are physically or mentally unfit for employment</li> <li>▪ High school students</li> <li>▪ Those enrolled in higher-education institutions less than half time as defined by the institution</li> <li>▪ Those enrolled in schools and training programs that are not institutions of higher education</li> </ul>
<p><b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b></p>	<p>Talk to your social worker or Independent Living Program (ILP) coordinator to find out how to apply for CalFresh. Call (213) 763-6600 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on normal business days, or e-mail <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a> to ask questions. During non-business hours, call (877) 694-5441. Visit this website for more contact information: <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a>.</p> <p>You may also call DPSS's customer service line at (866) 613-3777.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p>Applicants may also apply directly at <a href="#">Home   BenefitsCal. Together, we benefit</a>. Choose your preferred language in the top panel of the opening page, then click Apply for Benefits.</p> <p><b>CalFresh Info</b>  <a href="#">FAQ: Non-Minor Dependents &amp; CalFresh   JBAY</a></p>
<p><b>Length of Benefit</b></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Benefit Amount</b></p>	<p>Varies</p>

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## Extended Foster Care

| Benefit Name                                        | Extended Foster Care (AB 12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Benefit Description                                 | Assembly Bill (AB) 12 is the law that extends foster care through the day before your 21st birthday in California. That means you can take advantage of all the services and benefits DCFS and Probation have to offer, including support, funding, transportation (Youth on the Move, page 9), and housing (placement).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must meet <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have an order for foster-care placement on the youth's 18th birthday <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ If an adoptive parent/legal guardian passes away or is no longer providing support for the youth</li> </ul> <p><b>AND all</b> these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth continues under the jurisdiction of the juvenile dependency court or re-enters such jurisdiction</li> <li>▪ Youth agrees to live in a supervised, licensed, or approved placement</li> <li>▪ Youth signs a mutual agreement, meets with a social worker every month, and participates in six-month review hearings</li> </ul> <p><b>AND one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth is working toward completing high school or a similar program</li> <li>▪ Youth is enrolled in college, community college, or a vocational education program</li> <li>▪ Youth is employed at least 80 hours a month</li> <li>▪ Youth is participating in a program/activity designed to remove barriers to employment</li> <li>▪ Youth is unable to do one of the above due to a medical condition (including pregnancy)</li> </ul> |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Youth should automatically be enrolled to continue foster care if they qualify. Youth may also choose to re-enter foster care after initially deciding to close their case, and may exit and re-enter as many times as they wish through the day before their 21st birthday.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><a href="#">AB12 Information - ILP Online</a></p> <p>Call the <b>DCFS Hotline</b> at (800) 540-4000 or the <b>Children's Law Center</b> at (323) 859-4000 for assistance with re-entering foster care.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Length of Benefit                                   | From your 18th birthday through the day before your 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Benefits amount depends on the placement type, needs of the youth, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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Benefit Name	<b>AB 12 Non-Minor Dependent (NMD) (Probation)</b>
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Probation Department
Benefit Description	Assembly Bill (AB) 12 is the law that extends foster care to age 21 in California. That means you can take advantage of all the services and benefits DCFS and Probation have to offer, including support, funding, transportation (Youth on the Move, page 9), and housing (placement).
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must meet <b>all</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth agrees to live in a supervised placement that is licensed or approved</li> <li>▪ Youth signs a mutual agreement (terms of probation can trump some rights)</li> <li>▪ Youth meets with their probation officer every month and participates in six-month review hearings</li> <li>▪ Youth are under delinquency court jurisdiction and are under a suitable-placement or foster-care order on their 18th birthday</li> <li>▪ Youth are under an order of foster-care placement on their 18th birthday, have finished their terms of probation, and are under transition jurisdiction (page 17) <b>OR</b> are between the ages of 17 years 5 months and 18 years and under transition jurisdiction on their 18th birthday</li> </ul> <p><b>AND one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth is working toward completing high school or an equivalent program</li> <li>▪ Youth is enrolled in college, community college, or a vocational education program</li> <li>▪ Youth is employed at least 80 hours a month</li> <li>▪ Youth is participating in a program designed to assist in gaining employment</li> <li>▪ Youth is unable to do one of the above due to medical condition (including pregnancy)</li> </ul> <p>You also may be eligible for re-entry to foster care up to age 21 if you leave foster care after age 18 or if an adoptive parent/legal guardian passes away or is no longer supporting you.</p>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p><b>Contact:</b></p> <p>Sean Porter: (626) 356-5539  <a href="mailto:sean.porter@probation.lacounty.gov">sean.porter@probation.lacounty.gov</a></p>
Length of Benefit	From your 18th birthday through the day before your 21st birthday
Benefit Amount	Benefits amount depends on the placement type, needs of the youth, etc.

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| Benefit Name                                        | <b>AB 12 Extended Kin-GAP<br/>(Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>Assembly Bill (AB) 12 is the law that extends foster care to age 21 in California. That means you can take advantage of all the services and benefits DCFS and Probation have to offer, including support, funding, transportation (Youth on the Move, page 9), and housing (placement). You also may be eligible for re-entry to foster care through the day before your 21st birthday if you leave foster care after age 18 or if an adoptive parent/legal guardian passes away or is no longer supporting you.</p> <p>Youth receiving Kin-GAP are eligible for ILP services (page 7).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must meet <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth turned 16 before the negotiated Kin-GAP payments started (and can receive them up until the age of 21) <b>AND</b> meets one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Youth is working toward completing high school or equivalent program</li> <li>♦ Youth is enrolled in college, community college, or a vocational education program</li> <li>♦ Youth is employed at least 80 hours a month</li> <li>♦ Youth is participating in a program designed to assist in gaining employment</li> <li>♦ Youth is unable to do one of the above due to a medical condition (including pregnancy)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Youth turned 16 after the negotiated Kin-GAP payments commenced and is expected to graduate from high school or complete an equivalent program before turning 19 (benefits can continue until they graduate high school or turn 19, whichever comes first)</li> <li>▪ Youth has a physical or mental disability that warrants continuing assistance (through the day before their 21st birthday)</li> </ul> |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>The relative guardian must contact the social worker to request an extension of Kin-GAP benefits for a youth beyond the age of 18, and will need to provide documentation indicating that the youth meets the eligibility criteria. Youth in extended Kin-GAP should be receiving all Extended Foster Care benefits except for housing, as they should have housing with their relative.</p> <p>The guardian must complete an annual Kin-GAP redetermination.</p> <p>Contact the following with any questions:<br/> <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a><br/> 1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor<br/> Los Angeles, CA 90007<br/> (877) 694-5441<br/> (213) 763-6600</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Length of Benefit                                   | Begins on the youth's 18th birthday and goes through the day before their 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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Benefit Name	<b>AB 12 Non-Related Legal Guardianship</b>
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
Benefit Description	<p>Assembly Bill (AB) 12 is the law that extends foster care to age 21 in California. That means you can take advantage of all the services and benefits DCFS and Probation have to offer, including support, funding, transportation (Youth on the Move, page 9), and housing (placement). You also may be eligible for re-entry to foster care through the day before your 21st birthday if you leave foster care after age 18 or if an adoptive parent/legal guardian passes away or is no longer supporting you.</p> <p>Independent Living Program services (page 7) are available to youth placed in a non-relative legal guardianship.</p>
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Youth must be in foster care on their 18th birthday, either through DCFS or the Probation Department, <b>AND</b> must meet <b>one</b> of the following education/employment participation conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Secondary education</li> <li>♦ Post-secondary or vocational education</li> <li>♦ Participating in a program/activity designed to promote or remove barriers to employment</li> <li>♦ Employed for at least 80 hours per month</li> <li>♦ Incapable of doing one of the above due to a medical condition (including pregnancy)</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Contact your social worker or probation officer to sign the Mutual Agreement for Extended Foster Care <a href="#">SOC 162</a> form within the six months before your 18th birthday, asking to remain in foster care with a non-related legal guardian after turning 18.</p> <p>A Six-Month Certification of Extended Foster Care Participation <a href="#">SOC 161</a> form must be signed every six months, along with the case plan and <a href="#">Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP)</a> being updated by the social worker/probation officer to certify your continued participation in extended foster care.</p> <p>Contact the following with any questions:  <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a>  1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor  Los Angeles, CA 90007  (877) 694-5441  (213) 763-6600</p>
Length of Benefit	Begins on the youth's 18th birthday and goes through the day before their 21st birthday
Benefit Amount	Varies

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| Benefit Name                                        | <b>Transition Jurisdiction Services (450 Status)<br/>for Minors</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Los Angeles County Probation Department                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Benefit Description                                 | Probation provides supervision, support, and guidance to youth in Extended Foster Care under Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §450.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must meet <b>all</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth is under an order for foster-care placement</li> <li>▪ Youth is between the ages of 17 years 5 months and 18 years</li> <li>▪ Youth no longer requires the supervision of the delinquency court because they have achieved their rehabilitative goals</li> <li>▪ Youth is at risk of abuse or neglect and cannot be returned to the parental home safely</li> <li>▪ Youth intends to meet the non-minor dependent participation requirements</li> </ul> |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>For more information about Probation's Transition Jurisdiction Services program, contact:</p> <p>Sean Porter: (626) 356-5539<br/> <a href="mailto:sean.porter@probation.lacounty.gov">sean.porter@probation.lacounty.gov</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Length of Benefit                                   | Through the age of 20 (the day before your 21st birthday)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Transition Jurisdiction allows minors who have met their rehabilitative goals to participate in Extended Foster Care (EFC) (page 13).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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Benefit Name	<b>Transition Jurisdiction Services (450 Status) for Non-Minors</b>
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Probation Department
Benefit Description	Probation provides supervision, support, and guidance to youth in Extended Foster Care under Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §450.
Benefit Eligibility	Must meet <b>all</b> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth had a foster-care placement on their 18th birthday</li> <li>▪ Youth has since successfully completed the terms of their probation</li> <li>▪ Youth is under the age of 21</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	For more information about Probation's Transition Jurisdiction Services program, contact: Sean Porter: (626) 356-5539 <a href="mailto:sean.porter@probation.lacounty.gov">sean.porter@probation.lacounty.gov</a>
Length of Benefit	Through the age of 20 (the day before your 21st birthday)
Benefit Amount	AB 12–related benefits (page 16), including housing and continued funding

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## Education

| Benefit Name                                        | College and Career Bound: Planning Guides for Students in Foster Care (9th through 12th Grade)                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Benefit Department                                  | <a href="#">John Burton Advocates for Youth (JBAY)</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Benefit Description                                 | These step-by-step guides are designed to assist California's youth in grades 9 through 12 with experience in foster care to achieve their college and career goals.                                                                                                       |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Available for download in English and Spanish</p> <p><a href="#">College and Career Bound: A Planning Guide for 9th-11th Grade Students in Foster Care</a></p> <p><a href="#">College and Career Bound: A Planning Guide for 12th-Grade Students in Foster Care</a></p> |

| Benefit Name                                        | Foster Youth Postsecondary Education Planning Resources: FOR ADULTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Benefit Department                                  | <a href="#">John Burton Advocates for Youth (JBAY)</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Benefit Description                                 | This guide is designed to equip adult supporters—including social workers, probation officers, caregivers, and other stakeholders—with the necessary tools and resources to assist California's youth in grades 6 through 12 with experience in foster care to achieve their postsecondary education and career goals. |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | Created for adult supporters of youth with experience in foster care to help those youth achieve their postsecondary and career goals                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Available for download in English and Spanish</p> <p><a href="#">A Postsecondary Education Planning Guide for Adults Supporting California's Foster Youth</a></p>                                                                                                                                                   |

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Benefit Name	Transportation to School of Origin (K–12)
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)   Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)
Benefit Description	<p>Federal and state laws require DCFS and school districts to provide and fund transportation for foster youth to remain in their school of origin upon initial removal from the parental home and upon any change of placement location. Los Angeles County school districts have individually entered into Memoranda of Understanding with DCFS and LACOE to accomplish this.</p> <p>A foster child's "school of origin" is (1) the school in which the child was last enrolled, (2) the school the child attended when permanently housed (i.e., prior to removal from the parental home), or (3) any other school the child attended within the immediately preceding 15 months to which the child feels connected. The school of origin also includes any schools in the feeder patterns of these schools. If a foster child's residence changes, the school district must let the child remain in their school of origin.</p> <p>When a youth is placed into foster care or moves foster-care placements, the school district's Foster Youth Liaison, the youth's Educational Rights Holder, and the youth must meet to determine whether it is in the youth's best interest to change schools and leave their school of origin. The youth's Educational Rights Holder is the decision-maker.</p> <p>If the court's jurisdiction ends during an academic year and the child is in kindergarten or grades 1 through 8, inclusive, the right to remain in the school of origin lasts through the end of that academic year. If the court's jurisdiction ends while the child is in high school, the right to remain in the school of origin lasts through graduation. When transitioning between grade levels, the child has the right to continue in their school district of origin in the same attendance area, or if they are transitioning to a middle or high school and the school designated for matriculation is in another school district, to the school designated for matriculation in that school district.</p>
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any school-aged youth placed in foster care, either through DCFS or the Probation Department, or who has changed foster-care placements</li> <li>The youth's Educational Rights Holder has not determined that it is in the youth's best interest to change schools</li> <li>In kindergarten through 12th grade</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>To discuss school-of-origin transportation support, contact your social worker or school-district AB 490 Foster Youth Liaison. Each district's liaison is listed at <a href="#">Los Angeles County Foster Youth District Liaison List -MASTER.xlsx - Google Sheets</a>.</p> <p>Caregivers may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the costs of educational travel. Additional information relating to this reimbursement can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Length of Benefit	Kindergarten through 12th grade
Benefit Amount	Dependent on method/length of transportation

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| Benefit Name                                        | Independent Living Program (ILP)<br>Education Resources                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS)   Independent Living Program (ILP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>Comprehensive services and resources in the fundamental areas of education, workforce development, housing, and life skills to ensure child safety beyond childhood in an effort to successfully prepare Transition Age Youth (TAY) for independence and self-sufficiency.</p> <p>Items may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tuition—colleges and universities/community colleges</li> <li>▪ Books and supplies</li> <li>▪ School/program fees</li> <li>▪ Exam fees—General Education Development (GED), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), ACT, etc.</li> <li>▪ Clothing—educational</li> <li>▪ High school graduation expenses</li> <li>▪ GED/high school proficiency incentive</li> <li>▪ College tour</li> <li>▪ Scholarships</li> <li>▪ Fees—educational</li> <li>▪ College application fees</li> </ul> |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Youth are eligible for ILP services (page 7) from age 16 through the day before their 21st birthday, provided <b>one</b> of the following criteria is met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The youth was/is in foster care—through the Probation Department or DCFS—at any time from age 16 through the day before their 19th birthday.</li> <li>▪ The youth was in foster care and entered a kinship guardianship at any age, and received/is receiving Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments (Kin-GAP) between the ages of 16 and 18.</li> <li>▪ The youth is a former foster youth who entered a non-related legal guardianship (NRLG) after their 8th birthday and received/is receiving permanent placement services.</li> </ul>                                                                          |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Submit a one-page Request for ILP Services form along with supporting documents to your ILP Transition Coordinator. Get their contact information from your assigned children’s social worker, by contacting Youth Development Services at (213) 351-0101, or by accessing this website: <a href="#">Steps to Independent Living Home Page - ILP Online</a>.</li> <li>▪ The ILP Transition Coordinator completes a Request for Funds packet and obtains the required signatures.</li> <li>▪ The approved document is then forwarded to the Department of Finance for processing.</li> <li>▪ The check/warrant is mailed to you or is available for pickup at Youth Development Services headquarters.</li> </ul>                                                                         |
| Length of Benefit                                   | See <i>Benefit Eligibility</i> above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Based on need and funding availability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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Benefit Name	Independent Living Program (ILP) High School Graduation Expenses
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
Benefit Description	Money provided to pay for senior pictures, grad night, cap and gown, as well as prom and other graduation-related expenses.
Benefit Eligibility	ILP-eligible youth (page 7) who submit a completed <a href="#">ILP Senior Expense Form</a> , including a school stamp or seal, and a transcript
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Discuss adding needs to your Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) with your social worker. (If you have issues with your TILP, tell the judge or your attorney.)</p> <p>You can also reach out to <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a> or:</p> <p><a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a>  1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor  Los Angeles, CA 90007  (877) 694-5441  (213) 763-6600</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP Graduation Expenses</b>  <a href="#">High School Graduation Expenses - ILP Online</a></p> <p><b>TILP</b>  <a href="#">Transitional Independent Living Plan &amp; Agreement (ilponline.org)</a></p>
Length of Benefit	From age 16 through the day before your 21st birthday
Benefit Amount	Varies

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| Benefit Name                                         | Celebration I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Benefit Department                                   | Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)   Youth Development Services (YDS)<br>Independent Living Program (ILP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Benefit Description                                  | Celebration I is held in June of every year for graduating foster and probation youth who maintain a specific GPA. Celebrities, your family and friends, our community partners, as well as the Independent Living Program team want to recognize you for all your hard work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Benefit Eligibility                                  | <p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Be ILP-eligible (page 7) <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Be a graduating high school senior <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Be college bound (to a two-year college or a four-year college or university) <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Have a 2.8 cumulative GPA or higher</li> </ul> <p>The benefit is available to DCFS and Probation cases, and to dual-status youth.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Contact your children's social worker or deputy probation officer if your case is open for a referral <b>OR</b> contact your Transition Coordinator or ILP services if your case is closed <b>AND</b> you have completed an application.</p> <p>If you wish to participate, please submit a package including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A completed <a href="#">ILP Senior Expense Form</a> with the school stamp or seal, signed by a school counselor and confirming that you are on track to graduate</li> <li>▪ Your seventh-semester high-school transcript</li> <li>▪ A page-and-a-half essay indicating your accomplishments</li> </ul> <p>Submission deadlines change each year.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP Website</b><br/><a href="#">Graduation Events - ILP Online</a></p> |
| Length of Benefit                                    | Graduation year in June of that year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Benefit Amount                                       | Depends on need and funding availability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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Benefit Name	Celebration II
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Youth Development Services (YDS)   Independent Living Program (ILP)
Benefit Description	Celebration II is held during the summer after you graduate and is an event filled with food, fun, and more, including possible competitive scholarship awards.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Be ILP-eligible (page 7) <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Be a graduating high school senior <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Be planning to attend a vocational school, a two-year college, or a four-year college or university <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Have a cumulative GPA of 2.7999 or below</li> </ul> <p>This benefit is available to both DCFS and Probation youth, and to dual-status youth.</p>
Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>If you wish to participate, please submit a package including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A completed <a href="#">ILP Senior Expense Form</a> with the school stamp or seal, signed by a school counselor and confirming that you are on track to graduate</li> <li>▪ Your seventh-semester high-school transcript</li> <li>▪ A page-and-a-half essay indicating your accomplishments</li> </ul> <p>Submission deadlines change each year.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP Website</b>  <a href="#">Graduation Events - ILP Online</a></p>
Length of Benefit	Graduation year in the summer of that year
Benefit Amount	Depends on need and funding availability

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| Benefit Name                                               | Independent Living Program (ILP)<br>Tuition Assistance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Benefit Department                                         | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Benefit Description                                        | After applying for financial aid through the <a href="#">Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</a> (pages 26 and 28) or <a href="#">California DREAM Act Application</a> (CADAA) (page 29), youth with unmet needs may qualify for funds to help pay for tuition, books, school supplies, and other fees/school-related items.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Benefit Eligibility                                        | ILP-eligible youth (page 7) who have applied for FAFSA or CADAA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Access to Benefit/<br>Action Steps to<br>Receiving Benefit | <p>Discuss adding needs to your Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) with your social worker. (If you have issues with your TILP, tell the judge or your attorney.)</p> <p>You can also reach out to <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a> or:</p> <p><a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a><br/> 1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor<br/> Los Angeles, CA 90007<br/> (877) 694-5441<br/> (213) 763-6600</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP College Tuition</b><br/> <a href="#">College Assistance and Support - ILP Online</a></p> <p><b>TILP</b><br/> <a href="#">Transitional Independent Living Plan &amp; Agreement (ilponline.org)</a></p> |
| Length of Benefit                                          | From age 16 through the day before your 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Benefit Amount                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to \$8,000 at college; amounts vary depending on how much funding is available</li> <li>\$3,000 at technical/vocational school</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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Benefit Name	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)
Benefit Department	Federal Student Aid
Benefit Description	<p>This is financial aid from the federal government to help you pay for education expenses at an eligible college or career school. Different types of financial aid exist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grants (money you don't have to pay back)</li> <li>▪ Loans (money you <u>do</u> have to pay back)</li> <li>▪ Work-study (money from employment that you don't have to pay back)</li> </ul> <p>You must complete the <a href="#">FAFSA form</a> to apply for this aid.</p>
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Qualify to obtain a college or career school education, either by having a high school diploma <b>OR</b> a General Educational Development (GED) certificate <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ By completing a high school education in a home-school setting approved under state law</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b> meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student in an eligible degree or certificate program <b>AND</b> have a valid Social Security number unless you are from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau, <b>AND</b> sign certifying statements stating that you are not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe a refund on a federal grant <b>AND</b> you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes <b>AND</b> maintain satisfactory academic progress in college or career school, <b>AND</b> be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national by being born in the United States, American Samoa, or Swains Island, being born abroad to parents who are U.S. citizens, or if you have obtained citizenship status through naturalization</li> <li>▪ Have a <a href="#">Green Card</a> (Permanent Resident Card) if you have a Form I-551, I-151, or I-551C</li> <li>▪ Have an arrival-departure record that shows Refugee, Asylum Granted, Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending) <b>OR</b> Parolee</li> <li>▪ Have battered immigrant status by virtue of being a victim of abuse by your citizen or permanent-resident spouse, or you are the child of a person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act</li> <li>▪ Have a T visa if you or your parent has a T1 visa</li> </ul> <p>Beginning August 16, 2021, youth with drug-related convictions are still eligible to apply for FAFSA.</p>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Students planning to attend a four-year university should apply between October 1 and March 2 before the start of the school year, in particular to ensure eligibility for a Cal Grant and institutional aid. Community college students have until September 2 to apply for a Cal Grant and other state aid. Other forms of aid such as the Pell Grant have later application deadlines, but all students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to qualify for the maximum aid award possible.</p> <p>Due to the FAFSA Simplification Act, the 2024–2025 FAFSA applications were delayed but are now available.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>Application</b> <a href="#">FAFSA® Application   Federal Student Aid</a></p> <p><b>Pell Grant Info</b> <a href="#">Federal Pell Grant Program</a></p>

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| Benefit Amount | <p>Pell Grant—up to \$6,195 a year (additional \$3,098 if enrolled during the summer, depending on financial need and other factors) You can receive the Pell Grant for no more than 12 semesters.</p> <p>Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)—between \$100 and \$4,000 a year</p> <p>Direct unsubsidized and subsidized loans for independent students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ First year—\$9,500 (no more than \$3,500 may be subsidized loans)</li> <li>▪ Second year—\$10,500 (no more than \$4,500 may be subsidized loans)</li> <li>▪ Third year and beyond—\$12,500 (no more than \$5,500 may be subsidized loans)</li> <li>▪ Work-study—earning at least Federal minimum wage (specific amount based on time of application, level of financial need, and school’s funding level)</li> </ul> |

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Benefit Name	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) Independent Student
Benefit Department	Federal Student Aid
Benefit Description	Students who achieve independent status on the FAFSA are not required to report any income or information about their parents, including biological parents, foster parents, relative caregivers, or legal guardians. As a result, students may qualify for more financial aid. There are many ways in which a student may qualify as “Independent” on the FAFSA, including based on their involvement in the foster-care system. See <i>Benefit Eligibility</i> below.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>A student may qualify for Independent Status on the FAFSA in several ways—for example, if the student has children of their own or if the student will be over the age of 24 as of January 1 of the year for which they are applying for aid. Students may also qualify as Independent based on their involvement in the foster-care system—either through the Department of Children and Family Services or the Probation Department—if they can answer ‘yes’ to any of these questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ At any time since the student turned 13, were they or are they in foster care?</li> <li>▪ Is (or was) the student in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence?</li> </ul> <p>After FAFSA submission, the verification of foster-youth status should occur through an automated data match; errors in this process, however, can cause a student to be asked to provide verification to confirm their involvement in foster care after age 13.</p> <p>If the youth’s case is closed, they should contact the Foster Care Ombudsman’s Office at (877) 846-1602 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov">fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov</a> for the letter. Please contact your social worker or ILP Coordinator to verify your foster-youth status.</p>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>FAFSA</b></p> <p><a href="#">FAFSA® Application   Federal Student Aid</a></p>
Length of Benefit	As long as youth is enrolled in higher education
Benefit Amount	Varies

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| Benefit Name                                        | California DREAM Act<br>Financial Aid                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Benefit Department                                  | California Student Aid Commission; state law (AB 540)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>The California DREAM Act application allows undocumented and nonresident students (U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens) who qualify for a nonresident exemption under Assembly Bill (AB) 540 to receive certain types of financial aid, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Private scholarships funded through public universities</li> <li>▪ State-administered financial aid such as the Cal Grant and Chafee Grant</li> <li>▪ University grants</li> <li>▪ Community College fee waivers</li> <li>▪ Cal Grants</li> <li>▪ In-state resident fees at California's public colleges and universities</li> </ul> <p>This application is unrelated to the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Undocumented individuals with a valid or expired DACA, a U Visa, or having Temporary Protected Status (TPS) <b>AND</b> attended at least three full years in a California high school, adult school, or community college <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ Has three years of California high school credits and three years of total attendance in any combination of elementary, secondary, or high school in California <b>AND</b> graduated from a California high school with the equivalent attainment of a General Education Development (GED), High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), or California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) <b>OR</b> attained an associate degree from a California Community College <b>OR</b> fulfilled the minimum transfer requirements from a California Community College to a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) campus <b>AND</b>, if without lawful immigration status, the youth has filed a written statement confirmed by oath with their college stating that they have filed an application to legalize their immigration status, or will file an application as soon as they are eligible</li> <li>▪ Will register or enroll in an accredited and qualifying California college or university</li> <li>▪ Does not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F, J, H, L, A, B, C, D, E, etc.)</li> </ul> |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Students planning to attend a four-year university should apply between October 1 and March 2 before the start of the school year to ensure eligibility for a Cal Grant and institutional aid. Community college students have until September 2 to apply for a Cal Grant and other state aid. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to qualify for the maximum aid award possible.</p> <p>Due to the FAFSA Simplification Act, the 2024–2025 FAFSA and CADAA applications were delayed but are now available.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>California DREAM Act</b> <a href="#">CA Dream Act Application</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Length of Benefit                                   | As long as youth is enrolled in an eligible California institution of higher education                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Amounts vary depending on eligibility for various types of state financial aid and in-state resident fees at California's public colleges and universities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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Benefit Name	Cal Grant B for Foster Youth
Benefit Department	California Student Aid Commission
Benefit Description	<p>The Cal Grant Program offers state financial aid for qualified low-income students. It can provide up to full tuition at a California State University or University of California campus, \$9,220 at a qualified California private institution, and up to \$6,000 per year for non-tuition costs like rent and books through the <a href="#">Cal Grant Access Award for Foster Youth</a>.</p> <p>The Cal Grant B for Foster Youth program expands aid for students who are current and former foster youth, increasing their Cal Grant eligibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foster-youth students may renew their Cal Grant B awards for the equivalent of eight years of full-time attendance in an undergraduate program instead of four years.</li> <li>Foster-youth students have until their 26th birthday to apply for the <a href="#">Cal Grant High School Entitlement Award</a>, whereas most students attending a four-year college must apply within one year of high school graduation.</li> <li>Foster youth students attending a California Community College can apply for a High School Entitlement Award through September 5 (rather than March 2).</li> </ul>
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit the <a href="#">FAFSA</a> (pages 26 and 28) or <a href="#">CADAA</a> (page 29) application by the deadline</li> <li>Students must have been in foster care, either through the Department of Children and Family Services or the Probation Department, at least one day after the age of 13.</li> <li>Foster youth have not reached age 26 before July 1 of the award year</li> <li>Be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more units)</li> <li>Be a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, <b>OR</b> qualify for the CADAA (page 29)</li> <li>Be a California resident when you graduate from high school or earn your GED</li> <li>Have at least a 2.0 GPA unless enrolled in a qualified career and technical education program</li> <li>Be enrolled in a University of California, California State University, California Community College, or qualified private school in California</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Students must submit a FAFSA or CADAA. If applying to a community college, youth may apply for the grant up until September 2 if they were in care on or after their 13th birthday. Those students can apply up until their 26th birthday and maintain the grant for up to eight years instead of four.</p> <p>After their FAFSA or CADAA is processed, students should create a <a href="#">WebGrants for Students</a> account at <a href="#">CSAC - Student Landing Home (ca.gov)</a> to manage their state aid and ensure that their high school GPA has successfully been submitted and matched to their application.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>FAFSA</b>  <a href="#">FAFSA® Application   Federal Student Aid</a></p> <p><b>California DREAM Act</b>  <a href="#">CA Dream Act Application</a></p>

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| Benefit Name      | Cal Grant B for Foster Youth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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|                   | <b>Cal Grant Info</b><br><a href="#">Foster Youth Students - California Student Aid Commission</a><br><br><b>GPA Verification Form</b><br><a href="#">Cal Grant GPA Verification Form - California Student Aid Commission</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Length of Benefit | Up to eight years                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Benefit Amount    | <p>Award amount may provide full tuition payment for California State Universities and University of California campuses, and up to \$9,220 at qualified private institutions in California.</p> <p>Foster youth who were in care at least one day after the age of 13 can receive up to \$6,000 for the Cal Grant Access Award for non-tuition costs that can be used at California public and private universities, while non-foster youth can receive only up to \$1,648.</p> <p>Amounts vary from year to year.</p> |

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Benefit Name	Chafee Grant
Benefit Department	California Student Aid Commission
Benefit Description	The <a href="#">John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood</a> is a federally funded program for eligible current and former foster youth for career and technical training or college courses at California Community Colleges, California State Universities, University of California campuses, career and technical schools, independent and private colleges, and schools in other states.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A current or former foster who was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care for at least one day from the age of 16 to the day before their 19th birthday, with a financial need <b>OR</b> a youth who was placed in out-of-home care by a tribe or tribal organization between the age of 16 and the day before their 18th birthday</li> <li>▪ Enrolled half-time in a post-secondary program (6 or more units)</li> <li>▪ Meet financial-aid academic progress as defined by their school</li> <li>▪ Minimum age 16 and have not reached their 26th birthday as of July 1 of the award year</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Must submit a FAFSA or CADAA, and first-time applicants must also submit the California Chafee Grant Application online at <a href="#">CSAC - Chafee Grant Home (ca.gov)</a>. Students are encouraged to apply between October 1 and March 2, before starting college, but can apply after March 2 (though they may be less likely to receive this money).</p> <p>Submit the FAFSA (pages 26 and 28) at <a href="#">FAFSA® Application   Federal Student Aid</a> or California DREAM Act (CADAA) (page 29) at <a href="#">CA Dream Act Application</a>.</p> <p><b>Satisfactory Academic Progress Exceptions to the Chafee Grant</b></p> <p>SB 150 allows foster youth to receive a Chafee grant for up to two years before losing access due to academic progress; it authorizes the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to over-award the number of Chafee grants to facilitate quicker disbursement.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>Chafee Grant Fact Sheet</b>  <a href="#">Chafee_factsheet.pdf (ca.gov)</a></p>
Length of Benefit	Five years maximum (do not need to be consecutive years)
Benefit Amount	Up to \$5,000 annually, based on funding availability and on financial need

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| Benefit Name                                        | Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers Program (ETV)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Benefit Department                                  | California Student Aid Commission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Benefit Description                                 | The Chafee Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program provides resources specifically to meet the educational and training needs of eligible current or former foster youth. The Chafee ETV program offers up to \$5,000 per year for post-secondary education and training to assist youth with skill development needed to lead independent and productive lives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a current or former foster youth who was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18</li> <li>Youth who are/were in Kin-GAP, a non-related legal guardianship, or were adopted, but <b>only</b> if the youth was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, at some point between the ages of 16 and 18</li> <li>A youth who was placed in out-of-home care by a tribe or tribal organization between the ages of 16 and 18</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have not participated in the program for more than five years, whether or not those years were consecutive</li> </ul> <p>The following <b>must also apply</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be enrolled in an eligible public or private college or university or technical school in California or out of state</li> <li>Be enrolled at least half time</li> <li>Be enrolled in a program at least one academic year long</li> <li>Maintain satisfactory academic progress</li> <li>Demonstrate financial need</li> </ul>                                                                     |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete an application for the Chafee grant (page 32) at <a href="#">CSAC – Chafee Grant Home (ca.gov)</a>.</li> <li>Submit the FAFSA (pages 26 and 28) at <a href="#">FAFSA® Application   Federal Student Aid</a> or California DREAM Act (CADAA) (page 29) at <a href="#">CA Dream Act Application</a>.</li> </ol> <p>After those submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will automatically provide verification of your foster-care eligibility to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). In the event your foster-care status cannot be verified, you will be asked to complete the <a href="#">Foster Care Eligibility Certification Form</a>.</li> <li>The Student Aid Commission will review your FAFSA or CADAA and Chafee Grant Application.</li> <li>Once all of the above is completed, the Student Aid Commission will send you an e-mail message if you are selected for an award.</li> <li>If you applied for the Chafee Grant, go to <a href="#">WebGrants for Students</a> to check the status of your application.</li> <li>The school will verify payment eligibility and disburse the check to you.</li> </ul> |

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Benefit Name	Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers Program (ETV)
	<p>Questions about your application? Contact the California Student Aid Commission by phone at (888) 294-0153 (option three) or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:chafee@csac.ca.gov">chafee@csac.ca.gov</a>.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><a href="#">Chafee Education and Training Vouchers Program</a></p>
Length of Benefit	Five years maximum (do not need to be consecutive years)
Benefit Amount	Up to \$5,000 annually, based on funding availability and on financial need

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| Benefit Name                                        | California College Promise Grant<br>(formerly the Board of Governors Fee Waiver)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Office of the Chancellor of California Community Colleges                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Benefit Description                                 | The Promise Grant is a fee waiver for enrollment fees at many California Community Colleges.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Enrolled in a California Community College and have been determined to be a resident or exempt from non-resident fees under CADAA (page 29) <b>AND</b> have financial need, based on a financial-aid office review of their FAFSA application (pages 26 and 28)</li> <li>▪ Have demonstrated financial need</li> </ul> <p>Current and former foster youth no older than 25 who receive this grant are eligible to continue receiving grant funds if they don't meet Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements.</p> |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Apply for the California College Promise Grant by applying for FAFSA or CADAA (pages 26 and 29).</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><a href="http://cccapply.org">California College Promise Grant (cccapply.org)</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Benefit Amount                                      | \$46 per unit covers cost of tuition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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Benefit Name	Middle Class Scholarship (MCS)
Benefit Department	California Student Aid Commission
Benefit Description	The MCS is a state financial aid program that provides low- to middle-income undergraduate students, including students pursuing a teaching credential, with scholarships if they are enrolled in a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU), or a bachelor's program at a California Community College. Students are awarded for up to four years depending on their educational level when first awarded (or five years for a teaching credential).
Benefit Eligibility	To be eligible for an MCS, students must <b>meet</b> these requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Be a California resident</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled at least part time</li> <li>▪ Submit a <a href="#">Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</a> (pages 26 and 28) or <a href="#">California Dream Act Application</a> (CADAA) (page 29)</li> <li>▪ Be a U.S. Citizen, permanent resident, or meet the requirements for a non-resident tuition exemption</li> <li>▪ Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>California Community Colleges</b>  <a href="#">Middle Class Scholarship   California Community Colleges - Enroll Today (icangotocollege.com)</a></p> <p><b>John Burton Advocates for Youth: Middle Class Scholarship for Foster Youth FAQ</b>  <a href="#">MCS-FAQ-7.27.23.pdf (jbay.org)</a></p> <p><b>John Burton Advocates for Youth: Fact Sheet on Increased Financial Aid for Foster Youth</b>  <a href="#">Fact-Sheet-EXPANDED-FINANCIAL-AID-FOR-FOSTER-YOUTH.pdf (jbay.org)</a></p>
Length of Benefit	As long as youth is enrolled in higher education
Benefit Amount	Individual award amounts are based on the Cost of Attendance (COA) set by each college and vary by college and by student. <b>MCS will cover 100% of the remaining COA for current and former foster youth</b> , after accounting for the annual 'self-help' student contribution of \$7,898 and any other federal, state, and institutionally administered grants, scholarships, and fee waivers. A 'self-help' student contribution is the amount of funding toward the total Cost of Attendance that the student is responsible for each year.

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| Benefit Name                                        | Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Benefit Department                                  | California Community Colleges                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Benefit Description                                 | The Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG) provides students with financial aid to help offset the total costs of community college and to encourage full-time attendance and successful on-time completion. Community college students who receive a Cal Grant B (page 30 or page 86), are meeting the standards of the college Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy, and are enrolled in 12 to 14.9 units are eligible to receive the award money.                                                                                                        |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | To receive the full award amount, students must meet these eligibility requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have been in foster care, either through the Department of Children and Family Services or the Probation Department, on or after their 13th birthday</li> <li>▪ Be a California resident or exempt from paying nonresident tuition</li> <li>▪ Be a current-year Cal Grant B or Cal Grant C (page 87) award recipient</li> <li>▪ Meet the minimum requirements of the college's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy</li> </ul> |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>California Community Colleges</b><br/> <a href="#">Student Success Completion Grant   California Community Colleges - Enroll Today (icangotocollege.com)</a></p> <p><b>California Community Colleges Memorandum on SSCG</b><br/> <a href="#">Updates to the Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG) (cccco.edu)</a></p> <p><b>John Burton Advocates for Youth: Fact Sheet on Increased Financial Aid for Foster Youth</b><br/> <a href="#">Fact-Sheet-EXPANDED-FINANCIAL-AID-FOR-FOSTER-YOUTH.pdf (jbay.org)</a></p>              |
| Length of Benefit                                   | As long as youth is enrolled in higher education and enrolled in 12 to 14.9 units                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Benefit Amount                                      | \$5,250 per semester, or quarterly equivalent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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Benefit Name	NextUp
Benefit Department	California Community Colleges
Benefit Description	<p>NextUp provides participating current and former foster youth—either through the Department of Children and Family Services or the Probation Department—with support and resources while they attend a California Community College. These supports and resources may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Books and supplies</li> <li>♦ Child care</li> <li>♦ Counseling and career guidance</li> <li>♦ Educational planning</li> <li>♦ Emergency housing</li> <li>♦ Food assistance</li> <li>♦ Health services</li> <li>♦ Life skills and financial orientation</li> <li>♦ Mental health services</li> <li>♦ Transportation assistance</li> <li>♦ Tutoring</li> </ul>
Benefit Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Be enrolled or planning to enroll in at least nine units, or agree to an education plan with the future goal of enrolling in nine units</li> <li>▪ Be a current or former foster youth in California whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the student’s 13th birthday</li> <li>▪ Be younger than 25 years of age at the beginning of the academic school year in which the student first enrolls in college; the student may continue to participate in the program beyond the age of 26. If a student enrolls in NextUp prior to age 26, disenrolls, and subsequently returns after turning 26, they may be readmitted to the same or another NextUp program.</li> </ul> <p>Colleges may use a variety of sources to verify eligibility, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Cal Grant Foster Youth Access Award Roster</li> <li>♦ Chafee Grant Roster</li> <li>♦ <a href="#">WebGrants for Students</a> auto-verification tool (page 30)</li> <li>♦ Letter from the Office of Foster Care Ombudsperson</li> <li>♦ Letter from a county child-welfare agency, county probation agency, or Independent Living Program</li> <li>♦ Letter from a foster-care placement agency such as a Foster Family Agency (FFA) or a Transitional Housing Placement for Non-Minor Dependents (THP-NMD) provider</li> <li>♦ Letter from a Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) provider</li> <li>♦ Letter from a County Office of Education Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP)</li> <li>♦ Letter from a high school district</li> <li>♦ Letter from a state or county child-welfare agency outside of California</li> <li>♦ Court documents specifying that the student is currently in foster care or the date on which the student exited foster care</li> <li>♦ A documented phone call that confirms the student was in foster care at an applicable age from a state, county, or tribal child-welfare agency, a public or private foster-care placing agency or foster-care facility or placement, an attorney, a guardian ad litem, or a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)</li> </ul>

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| Benefit Name                                        | NextUp                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Contact your Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) counselor to apply.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>California College Pathways</b></p> <p><a href="#">Search for Foster Youth Programs   California College Pathways (cacollegepathways.org)</a></p>                                                                                                               |
| Length of Benefit                                   | <p>If younger than 25 years of age at the beginning of the academic school year in which the student first enrolls in college, the student may continue to participate in the program beyond the age of 26.</p> <p>If a student enrolls in NextUp prior to age 26, disenrolls, and subsequently returns after turning 26, they may be readmitted to the same or another NextUp program.</p> |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Based on need and funding availability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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Benefit Name	California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) Campus Support Programs for Foster Youth
Benefit Department	California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) campuses
Benefit Description	<p>Each CSU and UC has a state-funded campus-based support program for eligible current and former foster youth. The names of these programs vary by campus—Guardian Scholars, Renaissance Scholars, Hope Scholars, etc.—but they provide an array of services that may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Emergency grants</li> <li>▪ Books and supplies</li> <li>▪ Counseling and career guidance</li> <li>▪ Educational planning</li> <li>▪ Food assistance</li> <li>▪ Health services</li> <li>▪ Life skills and financial orientation</li> <li>▪ Mental health services</li> <li>▪ Transportation assistance</li> <li>▪ Tutoring</li> </ul>
Benefit Eligibility	All incoming freshmen, transfer, and graduate students who were in a placement as a dependent of the court or ward of the court at any time since birth
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>California College Pathways</b>  <a href="https://cacollegepathways.org">Search for Foster Youth Programs   California College Pathways (cacollegepathways.org)</a></p> <p><b>CSU Campus Foster Youth Programs</b>  <a href="https://calstate.edu">Campus Foster Youth Programs   CSU (calstate.edu)</a></p> <p><b>UC Campus Foster Youth Programs</b>  <a href="https://universityofcalifornia.edu">Current and former foster youth   UC Admissions (universityofcalifornia.edu)</a></p>
Length of Benefit	As long as youth is enrolled in higher education
Benefit Amount	<p>Amounts vary depending on eligibility for various types of state financial aid and in-state resident fees at California's public colleges and universities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The loan may not exceed the financial need of the student.</li> <li>▪ No student may borrow more than \$4,000 under this program within a single academic year.</li> <li>▪ No student may borrow more than \$2,000 in the aggregate under the program from any one participating institution.</li> </ul>

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| Benefit Name                                        | CalKIDS for Newborns                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Benefit Department                                  | State of California ScholarShare Investment Board                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>The California Kids Investment and Development Savings program (CalKIDS) was created by the State of California to help more children have an opportunity to save for higher education. CalKIDS, a 529 children's savings account program administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board (a California agency chaired by the State Treasurer), provides each child born in California with up to \$1,500 in a CalKIDS account to help jumpstart their savings for higher education and career training.</p> <p>Money in the CalKIDS account can be used to pay for qualifying* higher-education expenses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Tuition and related fees</li> <li>♦ Books and required supplies</li> <li>♦ Computer equipment</li> </ul> <p><i>*Funds used to pay for non-qualifying expenses may be subject to penalties and/or taxes.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Eligible newborn beneficiaries are identified by the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Education. <b>No action or financial commitment is required of families to participate.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CalKIDS receives information on newborns approximately 90 days after a birth is registered with the California Department of Public Health.</li> <li>▪ All California newborns born on or after July 1, 2022, regardless of parental income, are eligible for the program.</li> <li>▪ The initial deposit going to babies born after July 1, 2023, is \$100.</li> <li>▪ Babies born between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, have been or will be awarded \$25 as an initial deposit.</li> </ul> <p>For questions regarding newborn eligibility, please confirm with your local birth registrar that your child's birth on or after July 1, 2022, has been registered with the California Department of Public Health.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For births occurring in Los Angeles County, request a birth record from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at <a href="https://lavote.gov">Online Request (lavote.gov)</a>.</li> <li>▪ If the birth occurred outside of Los Angeles County or California, go to <a href="https://lavote.gov">Out Of LA County Birth (lavote.gov)</a>.</li> </ul> |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Enrollment is automatic for eligible newborns. However, parents must register online to access funds in their CalKIDS account. To register, you need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child's county of birth</li> <li>▪ Child's date of birth</li> <li>▪ Local Registration Number found on birth certificate <b>OR</b> use the CalKIDS code from the notification letter mailed to parent's home</li> </ul> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p>CalKIDS <a href="#">Who is eligible for a CalKIDS account?   CalKIDS</a></p> <p>CalKIDS Pre-Registration Resources (in English and Spanish) <a href="#">Marketing Toolkit   CalKIDS</a></p> <p>CalKIDS Registration <a href="#">Step 2: Register your account   CalKIDS</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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Benefit Name	CalKIDS for Newborns
Benefit Amount	<p>The following financial incentives are available for all newborn participants, as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ \$25 deposit in your baby's CalKIDS account when you register on the program's online portal at <a href="#">CalKIDS</a></li> <li>♦ A one-time \$25 deposit in your CalKIDS account when parents registered on the online portal view their baby's account</li> <li>♦ \$50 deposit in your CalKIDS account when you link a new or existing ScholarShare 529 college savings account to your CalKIDS account; with your ScholarShare 529 account, your family and friends can help contribute to your baby's savings through gifting</li> </ul> <p>Please allow up to 30 days for supplemental deposits to be applied to your account after registering or linking a new or existing ScholarShare 529 account.</p>

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| Benefit Name        | <b>CalKIDS for School-Aged Students</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Benefit Eligibility | <p>Eligible beneficiaries are identified by the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Education. <b>No action or financial commitment is required of families to participate.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning in the 2021–2022 academic year, all 1st through 12th grade students identified by their school district's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) as low-income <b>AND</b> who were enrolled on Fall Academic Census Day 2021 (October 6, 2021) in a California public school will have a CalKIDS account created in their name with an initial seed deposit, as well as the potential for additional financial incentives.</li> <li>Starting in the fall of 2022 and each year following, all eligible low-income public-school first-grade students enrolled on Fall Academic Census Day (the first Wednesday in October) will be identified by LCFF to receive funding from CalKIDS.</li> <li>Eligible students will be automatically enrolled in the program the following spring or early summer.</li> </ul> <p>For questions regarding student eligibility, please confirm with your school or school district that the student was enrolled on Fall Census Day (the first Wednesday in October starting in 2022) in 1st through 12th grades and was identified as low-income—eligible by the Local Control Funding Formula, and that this information was reported to the California Department of Education.</p> |

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Benefit Name	CalKIDS for School-Aged Students
<b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>Enrollment is automatic for eligible school-aged students. However, parents or students will need to register online to access funds in their CalKIDS account. To register, you need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ County of student's school as of Fall Academic Census Day (the first Wednesday in October)</li> <li>▪ Student's date of birth</li> <li>▪ Statewide Student Identifier, which can be obtained by contacting the child's school, <b>OR</b> CalKIDS code found on the notification letter mailed to the student's home</li> </ul> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p>CalKIDS <a href="#">Who is eligible for a CalKIDS account?   CalKIDS</a></p> <p>CalKIDS Pre-Registration Resources (in English and Spanish) <a href="#">Marketing Toolkit   CalKIDS</a></p> <p>CalKIDS Registration <a href="#">Step 2: Register your account   CalKIDS</a></p>
<b>Benefit Amount</b>	<p>The following financial incentives are available for all low-income public-school student participants, as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ \$500 automatic deposit in a CalKIDS account for eligible low-income public-school students</li> <li>♦ An additional one-time \$500 deposit in a CalKIDS account for eligible students identified as foster youth</li> <li>♦ An additional one-time \$500 deposit in a CalKIDS account for eligible students identified as homeless</li> </ul> <p>Final seed deposits and financial incentives are subject to change and approval by the ScholarShare Investment Board.</p>

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## Housing

| Benefit Name                                        | Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Team (CBEST)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Social Security Administration (SSA)   Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Benefit Description                                 | The Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Team (CBEST) provides targeted advocacy to assist <b>individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness</b> in obtaining sustainable income through programs such as Social Security Income (SSI) (page 70) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) (page 69Error! Bookmark not defined.).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | Must be a youth transitioning out of foster care, homeless or at risk of homelessness, <b>AND</b> be eligible for Medi-Cal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Call the number shown below for your Service Planning Area (SPA). If you need help determining your SPA, click the SPA Locator link below and enter your address.</p> <p> <b>SPA 1</b> (661) 948-8559<br/> <b>SPA 2</b> (818) 342-5897<br/> <b>SPA 3</b> (626) 593-2364<br/> <b>SPA 4</b> (213) 529-0979<br/> <b>SPA 5</b> (310) 396-6468<br/> <b>SPA 6</b> (323) 432-4363<br/> <b>SPA 7</b> (562) 373-5264<br/> <b>SPA 8</b> (562) 599-1321 </p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>SPA Locator</b><br/> <a href="https://lacounty.gov/enterprise-gis-district-locator">Los Angeles County - Enterprise GIS District Locator (lacounty.gov)</a> </p> |
| Length of Benefit                                   | The program has no average length of service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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Benefit Name	Independent Living Program (ILP) Rental Assistance
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Youth Development Services (YDS)   Independent Living Program (ILP)
Benefit Description	Housing rental assistance
Benefit Eligibility	ILP-eligible youth (page 7) <b>AND</b> the dependency case is closed
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Discuss adding needs to your Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) with your social worker. (If you have issues with your TILP, tell the judge or your attorney.)</p> <p>You may also reach out to the DCFS Youth Development Services Housing Services Staff at <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a>.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>TILP</b> <a href="#">Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP)</a></p> <p><b>ILP Services</b> <a href="#">Independent Living Program - ILP Online</a></p>
Length of Benefit	From age 18 to the day before your 21st birthday
Benefit Amount	Based on need and availability

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| Benefit Name                                        | Independent Living Program (ILP)<br>Startup Funds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS)   Independent Living Program (ILP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Benefit Description                                 | Provides a one-time cash payment for things like furniture, kitchen and bathroom items, and other needs for a new house/apartment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | Must meet <b>any</b> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth's case is closed in court</li> <li>▪ Youth meets ILP eligibility criteria (page 7)</li> <li>▪ Youth does not have an open case as a non-minor dependent (NMD)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Discuss adding needs to your Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) with your social worker. (If you have issues with your TILP, tell the judge or your attorney.)</p> <p>You can also reach out to <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a> or <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a></p> <p>1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor<br/>Los Angeles, CA 90007<br/>(877) 694-5441<br/>(213) 763-6600</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP Housing</b><br/><a href="#">Housing - ILP Online</a></p> <p><b>TILP</b><br/><a href="http://ilponline.org">Transitional Independent Living Plan &amp; Agreement (ilponline.org)</a></p> |
| Length of Benefit                                   | From age 16 to the day before your 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Amount varies depending upon funding availability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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Benefit Name	Independent Living Program (ILP) Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents (THPP-NMD)
<b>Benefit Department</b>	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Youth Development Services (YDS) Independent Living Program (ILP)
<b>Benefit Description</b>	This transitional housing placement program provides supportive services based on the youth's Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP). This program has a 393-bed capacity.
<b>Benefit Eligibility</b>	<p>Must meet <b>all</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DCFS or Probation non-minor dependent (NMDs) participating in AB 12</li> <li>▪ Age 18 through the day before their 21st birthday</li> <li>▪ Current court dependent</li> <li>▪ Eligible for participation in ILP (page 7)</li> <li>▪ Responsible enough to share an apartment with another NMD</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b>	<p>Ask your social worker to make a referral <b>OR</b> tell your social worker if there is difficulty in getting a referral contact.</p> <p>You may also reach out to the DCFS Youth Development Services Housing Services Staff:  <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a></p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP THP-NMD</b>  <a href="#">Transitional Housing Placement Program-NMD - ILP Online</a></p> <p><b>TILP</b>  <a href="#">Transitional Independent Living Plan &amp; Agreement (ilponline.org)</a></p> <p><b>ILP Housing</b>  <a href="#">Housing - ILP Online</a></p> <p><b>ILP Weekly Vacancy Report</b>  <a href="#">HOUSINGSERVICESWEEKLYVACANCYREPORT.pdf (ilponline.org)</a></p>
<b>Length of Benefit</b>	Three years or through the day before your 21st birthday, whichever comes first

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| Benefit Name                                        | Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS)   Independent Living Program (ILP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>A Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) is a flexible, non-licensed foster-care placement available to non-minor dependents (NMDs) participating in the Extended Foster Care program (AB 12). It is intended to provide NMDs the opportunity for highly independent living experiences while they receive foster-care payments and supportive transition services. SILP placements are for NMDs who are developmentally ready to live independently and in a less restrictive environment.</p> <p>Youth are responsible for identifying a living setting, which can include an apartment rented alone or with roommates, renting a room, living in a single-room occupancy hotel, or living in a dormitory. The living setting is also required to meet health and safety standards. If those standards are met, the SILP is approved, and the monthly foster care rate is directly paid to the foster youth.</p> |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Age 18 through the day before their 21st birthday</li> <li>▪ Youth is assessed as 'ready' by their social worker to live in an independent living placement</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Discuss with your CSW or your ILP Transition Coordinator to find out more about the SILP and whether it is right for you. You can also reach out to <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a> or:</p> <p><a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a><br/> 1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor<br/> Los Angeles, CA 90007<br/> (877) 694-5441<br/> (213) 763-6600</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>DCFS</b><br/> <a href="#">Teens 16 and Older   Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (lacounty.gov)</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Length of Benefit                                   | Three years or until age 21, whichever comes first                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Youth receive a monthly foster care rate of \$1,129                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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## Jobs/Workforce Development

Benefit Name	DCFS Youth Development Services Workforce Development
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Youth Development Services (YDS)
Benefit Description	<p>Comprehensive services and resources in the fundamental areas of education, workforce development, housing, and life skills to ensure child safety beyond childhood to successfully prepare transition-age youth for independence and self-sufficiency. Items may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jobs/skills training/development</li> <li>▪ Tools</li> <li>▪ Dues</li> <li>▪ Uniforms, work/interview clothing</li> <li>▪ Computer/printer</li> </ul>
Benefit Eligibility	<p>This program is available for DCFS transitional age youth (TAY) from age 16 through 23 within these subgroups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Age 16 through the day before your 21st birthday—ILP-eligible youth (page 7)</li> <li>▪ Age 18 through the day before your 21st birthday—AB 12—eligible youth (page 13)</li> <li>▪ Age 18 through the day before your 25th birthday—Young adults eligible for Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP+) (page 48)</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Submit a one-page Request for ILP Services form along with supporting documents to your ILP Transition Coordinator. Get their contact information from your assigned children's social worker, by contacting Youth Development Services at (213) 351-0101, or by accessing <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a>.</p> <p>The ILP Transition Coordinator completes a Request for Funds packet and obtains the required signatures. The approved document is forward to the P.L.E.A.S.E. Unit within the Department of Finance for processing.</p> <p>The check/warrant is mailed to you or is available for pickup at Youth Development Services headquarters.</p> <p><b>For any questions, contact:</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a>          1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor          Los Angeles, CA 90007          (877) 694-5441          (213) 763-6600  <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a></p>
Length of Benefit	ILP benefits and services are available to youth from age 16 through the day before their 21st birthday
Benefit Amount	Varies as determined by the item requested, the available ILP budget, and the youth's unmet need

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| Benefit Name                                        | Career Development Intern Program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Benefit Description                                 | Full-time, paid work-experience internship. Youth are assigned to various DCFS offices, typically in an office helper capacity. Twice monthly, day-long trainings are held to support youth and assist with their transition to permanent employment; 25 youth participate in each cohort.                                                      |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | ILP-eligible youth (page 7) age 18 through the day before their 26th birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply at <a href="#">Career Development Internships – LAC Jobs – Start HERE (lacounty.gov)</a>.</li> <li>▪ Take the County Career Development Intern Human Resources examination.</li> <li>▪ Receive score based on exam results.</li> <li>▪ Attend interview.</li> <li>▪ Accept placement.</li> </ul> |
| Length of Benefit                                   | 24 months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Benefit Amount                                      | \$2,942.90 per month plus medical and dental benefits for the intern and his or her immediate family, and paid vacation, paid holidays, sick leave, and leave if you lose a loved one                                                                                                                                                           |

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Benefit Name	Youth Worker Program
Benefit Department	Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Youth Development Services (YDS)
Benefit Description	This is a 12-month, part-time, paid work-experience internship. Youth are assigned to various DCFS offices, typically in a front desk/office helper capacity. Twice-monthly trainings are held to support youth and assist with transition to other County workforce programs or continued higher education. Only 17 youth are admitted for each 18-month cohort.
Benefit Eligibility	ILP-eligible youth (page 7) age 16 through the day before their 21st birthday
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply at <a href="https://lacounty.gov/jobs">LAC Jobs – Start HERE (lacounty.gov)</a>.</li> <li>▪ Take the County Career Development Intern Human Resources examination.</li> <li>▪ Receive score based on exam results.</li> <li>▪ Attend interview.</li> <li>▪ Accept placement.</li> </ul> <p>For questions, please e-mail JacQueline Bowen at <a href="mailto:bowenj@dcfs.lacounty.gov">bowenj@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a></p>
Length of Benefit	12 months
Benefit Amount	\$18.42 per hour for 20 hours per week

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| Benefit Name                                        | Bridge-to-Work Program (DCFS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Benefit Description                                 | This is a 400-hour paid work experience program with 40 hours of pre-work training. Contractors are countywide through a partnership with the Department of Public Social Services and the South Bay Workforce Development Board.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | ILP-eligible youth (page 7) age 16 through the day before your 21st birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | ILP Coordinator submits a one-page referral form to <a href="mailto:ilp.jobs@dcfs.lacounty.gov">ilp.jobs@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a> .<br><br>You can also contact the following with any questions:<br><br><a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a><br>1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor<br>Los Angeles, CA 90007<br>(877) 694-5441<br>(213) 763-6600<br><a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a> |
| Length of Benefit                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For youth ages 16–17: 160 hours of paid work experience</li> <li>For youth ages 18–20: 400 hours of paid work experience</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Earn between \$2,120 and \$5,300                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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Benefit Name	Bridge-to-Work Foster Program (Probation Department)
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Probation Department
Benefit Description	The Bridge-to-Work-Foster program works with foster and probation youth who are eligible to enroll in ILP (page 7), encouraging them to stay in school, teaching them how to navigate workplaces, and getting them started on a path to a high-wage career. The program consists of a 30-hour course that helps build basic skills, find career interests, and match you with a PAID work assignment.
Benefit Eligibility	Age 16 through the day before your 21st birthday
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>For information, contact the nearest ILP Probation Officer at <a href="#">Steps to Independent Living Home Page - ILP Online</a>.</p> <p>You can also contact the following with any questions:</p> <p><a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a>  1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor  Los Angeles, CA 90007  (877) 694-5441  (213) 763-6600  <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a></p>
Length of Benefit	Varies; you will have access to a 30-hour course and be matched with a PAID work assignment
Benefit Amount	Earn up to \$1,680 to \$4,200

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| Benefit Name                                        | Youth@Work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>Three levels of services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Level I: Work-Based Learning (WBL) includes 20 hours of paid personal enrichment training in a classroom setting that prepares youth with the fundamentals—life skills, financial literacy, career exploration, work ethics, and goal-setting—that are essential for success in the 21st Century workplace. The remaining 140 hours of paid work experience occur at a work site in a public, nonprofit, or private organization that is part of a high-growth, in-demand industry sector. Upon completion of WBL services, each youth is assessed for the need of additional levels of service.</li> <li>▪ Level II: Academic and Career Development. Consists of comprehensive services that place youth firmly on a career path in a high-growth, in-demand industry sector. Each youth receives career planning and an individual plan with goals in education, academics, sector-driven job training, and/or employment. Additional services include, as needed, work experience, paid and unpaid internships, employment readiness workshops, financial literacy training, accelerated basic skills training, on-the-job training, pre-apprenticeships, tutoring, leadership opportunities, mentoring, career development, and entrepreneurial training and supportive services.</li> <li>▪ Level III: Advanced Career Services. Eligible youth ages 18 and older are offered additional, more rigorous career planning and training services, placement in advanced training, and/or attaining and retaining unsubsidized employment along the youth participant's determined career path.</li> </ul> |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Los Angeles County residents (all levels) ages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 14 to 24 (Level I)</li> <li>♦ 16 to 24 (Level II)</li> <li>♦ 18 and above (Level III)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Have the right to work in the United States (all levels) <b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Register for Selective Service if male and at least 17 years of age (Levels II and III)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | Y@W services are available countywide through the America's Job Centers of California, including YouthSource and One Stop Centers. Walk-ins are always welcome. Find contact information for the AJCC nearest you at <a href="#">American Job Center Finder</a>   <a href="#">CareerOneStop</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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Benefit Name	Countywide Youth Bridges Program (CYBP) through Youth@Work
Benefit Department	All County Departments   Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (lead)
Benefit Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through Y@W Level I, youth are eligible for 160 hours of paid work experience and soft-skills training. After they complete 20 hours of personal enrichment training, youth participating in the Countywide Youth Bridges Program (CYBP) are assigned to a County department for paid work experience.</li> <li>After 120-hours in CYBP (Step 1), youth receive a CYBP certificate qualifying them to apply for the countywide Youth Worker position. This one-year full-time paid internship in a County department (Step 2) provides the youth with medical and dental benefits, paid vacations and holidays, and technical job training and guidance on workplace behavior, competencies, individual responsibilities, and the development of occupational skill sets.</li> <li>Upon their completion of the one-year full-time paid internship, Youth Workers are eligible to compete for permanent County positions specifically tailored to those that have participated in this program (Step 3).</li> </ul> <p>The Los Angeles County Department of Human Resources works with each department to facilitate the development of work plans and overall implementation of CYBP within their respective agencies.</p>
Benefit Eligibility	<p><b>Step 1</b>—Priority youth populations ages 16–24: CalWORKs or Cal-Learn participants, probation, foster, homeless, from a low-income household, systems-affected, LGBTQ+</p> <p><b>Step 2</b>—Must be at least 18 years of age and not older than 24 at time of onboarding; must complete the 120 hours of work experience at a County facility and receive the CYBP certificate. Youth must also meet the minimum requirements for the Youth Worker position set forth by the job bulletin.</p> <p><b>Step 3</b>—Must be 18 years or older. Upon completion of the 12-month internship, Youth Workers are eligible to compete for permanent County positions specifically tailored to those who have participated in CYBP, as well as other County positions as they become available.</p>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit your local <a href="#">America's Job Center of CA</a> location or other Youth@Work provider and tell them you're interested in CYBP.</li> <li>Ask your caregiver, CSW, or ILP Coordinator to refer you directly through the Department of Children and Families' Youth Development Services (YDS) section.</li> <li>Complete the online registration form <a href="#">Youth at Work (lacounty.gov)</a>.</li> </ul>
Length of Benefit	<p>Step 1: 160 hours</p> <p>Step 2: One-year full-time internship</p>
Benefit Amount	The pay rate is \$16.78 per hour as of July 1, 2023.

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## Expecting and Parenting Youth

| Benefit Name                                                  | Expectant Parent Payment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Benefit Department                                            | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Benefit Description                                           | Funds are available for pregnant youth in foster care to prepare for the birth of the child.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Benefit Eligibility                                           | A \$2,700.00 one-time payment is available to pregnant youth in foster care, paid directly to the minor or non-minor dependent (NMD) residing in a Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP) (page 49). The funding can also be paid directly to youth who are in unfunded placements. Regardless of her placement, the youth should be given the Expectant Parent Payment to purchase needed baby items and prepare for the birth of her child. |
| Access to Benefit/<br>Action Steps<br>to Receiving<br>Benefit | To receive EPP, provide your social worker with a copy of an official medical record, given to you by a health care provider, containing both a verification of pregnancy and the expected delivery date.<br><br><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b><br><a href="#">Teen Parenting   Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (lacounty.gov)</a><br><a href="#">All County Letter 21-123 (ca.gov)</a>                                         |
| Length of Benefit                                             | Up through age 21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Benefit Amount                                                | One-time payment of \$2,700.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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Benefit Name	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
Benefit Department	Federal grant program administered through the California Department of Public Health   Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services
Benefit Description	The Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infant and Children (WIC) is a federal grant program that provides free food and nutrition education for pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age five who have a low income (up to 185% of the federal poverty level) and are at nutritional risk.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>WIC is for all types of families: married and single parents, working or not working. If you are a father, mother, grandparent, foster parent, or other guardian of a child under age five, you can apply for WIC. You can also apply if you are pregnant or had a pregnancy loss within the last six months. To be eligible for WIC, you must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be in one of the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pregnant women</li> <li>Breastfeeding women up to one year after the birth of the baby (postpartum)</li> <li>Non-breastfeeding women up to six months after the birth of the baby</li> <li>Women who have lost a pregnancy within the past six months</li> <li>Infants and children under five years old</li> <li>Foster children under five years old</li> <li>Single fathers, grandparents, and other legal guardians of children age five years or younger may receive benefits for eligible infants/children</li> <li>Families living in the U.S.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Meet the income guidelines in this table: <a href="#">WIC Income Guidelines &amp; Requirements - CA   PHFE WIC</a></li> </ol>
Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Start the enrollment process by answering a few questions on the <a href="#">Apply for WIC page</a>. A WIC representative will then contact you for more information. Some WIC offices are open to the public on a limited basis, but <b>all appointments and benefits are being provided virtually (by phone)</b>. You are asked to have the required paperwork available during your phone appointment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification (example: driver's license, state ID, immunization card, birth certificate, Medi-Cal/Medicaid card, etc.)</li> <li>Proof of address (example: any piece of mail with your name and current address, rent receipt, bill, Medi-Cal/Medicaid card, CalFresh/SNAP letter)</li> <li>Proof of income (example: pay stub, disability/unemployment letter, active Medi-Cal/Medicaid card, CalFresh/SNAP letter)</li> <li>WIC referral form completed by health care provider or doctor, if available</li> </ul> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b> <a href="#">Apply for WIC Online - Sign Up Here   PHFE WIC</a></p>
Length of Benefit	WIC is a short-term program. Therefore, a participant will 'graduate' at the end of one or more certification periods. A certification period is the length of time a WIC participant is eligible to receive benefits. Depending on whether the individual is pregnant, postpartum, breastfeeding, an infant, or a child, eligible individuals usually receive WIC benefits from six months to a year, at which time they must reapply.
Benefit Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$24 each month for children ages 1–4</li> <li>\$43 each month for pregnant and postpartum participants</li> <li>\$47 each month for breastfeeding and chestfeeding postpartum participants</li> </ul>

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| Benefit Name                                        | CalKIDS for Newborns                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Benefit Department                                  | State of California ScholarShare Investment Board                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS) was created by the State of California to help more children have an opportunity to save for higher education. CalKIDS, a 529 children's savings account program administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board (a California agency chaired by the State Treasurer), provides each child born in California with up to \$1,500 in a CalKIDS account to help jumpstart their savings for higher education and career training.</p> <p>Money in the CalKIDS account can be used to pay for qualifying* higher-education expenses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Tuition and related fees</li> <li>♦ Books and required supplies</li> <li>♦ Computer equipment</li> </ul> <p><i>*Funds used to pay for non-qualifying expenses may be subject to penalties and/or taxes.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Eligible newborn beneficiaries are identified by the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Education. <b>No action or financial commitment is required of families to participate.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CalKIDS receives information on newborns approximately 90 days after a birth is registered with the California Department of Public Health.</li> <li>▪ All California newborns born on or after July 1, 2022, regardless of parental income, are eligible for the program.</li> <li>▪ The initial deposit going to babies born after July 1, 2023, is \$100.</li> <li>▪ Babies born between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, have been or will be awarded \$25 as an initial deposit.</li> </ul> <p>For questions regarding newborn eligibility, please confirm with your local birth registrar that your child's birth on or after July 1, 2022, has been registered with the California Department of Public Health.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For births occurring in Los Angeles County, request a birth record from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at <a href="https://lavote.gov">Online Request (lavote.gov)</a>.</li> <li>▪ If the birth occurred outside of Los Angeles County or California, go to <a href="https://lavote.gov">Out Of LA County Birth (lavote.gov)</a>.</li> </ul> |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Enrollment is automatic for eligible newborns. However, parents must register online to access funds in their CalKIDS account. To register, you need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child's county of birth</li> <li>▪ Child's date of birth</li> <li>▪ Local Registration Number found on birth certificate <b>OR</b> use the CalKIDS code from the notification letter mailed to parent's home</li> </ul> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p>CalKIDS <a href="#">Who is eligible for a CalKIDS account?   CalKIDS</a></p> <p>CalKIDS Pre-Registration Resources (in English and Spanish) <a href="#">Marketing Toolkit   CalKIDS</a></p> <p>CalKIDS Registration <a href="#">Step 2: Register your account   CalKIDS</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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Benefit Amount	<p>The following financial incentives are available for all newborn participants, as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ \$25 deposit in your baby’s CalKIDS account when you register on the program’s online portal at <a href="#">CalKIDS</a></li> <li>♦ A one-time \$25 deposit in your CalKIDS account when parents registered on the online portal view their baby’s account</li> <li>♦ \$50 deposit in your CalKIDS account when you link a new or existing ScholarShare 529 college savings account to your CalKIDS account; with your ScholarShare 529 account, your family and friends can help contribute to your baby’s savings through gifting</li> </ul> <p>Please allow up to 30 days for supplemental deposits to be applied to your account after registering or linking a new or existing ScholarShare 529 account.</p>

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| Benefit Name                                            | Infant Supplement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Benefit Department                                      | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Benefit Description                                     | Funds are available to a parenting youth in foster care once the infant is born (and remains under their care) to cover the additional cost of providing food, clothing, and shelter for an infant.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Benefit Eligibility                                     | <p>\$900.00 per month is provided after the birth of the non-detained infant of a parenting youth in foster care. The Infant Supplement (IS) is paid to the caregiver or transitional-housing provider if the youth is in placement; a portion of it may be directly given to youth residing in transitional housing. Parenting non-minor dependents (NMDs) residing in a Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) (page 49) receive the IS directly, with their foster-care payment. DCFS should also ensure that the non-detained children of parenting foster youth have Medi-Cal.</p> <p>Parenting non-minor dependent (NMD) youth who are not living in approved placements and are therefore not receiving funding can apply for CalWORKs (page 65) until such time as they are receiving foster-care funding and the Infant Supplement; a youth cannot receive both CalWORKs and the Infant Supplement.</p> |
| Access to Benefit/<br>Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>For IS, contact your social worker to submit a referral to initiate Infant Supplement payments, as well as Medi-Cal coverage for your infant.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><a href="#">Teen Parenting   Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (lacounty.gov)</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Length of Benefit                                       | Ongoing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Benefit Amount                                          | \$900/month                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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Benefit Name	Parenting Support Plan
Benefit Department	California Department of Social Services Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
Benefit Description	<p>The <a href="#">Parenting Support Plan</a> (PSP) is intended to empower non-minor dependent (NMD) parents in determining what kind of care and guidance they would like to receive from an identified responsible adult mentor. NMD parents entering into a PSP with a mentor can directly receive an additional \$200.00 per month—over and above the Infant Supplement (page 57) paid to NMD parents residing in supervised independent living placements (SILPs) (page 49)—upon completion of certain requirements.</p> <p>At a minimum, the identified responsible adult mentor must meet the following criteria under WIC §16501.27:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Be at least 21 years of age</li> <li>▪ Undergo a criminal records check</li> <li>▪ Undergo a Child Abuse Central Index Check</li> </ul> <p>The PSP will identify significant supports to assist the NMD parent in developing the skills necessary to provide a safe, stable, and permanent home for their child and to develop the best care plan possible for their child (WIC §16501.26). The PSP will further detail the ways that the adult mentor will assist the NMD parent, and also identify supportive services to be offered to the NMD parent.</p> <p>If the NMD has more than one infant, individual PSP(s) for each child must be entered into for the NMD to receive monthly payments for each infant.</p>
Benefit Eligibility	This benefit is available for NMD parents residing in a SILP who enter into a PSP with an identified responsible adult mentor.
Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Please talk with your social worker or ILP Coordinator for more information.</p> <p>To find your ILP coordinator, e-mail or call:</p> <p><a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a>  1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor  Los Angeles, CA 90007  (877) 694-5441  (213) 763-6600</p>
Length of Benefit	While an NMD parent is placed in a SILP
Benefit Amount	\$200.00/month

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| Benefit Name                                            | Whole Family Foster Homes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Benefit Department                                      | State of California   Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Benefit Description                                     | <p>The <a href="#">Whole Family Foster Homes</a> (WFFH) program was created specifically for pregnant and parenting foster youth whose children are not dependents of the court. The intent is to keep teen parents with their children and out of the foster-care system by helping them develop the skills to provide a safe, stable, and permanent home for their children. This is achieved through extra support services from DCFS and other programs throughout Los Angeles County.</p> <p>A WFFH-certified caregiver and the teen parent have the option to develop a Shared Responsibility Plan (SRP). The SRP's purpose is to help develop the parent-child bond, assist the teen parent in their transition to independence, and create a successful, supportive, and nurturing placement for both the teen parent and the child. In addition, the SRP provides clear, realistic guidelines for both the teen parent and the adult caregiver as to the responsibilities of each.</p> <p>The caregiver receives an additional \$200.00 a month in SRP rate, available for each non-dependent child for whom an SRP has been developed.</p> |
| Benefit Eligibility                                     | <p>A WFFH can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A new or established resource-family home</li> <li>▪ An approved relative caregiver's <b>OR</b> a non-related extended family member's home</li> <li>▪ The home of a non-related legal guardian whose guardianship was established pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §366.26 or §360</li> <li>▪ A certified home of a foster-family agency (FFA)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Access to Benefit/<br>Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | Please contact your social worker if you are interested in a WFFH placement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Length of Benefit                                       | Until the foster-youth parent exits the system                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Benefit Amount                                          | Provides for an additional \$200.00 per month to foster parents who complete a training, take in a youth and their baby, and develop an SRP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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Benefit Name	Emergency Child Care Bridge Program
Benefit Department	State of California   Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
Benefit Description	The Emergency Child Care Bridge Program provides short-term child-care vouchers for working resource parents who request child care as a condition of foster placement <b>OR</b> to preserve an existing foster placement; <b>AND</b> for parenting teens enrolled in school or a vocational training program. If these time-limited emergency child-care vouchers are issued, child-care systems navigators will work to identify long-term subsidized or unsubsidized child-care options to which resource parents can be transitioned.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>This program is available to the following caregivers with DCFS-placed children ages birth to five years and their siblings:*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Resource parents pending Resource Family Application (RFA) approval, who already have a child placement</li> <li>▪ Existing resource parents (including FFA-certified) who already have a child placement or are considering a placement</li> <li>▪ Parenting teens/non-minor dependents (NMDs) under DCFS supervision</li> </ul> <p><i>*On a case-by-case basis, consideration will also be given to children up to age 12, children with exceptional needs, and/or severely disabled children/youth/NMDs up to age 21.</i></p>
Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	The young child's social worker must refer caregivers to the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program.
Length of Benefit	Families may receive a time-limited child-care voucher to assist with child-care costs for foster children from birth through age 12, and for youth with exceptional needs up to age 21. A voucher may be issued for up to six months until the child is successfully transitioned into long-term subsidized child care. Eligibility may be extended an additional six months at the discretion of the County.
Benefit Amount	Child care is approved for up to six months with a possible six-month extension, for a total of 12 months, during which a child-care systems navigator works with the resource parent to transition the same child-care provider to an alternative long-term child-care subsidy <b>OR</b> to identify another child-care provider who can serve the child in the long term. The child-care systems navigator will make every effort to ensure continuity of child care with the same provider. However, once the full 12 months of Emergency Child Care Bridge Program eligibility are exhausted, it is possible that a new long-term child-care option with another child-care provider will have to be explored.

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| Benefit Name                                                  | CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Benefit Department                                            | State of California   Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Benefit Description                                           | CalWORKs is an entitlement established to provide cash aid and services to eligible families that have a child or children in the home. Most parenting non-minor dependents (NMDs) should receive the Infant Supplement; however, they are eligible for CalWORKs only if they are <u>not</u> getting the Infant Supplement (page 61). There are penalties if both benefits—Infant Supplement and CalWORKs—are accessed simultaneously.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Benefit Eligibility                                           | <p><b>CalWORKs Eligibility for Non-Minor Dependents</b><br/>CalWORKs is available to non-minor dependents (NMDs or youth who are in foster care after their 18th birthday) only if they are not being funded for their current placement. As soon as a placement is approved, the NMD must disenroll from CalWORKs. Biological parents who have an open case but still have their children in their physical care at least 50% of the time may also apply for CalWORKs. To be eligible, NMDs must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reside in California and intend to stay</li> <li>▪ Have a child or be pregnant</li> <li>▪ Be a United States citizen or a lawful immigrant</li> <li>▪ Have a Social Security number or have applied for one</li> <li>▪ Have a low monthly income</li> <li>▪ Have less than \$2,250 in cash, bank accounts, and other resources (\$3,500 if disabled or 60 years or older)</li> </ul> <p><b>CalWORKs Eligibility for Expecting/Parenting Youth</b><br/>To be eligible for CalWORKs, a foster youth <b>must</b> have a child in their care at least 50% of the time. In addition, a CalWORKs applicant must meet the residency, income, and resource requirements of the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reside in California and intend to stay</li> <li>▪ Have child or be pregnant</li> <li>▪ Be a United States citizen or a lawful immigrant</li> <li>▪ Have a Social Security number or have applied for one</li> <li>▪ Have a low monthly income</li> <li>▪ Have less than \$2,250 in cash, bank accounts, and other resources (\$3,500 if disabled or 60 years or older)</li> </ul> |
| Access to Benefit/<br>Action Steps<br>to Receiving<br>Benefit | <p>Talk to your social worker or ILP coordinator. Alert your social worker immediately if anything changes to affect your CalWORKs eligibility.</p> <p>To find your ILP coordinator or for any questions, e-mail or call:<br/> <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a><br/>           1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor<br/>           Los Angeles, CA 90007<br/>           (877) 694-5441 or (213) 763-6600</p> <p>You may also call DPSS's customer service line at (866) 613-3777.</p> <p>Members of the public can also apply online at <a href="#">BenefitsCal. Together, we benefit.</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Length of Benefit                                             | Ongoing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Benefit Amount                                                | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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## Money and Taxes

Benefit Name	Youth Access Banking Program	
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller's Ombudsperson for Youth in Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs)   SCE Credit Union	
Benefit Description	<p>Youth in Los Angeles County foster care as young as 13 can open their own checking and savings accounts without an adult co-owner.</p> <p>The program establishes a path toward financial independence by removing barriers to opening a bank account, such as account fees (which are waived) or limited forms of identification. The program also provides a \$5 deposit to establish the account.</p>	
Benefit Eligibility	Age 13 and above, living in an STRTP or a foster-care placement through DCFS or the Probation Department	
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<b>Information</b> (888) 445-1234 <a href="mailto:afriend@auditor.lacounty.gov">afriend@auditor.lacounty.gov</a>	<b>To apply for a bank account, visit</b> <a href="#">Youth Access Banking   SCE FCU</a> In the Placement Agency field on the application, select the name of the STRTP where you live. If you are in another form of foster care, select OTHER, then complete the Other Placement Agency field (usually with 'DCFS' or 'Probation.')

Benefit Name	California Foster Youth Tax Credit (FYTC)
Benefit Department	California Franchise Tax Board (FTB)
Benefit Description	The California Foster Youth Tax Credit (FYTC) provides up to \$1,117 per eligible individual.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following to claim this credit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are allowed the California Earned Income Tax Credit (according to your responses on the rest of the tax form)</li> <li>Are age 18 through the day before your 26th birthday as of the last day of the taxable year</li> <li>Were in California foster care while 13 years of age or older and placed through the California foster-care system, either through DCFS or the Probation Department</li> <li>Earned between \$1 and \$30,931 from any work in the taxable year</li> <li>Lived in California for more than half of the taxable year</li> <li>Have a Social Security Number or Individual Tax Identification Number</li> </ul> <p>When you file your 2023 California state tax return, include a 2023 <a href="#">FTB 3514</a> form. In <b>Part IX Foster Youth Tax Credit</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check the box for line 33a of this form. This indicates that you, the primary taxpayer listed on the return, consent to the <a href="#">California Department of Social Services (CDSS)</a> attempting to verify your foster-youth status using a statewide database.</li> <li>If your spouse or registered domestic partner (listed on the return) also qualifies for the Foster Youth Tax Credit, check the box for line 33b, likewise indicating consent for CDSS to verify that individual's foster-youth status using a statewide database.</li> </ul> <p>Once you check the line-33 box, you may also—but do not have to—provide proof of your time in foster care by uploading a verification letter or ward-of-the-court letter. If you <b>do not have proof</b>, be sure you check one or both boxes on line 33 to give the FTB permission to confirm your eligibility via the CDSS database.</p> <p>If for some reason your foster-care status cannot be verified, you will receive a letter in the mail from the FTB requesting proof. See <i>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</i> below.</p>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>To request a verification letter to submit to the Franchise Tax Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you are 18, 19, or 20, contact your case manager, Independent Living Program, <a href="mailto:pair@dss.ca.gov">pair@dss.ca.gov</a></li> <li>If you are 21 through the day before your 26th birthday, contact the Office of the Foster Care Ombudsperson at (877) 846-1602 or at <a href="mailto:fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov">fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov</a>.</li> </ul> <p>For questions on your status as a foster youth at or after age 13, contact the California Department of Social Services by phone at (916) 651-8848 on normal business days from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>State of California Franchise Tax Board</b>  <a href="#">Foster Youth Tax Credit   FTB.ca.gov</a></p> <p><b>John Burton Advocates for Youth: California Foster Youth Tax Credit</b>  <a href="#">California Foster Youth Tax Credit: What is it and how do you get it?   JBAY</a></p>

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|                       | <b>John Burton Advocates for Youth: Tax Filing Guide for Transition Age Foster Youth</b><br><a href="#">TAY-Tax-Guide-for-2023-Tax-Season-2.pdf (jbay.org)</a> |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b> | Varies                                                                                                                                                         |

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## Social Security

Benefit Name	Social Security Income (SSI) for Foster Youth With a Disability
Benefit Department	Social Security Administration (SSA)
Benefit Description	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a needs-based disability program that provides monthly benefits that may be available when a foster youth meets criteria outlined by the Social Security Agency (SSA).
Benefit Eligibility	<p>To qualify, the youth must have been in foster-care placement either out-of-home <b>OR</b> in a home or facility that is licensed or otherwise approved by the state to provide care; the placing agency retains responsibility for continuing supervision of the need for such placement and the care provided.</p> <p>To qualify, the child must have a disability that meets the specific medical criteria established by the SSA. In addition, strict income and resource requirements must be met to prove there is a financial need. The foster parents' income will be taken into consideration because it is considered that the child will have access to a portion of that income.</p>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Youth may apply for SSI up to 180 days before their foster-care eligibility ends due to age. Disabled youth transitioning out of foster care may file an SSI application if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Live in a foster-care situation</li> <li>▪ Allege blindness or disability</li> <li>▪ Appear likely to meet all the non-medical-eligibility requirements when foster-care payments terminate</li> <li>▪ Expect the foster-care payments to cease within 180 days of the application filing date</li> <li>▪ Are within 180 days of losing foster-care eligibility because of age</li> </ul> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>SSI Info</b>  <a href="#">PUB422: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Foster Youth with Disabilities (ca.gov)</a></p> <p><b>Applying Online</b>  <a href="#">Apply Online for Disability Benefits (ssa.gov)</a></p> <p><b>Applying by Phone or for Any Questions</b>  (800) 772-1213</p> <p><b>Applying in Person</b>  Locate the <a href="#">Social Security Administration office</a> nearest you (by ZIP Code).</p>
Length of Benefit	SSI will do an "Age 18 Redetermination" around the time the youth is aging out of care and will determine again if the youth can continue receiving aid.
Benefit Amount	Amount of cash aid depends on income and living situation

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| Benefit Name                                        | Social Security Administration (SSA) Benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Social Security Administration (SSA)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>Several SSA benefits are available to foster youth, depending on their situation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Survivor Benefits when a parent has passed away</li> <li>▪ Social Security Disability Insurance if the parent has become disabled</li> <li>▪ Social Security Retirement if a parent has retired</li> <li>▪ Social Security Disability Insurance benefits (page 69); if you are a foster youth with a serious disability, you can apply as an “adult disabled child”</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must meet <b>ALL</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Foster youth has a biological parent who has passed away, become disabled, or retired</li> <li>▪ Foster youth has a serious disability and meets the SSA requirements</li> <li>▪ If foster youth is a full-time student, they may be eligible to receive Survivor Benefits through the day before their 19th birthday</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p><u>For Foster Youth</u><br/>Submit proof of identification, including a birth certificate and a copy of the parent’s death certificate and/or death notice. The SSA will tell you what supporting documents you must provide to prove eligibility for benefits on the parent’s account.</p> <p>If parentage is not clear from the birth certificate, refer to ACL 20-17 for alternative documents to support the foster child’s claim at <a href="#">ACL 20-17 Best Practice Guidelines for Foster Children Eligible for Social Security Retirement, Survivor, or Disability Insurance (RSDI) (ca.gov)</a>.</p> <p>If you have a serious disability, apply for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits as an ‘adult disabled child.’</p> <p><u>For Caregivers</u><br/>If you have a foster child in your care and you believe they qualify for disability benefits, contact your local Social Security office. You can schedule an appointment at your local office by calling (800) 772-1213. Take the child’s identification with you to the appointment, along with documentation indicating you are his or her foster parent.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>Social Security Administration</b><br/><a href="#">The United States Social Security Administration   SSA</a></p> |
| Length of Benefit                                   | <p>Social Security Survivor Benefits cease on your 18th birthday, or on your 19th if you are still in high school.</p> <p>If you are found disabled (page <b>Error! Bookmark not defined.</b>), Social Security benefits will continue.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Benefit Amount                                      | <p>Benefit amounts are based on the earnings of the parent who passed away, became disabled, or retired.</p> <p>Foster children who are adopted can still qualify for a birth parent’s Survivor, Disability, or Retirement benefits, if the event (death, disability diagnosis, retirement) occurred before the adoption.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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Benefit Name	Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Team (CBEST)
Benefit Department	Social Security Administration (SSA)   Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS)
Benefit Description	The Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Team (CBEST) provides targeted advocacy to assist <b>individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness</b> in obtaining sustainable income through programs such as Social Security Income (SSI) (page 70) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) (page <b>Error! Bookmark not defined.</b> ).
Benefit Eligibility	Must be a youth transitioning out of foster care, homeless or at risk of homelessness, <b>AND</b> be eligible for Medi-Cal
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Call the number shown below for your Service Planning Area (SPA). If you need help determining your SPA, click the SPA Locator link below and enter your address.</p> <p><b>SPA 1</b> (661) 948-8559  <b>SPA 2</b> (818) 342-5897  <b>SPA 3</b> (626) 593-2364  <b>SPA 4</b> (213) 529-0979  <b>SPA 5</b> (310) 396-6468  <b>SPA 6</b> (323) 432-4363  <b>SPA 7</b> (562) 373-5264  <b>SPA 8</b> (562) 599-1321</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>SPA Locator</b>  <a href="#">Los Angeles County - Enterprise GIS District Locator (lacounty.gov)</a></p>
Length of Benefit	The program has no average length of service.
Benefit Amount	Varies

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## **Benefits and Entitlements Available After Exiting the Child Welfare System**

## Basic Living

| Benefit Name                                                  | CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Benefit Department                                            | State of California/Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Benefit Description                                           | CalWORKs is an entitlement established to provide cash aid and services to eligible families that have a child or children in the home. Most parenting non-minor dependents (NMDs) should receive the Infant Supplement (page 61); however, they are eligible for CalWORKs only if they are <u>not</u> getting the Infant Supplement. There are penalties if both benefits—Infant Supplement and CalWORKs—are accessed simultaneously.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Benefit Eligibility                                           | <p><b>CalWORKs Eligibility for Non-Minor Dependents</b><br/>CalWORKs is available to non-minor dependents (NMDs or youth who are in foster care after their 18th birthday) only if they are not being funded for their current placement. As soon as a placement is approved, the NMD must disenroll from CalWORKs. Biological parents who have an open case but still have their children in their physical care at least 50% of the time may also apply for CalWORKs. To be eligible, NMDs must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reside in California and intend to stay</li> <li>▪ Have a child or be pregnant</li> <li>▪ Be a United States citizen or a lawful immigrant</li> <li>▪ Have a Social Security number or have applied for one</li> <li>▪ Have a low monthly income</li> <li>▪ Have less than \$2,250 in cash, bank accounts, and other resources (\$3,500 if disabled or 60 years or older)</li> </ul> <p><b>Cal-WORKS Eligibility for Expecting/Parenting Youth</b><br/>To be eligible for CalWORKs, a foster youth <b>must</b> have a child in their care at least 50% of the time. In addition, a CalWORKs applicant must meet the residency, income, and resource requirements of the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reside in California and intend to stay</li> <li>▪ Have child or be pregnant</li> <li>▪ Be a United States citizen or a lawful immigrant</li> <li>▪ Have a Social Security number or have applied for one</li> <li>▪ Have a low monthly income</li> <li>▪ Have less than \$2,250 in cash, bank accounts, and other resources (\$3,500 if disabled or 60 years or older)</li> </ul> |
| Access to Benefit/<br>Action Steps<br>to Receiving<br>Benefit | <p>Talk to your social worker or ILP coordinator. Alert your social worker immediately if anything changes to affect your CalWORKs eligibility.</p> <p>To find your ILP coordinator or for any questions, e-mail or call:<br/> <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a><br/>           1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor<br/>           Los Angeles, CA 90007<br/>           (877) 694-5441 or (213) 763-6600</p> <p>You may also call DPSS's customer service line at (866) 613-3777.</p> <p>Members of the public can also apply online at <a href="#">BenefitsCal. Together, we benefit.</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Length of Benefit                                             | Ongoing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Benefit Amount                                                | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

| Benefit Name        | CalFresh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Benefit Department  | Federal program administered through the State of California and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Benefit Description | CalFresh is the California name for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), an entitlement established to improve the nutrition of people in low-income households. CalFresh benefits are used instead of money at most grocery stores and farmers' markets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Benefit Eligibility | <p>Eligibility for CalFresh benefits is based on the income of a household.</p> <p><b>Household</b> For CalFresh purposes, a household is a group of people who live together <b>AND</b> buy and prepare food together. Youth under age 18 who are living with a foster family or with their biological family cannot apply for CalFresh separately from the family. In households in which meals are purchased and prepared together (i.e., resource family homes), non-minor dependents (NMDs) may not apply for CalFresh separately from their household. Instead, the head of household may apply for CalFresh on behalf of the entire household. In households in which meals are purchased and prepared separately (i.e., THP-NMD, renting a room in a Supervised Independent Living Program, or SILP), NMDs may apply for CalFresh as a separate household.</p> <p><b>Income</b> CalFresh eligibility is based on the total income a household has. If a non-minor dependent is receiving Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) benefits, the SILP benefits count as income.</p> <p>Youth in many different placement types can apply for CalFresh, including youth living in transitional housing. However, youth living in Short-Term Residential Treatment Programs (STRTPs) or Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs) are not eligible for CalFresh.</p> <p><b>Students</b><br/>Persons may also be eligible if they meet the following CalFresh Student Eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Age: from your 18th birthday through the day before your 49th birthday</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled at least half-time in an institution of higher education</li> </ul> <p><u>CalFresh Student Exemption Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employed for a minimum of 20 hours per week</li> <li>▪ Approved for work/study for the current term and anticipate working during the school term</li> <li>▪ A parent with a dependent child under age 6</li> <li>▪ A parent with a dependent child ages 6 to 12 <b>AND</b> a lack of adequate child care preventing them from attending class and working 20 hours per week or participating in work/study</li> <li>▪ Enrolled full-time in a higher-education institution <b>AND</b> a single parent with a dependent child under age 12</li> <li>▪ Participating in Extended Foster Care</li> <li>▪ Receiving a Cal Grant B (page 30) at a community college, California State University, or University of California; unmarried, 25 years or younger; and income of less than \$50,000 per year</li> <li>▪ Participating in the <a href="#">Chafee Education and Training Vouchers Program</a> (page 33)</li> <li>▪ Participating in a foster-youth campus support program—e.g., Guardian Scholars, Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI), NextUp, formerly known as CAFYES (Cooperating Agencies for Foster Youth Educational Support)</li> </ul> |

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Benefit Name	CalFresh
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Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Talk to your social worker or Independent Living Program (ILP) coordinator to find out how to apply for CalFresh. Call (213) 763-6600 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on normal business days, or e-mail <a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a> to ask questions. During non-business hours, call (877) 694-5441. Visit this website for more contact information: <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a>.</p> <p>You may also call DPSS's customer service line at (866) 613-3777.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p>Applicants may also apply directly at <a href="#">Home   BenefitsCal. Together, we benefit</a>. Choose your preferred language in the top panel of the opening page, then click Apply for Benefits.</p> <p><b>CalFresh Info</b>  <a href="#">FAQ: Non-Minor Dependents &amp; CalFresh   JBAY</a></p>
Length of Benefit	Ongoing
Benefit Amount	Varies

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| Benefit Name                                        | Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Benefit Description                                 | The Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) provides financial and medical coverage to facilitate the adoption of children who otherwise would remain in long-term foster care. Adoptive families are eligible for post-adoption services that may include resource and referral connections, brief case management, and crisis intervention. Youth adopted after their 16th birthday are also eligible for Independent Living Program (ILP) services (page 7), except for housing assistance. AAP funding is paid only to an adoptive parent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Please review the DCFS AAP policy for more information on eligibility at <a href="#">Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) Benefits and Medi-Cal Benefits - 0200-511.05 - DCFS Policy Institute Website (lacounty.gov)</a>.</p> <p>Once youth are determined eligible to receive AAP benefits, they remain eligible and the subsidy continues through the day before the child/youth's 18th birthday. AAP benefits can be continued through the day before the youth's 21st birthday if he or she meets at least <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The initial adoption assistance agreement was signed when the youth was at least 16 years old <b>AND</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth is working toward completing high school or equivalent program <b>OR</b></li> <li>Youth is enrolled in a college, community college, or a vocational education program <b>OR</b></li> <li>Youth is employed at least 80 hours per month <b>OR</b></li> <li>Youth is participating in a program designed to assist in gaining employment <b>OR</b></li> <li>Youth is unable to do one of the above due to a medical condition</li> </ol> </li> <li>Youth has a physical or mental disability that warrants the continuation of assistance (through the day before the youth's 21st birthday)</li> </ol> |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>AAP benefits are negotiated by the children's social worker (CSW) with the adoptive parent(s) before the parent(s) sign an adoptive placement agreement with DCFS and before finalizing the adoption. The CSW makes the final determination of the amount of the AAP benefit, which is based upon the youth's needs and the circumstances of the adoptive parent(s). The AAP agreement <b>must</b> be signed before the adoption is finalized.</p> <p>The extension of AAP benefits beyond age 18 depends on the adoptive parents requesting the benefit extension <b>before</b> the child/youth's 18th birthday by <b>BOTH</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Calling the Foster Care/Adoption Assistance Hotline at (800) 697-4444 <b>OR</b> Post Adoption Services at (800) 735-4984 <b>AND</b></li> <li>♦ Providing documentation to DCFS of the child/youth's eligibility (see <i>Benefit Eligibility</i> above)</li> </ul> <p>AAP must be recertified at least every two years.</p> <p>Questions? Contact your CSW/minor's attorney or call the Alliance for Children's Rights at (213) 368-6010.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Length of Benefit                                   | AAP benefits start on the date the AAP agreement is signed and continue through the day before the youth's 18th birthday. If the criteria are met for the two situations described above (reference 1 and 2 in <i>Benefit Eligibility</i> ), youth can continue to receive benefits through the day before their 21st birthday.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Benefit Amount                                      | <p>Amount shall not exceed the foster-care maintenance payment and any applicable Level of Care (LOC) rate and/or specialized care increment that the child would have received while placed in a licensed or approved family home.</p> <p>The benefit amount does not increase by age; however, AAP benefits can be increased at any time if the child's needs or the family's situation changes. Documentation must be presented to justify any increase.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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Benefit Name	Independent Living Program (ILP) Youth on the Move (TAP Cards)
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)   Metro.net
Benefit Description	This program offers free annual Transit Access Passes (TAP cards) for current and former foster and probation youth.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>You are eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You were in foster care (through DCFS or the Probation Department) on or after your 17th birthday <b>AND</b></li> <li>You are currently ages 18 through 23 (the day before your 24th birthday) <b>AND</b></li> <li>You are a participant in the Independent Living Program (ILP)</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>An application, photo, and other forms are required to receive a pass. Participants must comply with program requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact your ILP Transition Coordinator <b>OR</b></li> <li>Complete the application on your computer (link below)—or scan the completed application into your computer—and e-mail <a href="mailto:serraj@dcfs.lacounty.gov">serraj@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a> the completed application along with a picture of your face (consider a school ID picture).</li> </ul> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP Webpage</b>  <a href="#">Transportation - ILP Online</a></p> <p><b>Application</b> <a href="#">Youth on the Move Application (ilponline.org)</a></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The age boxes in the application's Section III (voluntary information about you) stop at age 21, but youth ages 22 and 23 are still eligible.</p>
Length of Benefit	From your 18th birthday through the day before your 24th birthday
Benefit Amount	Each card is worth between \$1,200 and \$4,200 and provides access for Metro buses and rail lines and up to 26 additional transit agencies operating in the geographic county.

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## Health

| Benefit Name                                        | Medi-Cal Program for Former Foster Youth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Federal program (Medicaid)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires states to provide youth under 26 with free health care if they were in foster care at age 18 or later, either through the Department of Children and Family Services or the Probation Department. This ensures that former foster youth can access the health care services they need.</p> <p>Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Free medical care</li> <li>♦ Vision exams</li> <li>♦ Dental care</li> <li>♦ Substance abuse treatment</li> <li>♦ Mental health services that are available under Medi-Cal</li> </ul> <p>Youth under age 21 may qualify for some extra benefits such as braces and glasses.</p>            |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must reside in California</li> <li>▪ Must have received Medi-Cal while in foster care under the responsibility of any state on your 18th birthday or later</li> </ul> <p>If you had an open DCFS case at age 18 or later, your Medi-Cal should continue until your 26th birthday.</p> <p>If you exited foster care in another state, and meet the Former Foster Youth requirements, you may apply by completing the MC 250A-LA application form (see <i>Benefit Access</i>, below).</p>                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>If for some reason you are no longer on Medi-Cal, please contact your CSW immediately. The CSW should send the paperwork to Mei Li at the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) who can be contacted at (909) 450-2473.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>Info</b><br/> <a href="https://www.lacounty.gov/former-foster-youth">Former Foster Youth (lacounty.gov)</a><br/> <a href="#">Covered til 26 » How to Sign Up</a></p> <p><b>Apply Online</b><br/> <a href="#">Covered California™   The Official Site of California's Health Insurance Marketplace</a></p> <p><b>MC 250A Form</b><br/> <a href="#">MC 250A - Application for Medi-Cal for Former Foster Care Youth</a></p> |
| Length of Benefit                                   | Youth in foster care on their 18th birthday or later (in any state or tribe) through the day before their 26th birthday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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Benefit Name	Independent Living Program (ILP) Transitional Housing Program Plus (THP+)
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Youth Development Services (YDS) Independent Living Program (ILP)
Benefit Description	This supervised transitional housing program provides supportive services based on the youth's Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP). This program has a 139-bed capacity.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Youth exited foster care at or after age 18</li> <li>▪ Age 18 through the day before your 24th birthday</li> <li>▪ ILP-eligible youth (page 7)</li> <li>▪ Youth work full-time, go to school full-time, <b>OR</b> work and attend school both part-time</li> <li>▪ Youth are homeless or at risk of being homeless</li> <li>▪ DCFS and Probation youth with closed cases</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Ask your with social worker to make a referral <b>OR</b> reach out to the DCFS Youth Development Services Housing Services Staff at <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a>.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>ILP Housing</b> <a href="#">Housing - ILP Online</a></p> <p><b>ILP THP-Plus</b> <a href="#">Transitional Housing Program Plus (THP-Plus) - ILP Online</a></p> <p><b>TILP</b> <a href="#">Transitional Independent Living Plan &amp; Agreement (ilponline.org)</a></p> <p><b>ILP Weekly Vacancy Report</b> <a href="#">HOUSINGSERVICESWEEKLYVACANCYREPORT.pdf (ilponline.org)</a></p> <p><b>Application</b> <a href="#">Los Angeles County (lacounty.gov)</a></p>
Length of Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 36 cumulative months or through the day before your 24th birthday, whichever comes first</li> <li>▪ If youth reside in Los Angeles County, they have the ability to participate in the County's waiver for THP+ that allows youth in school to stay in the THP+ program for an additional 12 months (a total of 36 months) and up to their 25th birthday</li> </ul>

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| Benefit Name                                        | Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Benefit Department                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)<br>Youth Development Services (YDS) Independent Living Program (ILP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>A Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) is a flexible, non-licensed foster-care placement available to non-minor dependents (NMDs) participating in the Extended Foster Care program (AB 12). It is intended to provide NMDs the opportunity for highly independent living experiences while they receive foster-care payments and supportive transition services. SILP placements are for NMDs who are developmentally ready to live independently and in a less restrictive environment.</p> <p>Youth are responsible for identifying a living setting, which can include an apartment rented alone or with roommates, renting a room, living in a single-room occupancy hotel, or living in a dormitory. The living setting is also required to meet health and safety standards. If those standards are met, the SILP is approved, and the monthly foster care rate is directly paid to the foster youth.</p> |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age 18 through the day before your 21st birthday</li> <li>Youth is assessed as “ready” by their social worker to live in an independent living placement</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Discuss with your CSW or your ILP Transition Coordinator to find out more about the SILP and whether it is right for you. You can also reach out to <a href="#">Contact Us - ILP Online</a>.</p> <p><a href="mailto:youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov">youthds@dcfs.lacounty.gov</a><br/>1933 S. Broadway St. 6th Floor<br/>Los Angeles, CA 90007<br/>(877) 694-5441<br/>(213) 763-6600</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>DCFS</b><br/><a href="#">Teens 16 and Older   Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (lacounty.gov)</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Length of Benefit                                   | Three years or until age 21, whichever comes first                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Youth receive a monthly foster care rate of \$1,129                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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## Education

Benefit Name	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)
Benefit Department	Federal Student Aid
Benefit Description	<p>This is financial aid from the federal government to help you pay for education expenses at an eligible college or career school. Different types of financial aid exist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants (money you don't have to pay back)</li> <li>Loans (money you <u>do</u> have to pay back)</li> <li>Work-study (money from employment that you don't have to pay back)</li> </ul> <p>You must complete the <a href="#">FAFSA form</a> to apply for this aid.</p>
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualify to obtain a college or career school education, either by having a high school diploma <b>OR</b> a General Educational Development (GED) certificate <b>OR</b></li> <li>By completing a high school education in a home-school setting approved under state law</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b> meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student in an eligible degree or certificate program <b>AND</b> have a valid Social Security number unless you are from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau, <b>AND</b> sign certifying statements stating that you are not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe a refund on a federal grant <b>AND</b> you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes <b>AND</b> maintain satisfactory academic progress in college or career school, <b>AND</b> be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national by being born in the United States, American Samoa, or Swains Island, being born abroad to parents who are U.S. citizens, or if you have obtained citizenship status through naturalization</li> <li>Have a <a href="#">Green Card</a> (Permanent Resident Card) if you have a Form I-551, I-151, or I-551C</li> <li>Have an arrival-departure record that shows Refugee, Asylum Granted, Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending) <b>OR</b> Parolee</li> <li>Have battered immigrant status by virtue of being a victim of abuse by your citizen or permanent-resident spouse, or you are the child of a person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act</li> <li>Have a T visa if you or your parent has a T1 visa</li> </ul> <p>Beginning August 16, 2021, youth with drug-related convictions are still eligible to apply for FAFSA.</p>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Students planning to attend a four-year university should apply between October 1 and March 2 before the start of the school year, in particular to ensure eligibility for a Cal Grant and institutional aid. Community college students have until September 2 to apply for a Cal Grant and other state aid. Other forms of aid such as the Pell Grant have later application deadlines, but all students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to qualify for the maximum aid award possible</p> <p>Due to the FAFSA Simplification Act, the 2024–2025 FAFSA applications were delayed but are now available.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>Application</b> <a href="#">FAFSA® Application   Federal Student Aid</a></p> <p><b>Pell Grant Info</b> <a href="#">Federal Pell Grant Program</a></p>

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| Benefit Amount | <p>Pell Grant—up to \$6,195 a year (additional \$3,098 if enrolled during the summer, depending on financial need and other factors) You can receive the Pell Grant for no more than 12 semesters.</p> <p>Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)—between \$100 and \$4,000 a year</p> <p>Direct unsubsidized and subsidized loans for independent students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ First year—\$9,500 (no more than \$3,500 may be subsidized loans)</li> <li>▪ Second year—\$10,500 (no more than \$4,500 may be subsidized loans)</li> <li>▪ Third year and beyond—\$12,500 (no more than \$5,500 may be subsidized loans)</li> <li>▪ Work-study—earning at least Federal minimum wage (specific amount based on time of application, level of financial need, and school’s funding level)</li> </ul> |

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Benefit Name	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) Independent Student
Benefit Department	Federal Student Aid
Benefit Description	Students who achieve independent status on the FAFSA are not required to report any income or information about their parents, including biological parents, foster parents, relative caregivers, or legal guardians. As a result, students may qualify for more financial aid. There are many ways in which a student may qualify as “Independent” on the FAFSA, including based on their involvement in the foster-care system, either through the Department of Children and Family Services or the Probation Department. See <i>Benefit Eligibility</i> below.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>A student may qualify for Independent Status on the FAFSA in several ways—for example, if the student has children of their own or if the student will be over the age of 24 as of January 1 of the year for which they are applying for aid. Students may also qualify as Independent based on their involvement in the foster-care system if they can answer ‘yes’ to any of these questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ At any time since the student turned 13, were they or are they in foster care?</li> <li>▪ Is (or was) the student in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence</li> </ul> <p>After FAFSA submission, the verification of foster-youth status should occur through an automated data match; errors in this process, however, can cause a student to be asked to provide verification to confirm their involvement in foster care after age 13.</p> <p>If the youth’s case is closed, they should contact the Foster Care Ombudsman’s Office at (877) 846-1602 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov">fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov</a> for the letter. Please contact your social worker or ILP Coordinator to verify your foster-youth status.</p>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>FAFSA</b></p> <p><a href="#">FAFSA® Application   Federal Student Aid</a></p>
Length of Benefit	As long as youth is enrolled in higher education
Benefit Amount	Varies

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| Benefit Name                                        | California DREAM Act<br>Financial Aid                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Benefit Department                                  | California Student Aid Commission; state law (AB 540)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>The California DREAM Act application allows undocumented and nonresident students (U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens) who qualify for a nonresident exemption under Assembly Bill (AB) 540 to receive certain types of financial aid, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Private scholarships funded through public universities</li> <li>▪ State administered financial aid such as the Cal Grant and Chafee Grant</li> <li>▪ University grants</li> <li>▪ Community College fee waivers</li> <li>▪ Cal Grants</li> <li>▪ In-state resident fees at California's public colleges and universities</li> </ul> <p>This application is unrelated to the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Undocumented individuals with a valid or expired DACA, a U Visa, or having Temporary Protected Status (TPS) AND attended at least three full years in a California high school, adult school, or community college <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ Has three years of California high school credits and three years of total attendance in any combination of elementary, secondary, or high school in California <b>AND</b> graduated from a California high school with the equivalent attainment of a General Education Development (GED), High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), or California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) <b>OR</b> attained an associate degree from a California community college <b>OR</b> fulfilled the minimum transfer requirements from a California community college to a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) campus <b>AND</b>, if without lawful immigration status, the youth has filed a written statement confirmed by oath with their college stating that they have filed an application to legalize their immigration status, or will file an application as soon as they are eligible</li> <li>▪ Will register or enroll in an accredited and qualifying California college or university</li> <li>▪ Does not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F, J, H, L, A, B, C, D, E, etc.)</li> </ul> |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Students planning to attend a four-year university should apply between October 1 and March 2 before the start of the school year to ensure eligibility for a Cal Grant and institutional aid. Community college students have until September 2 to apply for a Cal Grant and other state aid. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to qualify for the maximum aid award possible</p> <p>Due to the FAFSA Simplification Act, the 2024–2025 FAFSA and CADAA applications were delayed but are now available.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>California DREAM Act</b>     <a href="#">CA Dream Act Application</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Length of Benefit                                   | As long as youth is enrolled in an eligible California institution of higher education                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Amounts vary depending on eligibility for various types of state financial aid and in-state resident fees at California's public colleges and universities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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Benefit Name	Cal Grant A
Benefit Department	California Student Aid Commission
Benefit Description	For low- to middle-income students with a minimum high school GPA of 3.00. May be used for an academic program that is two to four years in length. Can be used only for tuition and fees. If awarded at a California Community College, the funds will be held in reserve up to two years until the student transfers to a four-year school.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Submit the <a href="#">FAFSA</a> (pages 26 and 28) or <a href="#">CADAA</a> (page 29) application and the <a href="#">Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification Form</a> by the deadline</li> <li>▪ Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, or meet CADAA eligibility criteria</li> <li>▪ Be a California resident for one year</li> <li>▪ Attend a qualifying California college</li> <li>▪ Not have a bachelor's or professional degree</li> <li>▪ Have financial need at the college of your choice</li> <li>▪ Have family income and assets below the minimum levels</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled or plan to enroll in a program leading to an undergraduate degree or certificate</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled or plan to enroll at least half-time</li> <li>▪ Have registered with the U.S. Selective Service, if required to do so</li> <li>▪ Not owe a refund on any state or federal grant or be in default on a student loan</li> <li>▪ Not be incarcerated</li> <li>▪ Maintain the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards as established by the school.</li> </ul> <p>Recipients who do not meet the standards are ineligible for Cal Grant payment and will not use eligibility during the terms they are ineligible for payment.</p>
Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>FAFSA</b> <a href="#">FAFSA® Application   Federal Student Aid</a></p> <p><b>California DREAM Act</b> <a href="#">CA Dream Act Application</a></p> <p><b>Cal Grant Info</b> <a href="#">Foster Youth Students - California Student Aid Commission</a></p> <p><b>GPA Verification Form</b> <a href="#">Cal Grant GPA Verification Form - California Student Aid Commission</a></p>
Length of Benefit	Enrolled in a four-year university
Benefit Amount	<p>Every year up to age 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$12,630 max at a University of California campus</li> <li>▪ \$5,742 max at a California State University campus</li> <li>▪ \$9,084 at an independent college</li> </ul>

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| Benefit Name                                        | Cal Grant B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Benefit Department                                  | California Student Aid Commission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Benefit Description                                 | For low-income students with a minimum high school GPA of 2.00. May be used for an academic program that is at least one year in length. Includes an additional annual Access Award amount for living expenses. During sophomore through senior years, the student will receive tuition and fees plus the Access Award at tuition-charging institutions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Submit the <a href="#">FAFSA</a> (pages 26 and 28) or <a href="#">CADAA</a> (page 29) application and the <a href="#">Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification Form</a> by the deadline</li> <li>▪ Foster youth has not reached age 26 before July 1st of the award year</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more units)</li> <li>▪ Be a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, OR qualify for the CADAA (page 29)</li> <li>▪ Be a California resident when you graduate from high school or earn your GED</li> <li>▪ Have at least a 2.0 GPA</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled in a two-year college or four-year university</li> </ul> |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>If applying to a community college, youth may apply for the grant up until September 2 if they were in care on or after their 13th birthday. Those students can apply up until their 26th birthday and maintain the grant for up to eight years instead of four.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>FAFSA</b><br/> <a href="#">FAFSA® Application   Federal Student Aid</a></p> <p><b>California DREAM Act</b><br/> <a href="#">CA Dream Act Application</a></p> <p><b>Cal Grant Info</b><br/> <a href="#">Foster Youth Students - California Student Aid Commission</a></p> <p><b>GPA Verification Form</b><br/> <a href="#">Cal Grant GPA Verification Form - California Student Aid Commission</a></p>               |
| Length of Benefit                                   | Up to eight years                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Benefit Amount                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ First-year students: \$1,672 max</li> <li>▪ Renew rewarded after first year: \$12,630 max at a University of California campus</li> <li>▪ \$5,742 at a California State University campus</li> <li>▪ \$9,084 at an independent college</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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Benefit Department	California Student Aid Commission
Benefit Description	<p>For low- to middle-income students. No GPA requirement; however, a submitted GPA helps make your application competitive.</p> <p>For occupational/technical and non-transferring associate-degree program certificates and associate-degree programs of least four months to two years in length. Award amount assists with tuition and fees, and also includes an additional annual book-and-supplies amount.</p>
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Submit the <a href="#">FAFSA</a> (pages 26 and 28) or <a href="#">CADAA</a> (page 29) application and the <a href="#">Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification Form</a> by the deadline</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more units)</li> <li>▪ Be a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident <b>OR</b> qualify for the CADAA (page 29)</li> <li>▪ Be a California resident when you graduate from high school or earn your GED</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled in technical or career education</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>FAFSA</b>  <a href="#">FAFSA® Application   Federal Student Aid</a></p> <p><b>California DREAM Act</b>  <a href="#">CA Dam Act Application</a></p> <p><b>Cal Grant Info</b>  <a href="#">Foster Youth Students - California Student Aid Commission</a></p> <p><b>GPA Verification Form</b>  <a href="#">Cal Grant GPA Verification Form - California Student Aid Commission</a></p>
Length of Benefit	Two years
Benefit Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$1,094 for books, tools, and equipment</li> <li>▪ \$2,462 for tuition and fees (if not enrolled in a California community college)</li> </ul>

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| Benefit Name                                        | Chafee Grant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Benefit Department                                  | California Student Aid Commission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Benefit Description                                 | The <a href="#">John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood</a> is a federally funded program for eligible current and former foster youth for career and technical training or college courses at California Community Colleges, California State Universities, University of California campuses, career and technical schools, independent and private colleges, and schools in other states.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A current or former foster who was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care for at least one day from the age of 16 to the day before your 19th birthday, with a financial need <b>OR</b> a youth who was placed in out-of-home care by a tribe or tribal organization between the age of 16 and the day before their 18th birthday.</li> <li>▪ Enrolled half-time in a post-secondary program (6 or more units)</li> <li>▪ Meet financial-aid academic progress as defined by your school</li> <li>▪ Minimum age 16 and have not reached your 26th birthday as of July 1 of the award year</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Must submit a FAFSA or CADAA, and first-time applicants must also submit the California Chafee Grant Application online at <a href="#">CSAC - Chafee Grant Home (ca.gov)</a>. Students are encouraged to apply between October 1 and March 2, before starting college, but can apply after March 2 but may be less likely to receive this money.</p> <p>Submit the FAFSA (pages 40 and 42) at <a href="#">FAFSA® Application   Federal Student Aid</a> or California DREAM Act (CADAA) (page 43) at <a href="#">CA Dream Act Application</a>.</p> <p><b>Satisfactory Academic Progress Exceptions to the Chafee Grant</b></p> <p>SB 150 allows foster youth to receive a Chafee grant for up to two years before losing access due to academic progress; it authorizes the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to over-award the number of Chafee grants to facilitate quicker disbursement.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>Chafee Grant Fact Sheet</b><br/> <a href="#">Chafee factsheet.pdf (ca.gov)</a></p> |
| Length of Benefit                                   | Five years maximum (do not need to be consecutive years)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Up to \$5,000 annually, based on funding availability and on financial need                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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Benefit Name	Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers Program (ETV)
Benefit Department	California Student Aid Commission
Benefit Description	The Chafee Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program provides resources specifically to meet the educational and training needs of eligible current or former foster youth. The Chafee ETV program offers up to \$5,000 per year for post-secondary education and training to assist youth with skill development needed to lead independent and productive lives.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a current or former foster youth who was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18</li> <li>Youth who are/were in Kin-GAP, a non-related legal guardianship, or were adopted, but <b>only</b> if the youth was a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, at some point between the ages of 16 and 18</li> <li>A youth who was placed in out-of-home care by a tribe or tribal organization between the ages of 16 and 18</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have not participated in the program for more than 5 years, whether or not those years were consecutive</li> </ul> <p>The following must also apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be enrolled in an eligible public or private college or university or technical school in California or out of state</li> <li>Be enrolled at least half time</li> <li>Be enrolled in a program at least one academic year long</li> <li>Maintain satisfactory academic progress</li> <li>Demonstrate financial need</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete an application for the Chafee grant (page 32) at <a href="#">CSAC – Chafee Grant Home (ca.gov)</a>.</li> <li>Submit the FAFSA (pages 40 and 42) at <a href="#">FAFSA® Application   Federal Student Aid</a> or California DREAM Act (CADAA) (page 43) at <a href="#">CA Dream Act Application</a>.</li> </ol> <p>After those submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will automatically provide verification pertaining to your foster-care eligibility to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). In the event your foster-care status cannot be verified, you will be asked to complete the <a href="#">Foster Care Eligibility Certification Form</a>.</li> <li>The Student Aid Commission will review your FAFSA or CADAA and Chafee Grant Application.</li> <li>Once all of the above is completed, the Student Aid Commission will send you an email message if you are selected for an award.</li> <li>If you applied for the Chafee Grant, go to <a href="#">WebGrants for Students</a> to check the status of your application.</li> <li>The school will verify payment eligibility and disburse the check to you.</li> </ul>

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| Benefit Name      | Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers Program (ETV)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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|                   | <p>Questions about your application? Contact the California Student Aid Commission by phone at (888) 294-0153 (option three) or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:chafee@csac.ca.gov">chafee@csac.ca.gov</a>.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><a href="#">Chafee Education and Training Vouchers Program</a></p> |
| Length of Benefit | Five years maximum (do not need to be consecutive years)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Benefit Amount    | Up to \$5,000 annually, based on funding availability and on financial need                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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Benefit Name	California College Promise Grant (formerly the Board of Governors Fee Waiver)
Benefit Department	Office of the Chancellor of California Community Colleges
Benefit Description	The Promise Grant is a fee waiver for enrollment fees at many California community colleges.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Must meet <b>any</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Enrolled in a California Community College and have been determined to be a resident or exempt from non-resident fees under CADAA (page 29) <b>AND</b> have financial need, based on a financial-aid office review of FAFSA (pages 26 and 28)</li> <li>▪ Have demonstrated financial need</li> </ul> <p>Current and former foster youth no older than 25 who receive this grant are eligible to continue receiving grant funds if they don't meet Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements.</p>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Apply for the California College Promise Grant by applying for FAFSA or CADAA (pages 26 and 28).</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><a href="https://cccapply.org">California College Promise Grant (cccapply.org)</a></p>
Benefit Amount	\$46 per unit covers cost of tuition

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| Benefit Name                                        | Middle Class Scholarship (MCS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Benefit Department                                  | California Student Aid Commission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Benefit Description                                 | The MCS is a state financial aid program that provides low- to middle-income undergraduate students, including students pursuing a teaching credential, with scholarships if they are enrolled in a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU), or a bachelor's program at a California Community College. Students are awarded for up to four years depending on their educational level when first awarded (or five years for a teaching credential).                                                            |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | To be eligible for an MCS, students must meet these eligibility requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Be a California resident</li> <li>♦ Be enrolled at least part time</li> <li>♦ Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (pages 26 and 28) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) (page 29)</li> <li>♦ Be a U.S. Citizen, permanent resident, or meet the requirements for a non-resident tuition exemption</li> <li>♦ Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards</li> </ul>           |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>California Community Colleges</b><br/> <a href="#">Middle Class Scholarship   California Community Colleges - Enroll Today (icangotocollege.com)</a></p> <p><b>John Burton Advocates for Youth: Middle Class Scholarship for Foster Youth FAQ</b><br/> <a href="#">MCS-FAQ-7.27.23.pdf (jibay.org)</a></p> <p><b>John Burton Advocates for Youth: Fact Sheet on Increased Financial Aid for Foster Youth</b><br/> <a href="#">Fact-Sheet-EXPANDED-FINANCIAL-AID-FOR-FOSTER-YOUTH.pdf (jibay.org)</a></p> |
| Length of Benefit                                   | As long as youth is enrolled in higher education                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Individual award amounts are based on the Cost of Attendance (COA) set by each college and vary by college and by student. MCS will cover 100% of the remaining COA for current and former foster youth, after accounting for the annual "self-help" student contribution of \$7,898 and any other federal, state, and institutionally administered grants, scholarships, and fee waivers. A "self-help" student contribution is the amount of funding toward the total Cost of Attendance that the student is responsible for each year.  |

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Benefit Name	Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG)
Benefit Department	California Community Colleges
Benefit Description	The Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG) provides students with financial aid to help offset the total costs of community college and to encourage full-time attendance and successful on-time completion. Community college students who receive a Cal Grant B, are meeting the standards of the college Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy, and are enrolled in 12 to 14.9 units are eligible to receive the award money.
Benefit Eligibility	To receive the full award amount, students must meet these eligibility requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have been in foster care, either through the Department of Children and Family Services or the Probation Department, on or after their 13th birthday</li> <li>▪ Be a California resident or exempt from paying nonresident tuition</li> <li>▪ Be a current year Cal Grant B or C award receipt</li> <li>▪ Meet the minimum requirements of the college Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>California Community Colleges</b>  <a href="#">Student Success Completion Grant   California Community Colleges - Enroll Today (icangotocollege.com)</a></p> <p><b>California Community Colleges Memorandum on SSCG</b>  <a href="#">Updates to the Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG) (cccco.edu)</a></p> <p><b>John Burton Advocates for Youth: Fact Sheet on Increased Financial Aid for Foster Youth</b>  <a href="#">Fact-Sheet-EXPANDED-FINANCIAL-AID-FOR-FOSTER-YOUTH.pdf (jbay.org)</a></p>
Length of Benefit	As long as youth is enrolled in higher education and enrolled in 12 to 14.9 units
Benefit Amount	\$5,250 per semester, or quarterly equivalent

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| Benefit Name                                        | NextUp                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Benefit Department                                  | California Community Colleges                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>NextUp provides participating current and former foster youth—either through the Department of Children and Family Services or the Probation Department—with support and resources while they attend a California Community College. These supports and resources may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Books and supplies</li> <li>♦ Child care</li> <li>♦ Counseling and career guidance</li> <li>♦ Educational planning</li> <li>♦ Emergency housing</li> <li>♦ Food assistance</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Be enrolled or planning to enroll in at least nine units, or agree to an education plan with the future goal of enrolling in nine units</li> <li>▪ Be a current or former foster youth in California whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the student's 13th birthday</li> <li>▪ Be younger than 25 years of age at the beginning of the academic school year in which the student first enrolls in college; the student may continue to participate in the program beyond the age of 26. If a student enrolls in NextUp prior to age 26, disenrolls, and subsequently returns after turning 26, they may be readmitted to the same or another NextUp program.</li> </ul> <p>Colleges may use a variety of sources to verify eligibility, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Cal Grant Foster Youth Access Award Roster</li> <li>♦ Chafee Grant Roster</li> <li>♦ <a href="#">WebGrants for Students</a> auto-verification tool (page 30)</li> <li>♦ Letter from the Office of Foster Care Ombudsperson</li> <li>♦ Letter from a county child-welfare agency, county probation agency, or Independent Living Program</li> <li>♦ Letter from a foster-care placement agency such as a Foster Family Agency (FFA) or a Transitional Housing Placement for Non-Minor Dependents (THP-NMD) provider</li> <li>♦ Letter from a Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) provider</li> <li>♦ Letter from a County Office of Education Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP)</li> <li>♦ Letter from a high school district</li> <li>♦ Letter from a state or county child-welfare agency outside of California</li> <li>♦ Court documents specifying that the student is currently in foster care or the date on which the student exited foster care</li> <li>♦ A documented phone call that confirms the student was in foster care at an applicable age from a state, county, or tribal child-welfare agency, a public or private foster-care placing agency or foster-care facility or placement, an attorney, a guardian ad litem, or a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)</li> </ul> |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Contact your Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) counselor to apply.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>California College Pathways</b></p> <p><a href="#">Search for Foster Youth Programs   California College Pathways (cacollegepathways.org)</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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Benefit Name	NextUp
Length of Benefit	<p>If younger than 25 years of age at the beginning of the academic school year in which the student first enrolls in college, the student may continue to participate in the program beyond the age of 26.</p> <p>If a student enrolls in NextUp prior to age 26, disenrolls, and subsequently returns after turning 26, they may be readmitted to the same or another NextUp program.</p>
Benefit Amount	Based on need and funding availability

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| Benefit Name                                        | California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) Campus Support Programs for Foster Youth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Benefit Department                                  | California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) campuses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>Each CSU and UC has a state-funded campus-based support program for eligible current and former foster youth. The names of these programs vary by campus—Guardian Scholars, Renaissance Scholars, Hope Scholars, etc.—but they provide an array of services that may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Emergency grants</li> <li>▪ Books and supplies</li> <li>▪ Counseling and career guidance</li> <li>▪ Educational planning</li> <li>▪ Food assistance</li> <li>▪ Health services</li> <li>▪ Life skills and financial orientation</li> <li>▪ Mental health services</li> <li>▪ Transportation assistance</li> <li>▪ Tutoring</li> </ul> |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | All incoming freshmen, transfer, and graduate students who were in a placement as a dependent of the court or ward of the court at any time since birth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>California College Pathways</b><br/> <a href="#">Search for Foster Youth Programs   California College Pathways (cacollegepathways.org)</a></p> <p><b>CSU Campus Foster Youth Programs</b><br/> <a href="#">Campus Foster Youth Programs   CSU (calstate.edu)</a></p> <p><b>UC Campus Foster Youth Programs</b><br/> <a href="#">Current and former foster youth   UC Admissions (universityofcalifornia.edu)</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Length of Benefit                                   | As long as youth is enrolled in higher education                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Benefit Amount                                      | <p>Amounts vary depending on eligibility for various types of state financial aid and in-state resident fees at California’s public colleges and universities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The loan may not exceed the financial need of the student.</li> <li>▪ No student may borrow more than \$4,000 under this program within a single academic year.</li> <li>▪ No student may borrow more than \$2,000 in the aggregate under the program from any one participating institution.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                |

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Benefit Name	CalKIDS for Newborns
Benefit Department	State of California ScholarShare Investment Board
Benefit Description	<p>The California Kids Investment and Development Savings program (CalKIDS) was created by the State of California to help more children have an opportunity to save for higher education. CalKIDS, a 529 children's savings account program administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board (a California agency chaired by the State Treasurer), provides each child born in California with up to \$1,500 in a CalKIDS account to help jumpstart their savings for higher education and career training.</p> <p>Money in the CalKIDS account can be used to pay for qualifying* higher-education expenses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Tuition and related fees</li> <li>♦ Books and required supplies</li> <li>♦ Computer equipment</li> </ul> <p><i>*Funds used to pay for non-qualifying expenses may be subject to penalties and/or taxes.</i></p>
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Eligible newborn beneficiaries are identified by the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Education. <b>No action or financial commitment is required of families to participate.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CalKIDS receives information on newborns approximately 90 days after a birth is registered with the California Department of Public Health.</li> <li>▪ All California newborns born on or after July 1, 2022, regardless of parental income, are eligible for the program.</li> <li>▪ The initial deposit going to babies born after July 1, 2023, is \$100.</li> <li>▪ Babies born between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, have been or will be awarded \$25 as an initial deposit.</li> </ul> <p>For questions regarding newborn eligibility, please confirm with your local birth registrar that your child's birth on or after July 1, 2022, has been registered with the California Department of Public Health.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For births occurring in Los Angeles County, request a birth record from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at <a href="https://lavote.gov">Online Request (lavote.gov)</a>.</li> <li>▪ If the birth occurred outside of Los Angeles County or California, go to <a href="https://lavote.gov">Out Of LA County Birth (lavote.gov)</a>.</li> </ul>
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Enrollment is automatic for eligible newborns. However, parents must register online to access funds in their CalKIDS account. To register, you need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child's county of birth</li> <li>▪ Child's date of birth</li> <li>▪ Local Registration Number found on birth certificate <b>OR</b> use the CalKIDS code from the notification letter mailed to parent's home</li> </ul> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p>CalKIDS <a href="#">Who is eligible for a CalKIDS account?   CalKIDS</a></p> <p>CalKIDS Pre-Registration Resources (in English and Spanish) <a href="#">Marketing Toolkit   CalKIDS</a></p> <p>CalKIDS Registration <a href="#">Step 2: Register your account   CalKIDS</a></p>

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| Benefit Name   | CalKIDS for Newborns                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Benefit Amount | <p>The following financial incentives are available for all newborn participants, as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ \$25 deposit in your baby's CalKIDS account when you register on the program's online portal at <a href="#">CalKIDS</a></li> <li>♦ A one-time \$25 deposit in your CalKIDS account when parents registered on the online portal view their baby's account</li> <li>♦ \$50 deposit in your CalKIDS account when you link a new or existing ScholarShare 529 college savings account to your CalKIDS account; with your ScholarShare 529 account, your family and friends can help contribute to your baby's savings through gifting</li> </ul> <p>Please allow up to 30 days for supplemental deposits to be applied to your account after registering or linking a new or existing ScholarShare 529 account.</p> |

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Benefit Name	CalkIDS for School-Aged Students
Benefit Department	State of California ScholarShare Investment Board
Benefit Description	<p>The California Kids Investment and Development Savings program (CalkIDS) was created by the State of California to help more children have an opportunity to save for higher education. CalkIDS, a 529 children's savings account program administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board (a California agency chaired by the State Treasurer), provides eligible low-income public-school students in California with up to \$1,500 in a CalkIDS account to help jumpstart their savings for higher education and career training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>California public-school students identified as low-income under their school district's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) were given CalkIDS accounts if they were enrolled in 1st through 12th grades during the 2021–2022 academic year.</li> <li>In addition, CalkIDS accounts are being given to 1st-graders enrolled during 2022–2023 and subsequent academic years and who are identified as low-income by the Local Control Funding Formula.</li> </ul> <p>Money in the CalkIDS account can be used to pay for qualifying* higher-education expenses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuition and related fees</li> <li>Books and required supplies</li> <li>Computer equipment</li> </ul> <p><i>*Funds used to pay for non-qualifying expenses may be subject to penalties and/or taxes.</i></p>
Benefit Eligibility	<p>Eligible beneficiaries are identified by the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Education. <b>No action or financial commitment is required of families to participate.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning in the 2021–2022 academic year, all 1st through 12th grade students identified by their school district's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) as low-income <b>AND</b> who were enrolled on Fall Academic Census Day 2021 (October 6, 2021) in a California public school will have a CalkIDS account created in their name with an initial seed deposit, as well as the potential for additional financial incentives.</li> <li>Starting in the fall of 2022 and each year following, all eligible low-income public-school first-grade students enrolled on Fall Academic Census Day (the first Wednesday in October) will be identified by LCFF to receive funding from CalkIDS.</li> <li>Eligible students will be automatically enrolled in the program the following spring or early summer.</li> </ul> <p>For questions regarding student eligibility, please confirm with your school or school district that the student was enrolled on Fall Census Day (the first Wednesday in October starting in 2022) in 1st through 12th grades and was identified as low-income—eligible by the Local Control Funding Formula, and that this information was reported to the California Department of Education.</p>

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| <b>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</b> | <p>Enrollment is automatic for eligible school-aged students. However, parents or students will need to register online to access funds in their CalKIDS account. To register, you need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ County of student's school as of Fall Academic Census Day (the first Wednesday in October)</li> <li>▪ Student's date of birth</li> <li>▪ Statewide Student Identifier, which can be obtained by contacting the child's school, <b>OR</b> CalKIDS code found on the notification letter mailed to the student's home</li> </ul> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p>CalKIDS <a href="#">Who is eligible for a CalKIDS account?   CalKIDS</a></p> <p>CalKIDS Pre-Registration Resources (in English and Spanish) <a href="#">Marketing Toolkit   CalKIDS</a></p> <p>CalKIDS Registration <a href="#">Step 2: Register your account   CalKIDS</a></p> |
| <b>Benefit Amount</b>                                      | <p>The following financial incentives are available for all low-income public-school student participants, as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ \$500 automatic deposit in a CalKIDS account for eligible low-income public-school students</li> <li>♦ An additional one-time \$500 deposit in a CalKIDS account for eligible students identified as foster youth</li> <li>♦ An additional one-time \$500 deposit in a CalKIDS account for eligible students identified as homeless</li> </ul> <p>Final seed deposits and financial incentives are subject to change and approval by the ScholarShare Investment Board.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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## Jobs/Workforce Development

Benefit Name	Career Development Intern Program
Benefit Department	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Youth Development Services (YDS)
Benefit Description	Full-time, paid work-experience internship. Youth are assigned to various DCFS offices, typically in an office helper capacity. Twice-monthly, day-long trainings are held to support youth and assist with transition to a permanent employment; 25 youth participate in each cohort.
Benefit Eligibility	ILP-eligible youth (page 7) age 18 through the day before their 26th birthday
Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Apply at <a href="https://hr.lacounty.gov/career-development-internships/">https://hr.lacounty.gov/career-development-internships/</a>.</li> <li>▪ Take the County Career Development Intern Human Resources examination.</li> <li>▪ Receive score based on exam results.</li> <li>▪ Attend interview.</li> <li>▪ Accept placement.</li> </ul>
Length of Benefit	24 months
Benefit Amount	\$2,558.42 per month plus medical and dental benefits for the intern and his or her immediate family, and paid vacation, paid holidays, sick leave, and leave if you lose a loved one

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| Benefit Department                                  | Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>Three levels of services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level I: Work-Based Learning (WBL) includes 20 hours of paid personal enrichment training in a classroom setting that prepares youth with fundamental skills—life skills, financial literacy, career exploration, work ethics, and goal-setting—that are essential for success in the 21st Century workplace. The remaining 140 hours of paid work experience occur at a work site in a public, nonprofit, or private organization that is part of a high-growth, in-demand industry sector. Upon completion of WBL services, each youth is assessed for the need of additional levels of service.</li> <li>Level II: Academic and Career Development. Consists of comprehensive services that place youth firmly on a career path in a high-growth, in-demand industry sector. Each youth receives career planning and an individual plan with goals in education, academics, sector-driven job training, and/or employment. Additional services include, as needed, work experience, paid and unpaid internships, employment readiness workshops, financial literacy training, accelerated basic skills training, on-the-job training, pre-apprenticeships, tutoring, leadership opportunities, mentoring, career development, and entrepreneurial training and supportive services.</li> <li>Level III: Advanced Career Services. Eligible youth ages 18 and older are offered additional, more rigorous career planning and training services, placement in advanced training, and/or attaining and retaining unsubsidized employment along the youth participant's determined career path.</li> </ul> |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Los Angeles County residents (all levels) ages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 to 24 (Level I)</li> <li>16 to 24 (Level II)</li> <li>18 and above (Level III)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Have the right to work in the United States (all levels) <b>AND</b></li> <li>Register for Selective Service if male and at least 17 years of age (Levels II and III)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | Y@W services are available countywide through the America's Job Centers of California, including YouthSource and One Stop Centers. Walk-ins are always welcome. Find contact information for the AJCC nearest you at <a href="#">American Job Center Finder   CareerOneStop</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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## Expectant/Parenting Youth

Benefit Name	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
Benefit Department	Federal grant program administered through the California Department of Public Health   Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services
Benefit Description	The Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infant and Children (WIC) is a federal grant program that provides free food and nutrition education for pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age five who have a low income (up to 185% of the federal poverty level) and are at nutritional risk.
Benefit Eligibility	<p>WIC is for all types of families: married and single parents, working or not working. If you are a father, mother, grandparent, foster parent, or other guardian of a child under five, you can apply for WIC. You can also apply if you are pregnant or had a pregnancy loss within the last six months. To be eligible for WIC, you must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be in one of the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pregnant women</li> <li>Breastfeeding women up to one year after the birth of the baby (postpartum)</li> <li>Non-breastfeeding women up to six months after the birth of the baby</li> <li>Women who have lost a pregnancy within the past six months</li> <li>Infants and children under five years old</li> <li>Foster children under five years old</li> <li>Single fathers, grandparents, and other legal guardians of children age five years or younger may receive benefits for eligible infants/children</li> <li>Families living in the U.S.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Meet the income guidelines in this table: <a href="#">WIC Income Guidelines &amp; Requirements - CA   PHFE WIC</a></li> </ol>
Access to Benefit/ Action Steps to Receiving Benefit	<p>Start the enrollment process by answering a few questions on the <a href="#">Apply for WIC page</a>. A WIC representative will contact you for more information. Some offices are open to the public on a limited basis, but <b>all appointments and benefits are being provided virtually (by phone)</b>. You are asked to have the required paperwork available during your phone appointment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification (example: driver's license, state ID, immunization card, birth certificate, Medi-Cal/Medicaid card, etc.)</li> <li>Proof of address (example: any piece of mail with your name and current address, rent receipt, bill, Medi-Cal/Medicaid card, CalFresh/SNAP letter)</li> <li>Proof of income (example: pay stub, disability/unemployment letter, active Medi-Cal/Medicaid card, CalFresh/SNAP letter)</li> <li>WIC referral form completed by health care provider or doctor, if available</li> </ul> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b>      <a href="#">Apply for WIC Online - Sign Up Here   PHFE WIC</a></p>
Length of Benefit	WIC is a short-term program. Therefore, a participant will "graduate" at the end of one or more certification periods. A certification period is the length of time a WIC participant is eligible to receive benefits. Depending on whether the individual is pregnant, postpartum, breastfeeding, an infant, or a child, eligible individuals usually receive WIC benefits from six months to a year, at which time they must reapply.
Benefit Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$24 each month for children ages 1–4</li> <li>\$43 each month for pregnant and postpartum participants</li> <li>\$47 each month for breastfeeding and chestfeeding postpartum participants</li> </ul>

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| Benefit Name                                        | CalKIDS for Newborns                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Benefit Department                                  | State of California ScholarShare Investment Board                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Benefit Description                                 | <p>The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS) was created by the State of California to help more children have an opportunity to save for higher education. A children's savings account program administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board (a California agency chaired by the State Treasurer), CalKIDS provides each child born in California with up to \$1,500 in a CalKIDS account to help jumpstart their savings for higher education and career training.</p> <p>Money in the CalKIDS account can be used to pay for qualifying* higher-education expenses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Tuition and related fees</li> <li>♦ Books and required supplies</li> <li>♦ Computer equipment</li> </ul> <p><i>*Funds used to pay for non-qualifying expenses may be subject to penalties and/or taxes.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Eligible newborn beneficiaries are identified by the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Education. <b>No action or financial commitment is required of families to participate.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CalKIDS receives information on newborns approximately 90 days after a birth is registered with the California Department of Public Health.</li> <li>▪ All California newborns born on or after July 1, 2022, regardless of parental income, are eligible for the program.</li> <li>▪ The initial deposit going to babies born after July 1, 2023, is \$100.</li> <li>▪ Babies born between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, have been or will be awarded \$25 as an initial deposit.</li> </ul> <p>For questions regarding newborn eligibility, please confirm with your local birth registrar that your child's birth on or after July 1, 2022, has been registered with the California Department of Public Health.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p>For births occurring in Los Angeles County, request a birth record from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at <a href="https://www.lavote.gov">Online Request (lavote.gov)</a>.</p> <p>If the birth occurred outside of Los Angeles County or California, go to <a href="https://www.lavote.gov">Out Of LA County Birth (lavote.gov)</a>.</p> |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>Enrollment is automatic for eligible newborns. However, parents must register online to access funds in their CalKIDS account. To register, you need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child's county of birth</li> <li>▪ Child's date of birth</li> <li>▪ Local Registration Number found on birth certificate <b>OR</b> use the CalKIDS code from the notification letter mailed to parent's home</li> </ul> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p>CalKIDS <a href="#">Who is eligible for a CalKIDS account?   CalKIDS</a></p> <p>CalKIDS Pre-Registration Resources (in English and Spanish) <a href="#">Marketing Toolkit   CalKIDS</a></p> <p>CalKIDS Registration <a href="#">Step 2: Register your account   CalKIDS</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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## Taxes

| Benefit Name                                        | California Foster Youth Tax Credit (FYTC)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Benefit Department                                  | California Franchise Tax Board (FTB)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Benefit Description                                 | The California Foster Youth Tax Credit (FYTC) provides up to \$1,117 per eligible individual.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Benefit Eligibility                                 | <p>Must <b>meet</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Were in California foster care on or after the age of 13, either through DCFS or the Probation Department</li> <li>▪ Are age 18 through the day before your 26th birthday as of December 31, 2023</li> <li>▪ Earned between \$1 and \$30,931 from any work in 2023</li> <li>▪ Lived in California for more than half of 2023</li> <li>▪ Have a Social Security Number or Individual Tax Identification Number</li> </ul> <p>When you file your 2023 California state tax return, include an FTB 3514 form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Check 'Yes,' you were in care on or after age 13.</li> <li>♦ Check 'Yes' on line 33 of the 3514 form. This indicates that you consent to the <a href="#">California Department of Social Services (CDSS)</a> attempting to verify your foster-youth status using a statewide database.</li> <li>♦ Once you check the line-33 box, you may also—but do not have to—provide proof of your time in foster care by uploading a verification letter or ward-of-the-court letter.</li> </ul> <p>If you <b>do not have proof</b>, be sure you check the line 33 'Yes' box that gives the FTB permission to confirm your eligibility via the CDSS database.</p> <p>If for some reason your foster-care status cannot be verified, you will receive a letter in the mail from the FTB requesting proof. See <i>Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit</i> below.</p> |
| Access to Benefit/Action Steps to Receiving Benefit | <p>To request a verification letter to submit to the Franchise Tax Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If you are 18, 19, or 20, contact your case manager, Independent Living Program, <a href="mailto:pair@dss.ca.gov">pair@dss.ca.gov</a></li> <li>▪ If you are 21 through the day before your 26th birthday, contact the Office of the Foster Care Ombudsperson at (877) 846-1602 or at <a href="mailto:fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov">fosteryouthhelp@dss.ca.gov</a>.</li> </ul> <p>For questions on your status as a foster youth at or after age 13, contact the California Department of Social Services by phone at (916) 651-8848, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HELPFUL LINKS</b></p> <p><b>State of California Franchise Tax Board</b><br/> <a href="#">Foster Youth Tax Credit   FTB.ca.gov</a></p> <p><b>John Burton Advocates for Youth: California Foster Youth Tax Credit and how do you get it?</b><br/> <a href="#">California Foster Youth Tax Credit: What is it and how do you get it?   JBAY</a></p> <p><b>John Burton Advocates for Youth: Tax Filing Guide for Transition Age Foster Youth</b><br/> <a href="#">TAY-Tax-Guide-for-2023-Tax-Season-2.pdf (jbay.org)</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Benefit Amount                                      | Varies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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