



CALIFORNIA **YOUTH** CONNECTION
Our Voices. Our Future

PROJECT FOSTER YOUTH 2016 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CALIFORNIA FOSTER YOUTH

Project Foster Youth College Scholarships are **unrestricted \$600.00 grants paid directly to foster youth** to use for whatever they need to pursue their college studies. The scholarships are made possible by donors from all over California and beyond who recognize the resilience, hard work, and worthy goals of foster youth like you who seek to obtain a college education.

For the past several years, CYC has been proud to partner with Project Foster Youth to offer the scholarships. Project Foster Youth, led by longtime CYC supporter Jane Winer, reviews all applications and makes decisions about the awards. CYC serves as the fiscal agent for the program, collecting donations and distributing the scholarships to youth.

ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible to apply for a Project Foster Youth Scholarship if you:

1. Are a current or former foster youth from California who was in court-ordered foster care on or at any point after age 13.
2. Are currently enrolled or have been accepted and plan to enroll in college or university during 2016.
3. There is no age limit or minimum grade point average.

Project Foster Youth also values the commitment of youth who have chosen, through volunteering, advocacy, jobs, internships, or other activities, to provide service to the community, including the foster community. This includes, but is not limited to, membership and participation in CYC.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 1, 2016.

Scholarship recipients will be notified on or about May 1, 2016.

Any QUESTIONS? Need HELP with the application?

Please feel free to contact:

Project Foster Youth (Jane):

Phone: 510-516-6544

Email: ProjectFosterYouth@gmail.com

California Youth Connection (Darryn):

Phone: 415-857-9883

Email: darryn@calyouthconn.org

APPLICATION

There are four steps to the application process. **Please read this entire application and complete the first three steps before you submit your application in step four.**

Step 1: *Please fill out the information in the table and answer the essay questions by typing or legible handwriting.*

<i>Name</i>	
<i>Street address (Apt)</i>	
<i>City, state, zip code</i>	
<i>Email</i>	
<i>Telephone No.</i>	
<i>Current school and year in school</i>	
<i>Are you enrolled in college? [yes or no]</i>	
<i>If not currently enrolled, what school will you attend and when?</i>	
<i>What is your major, or what major will you choose?</i>	
<i>How do you think you will use this scholarship money?</i>	

Essays: Note: There is **no minimum** word requirement. For those filling out by hand, use a separate page, if necessary.

1. *Please tell us about yourself. For example, you might write a brief autobiography that includes your current circumstances and goals in life. If you have been involved in a foster youth or other community or volunteer organization, please tell us about that, too.*

2. *If there is anything else you would like to tell us, please tell us here:*

Step Two: *Please obtain the following document or documents.*

<i>1. An unofficial copy of your most recent school transcript. Place an X in the box when you have obtained it.</i>	
<i>2. If you are not currently enrolled in college, provide a copy of your admissions letter, and place an X in the box when you have obtained it.</i>	

Step Three: Note: Your answers to the questions in this step will not affect your chances of being awarded a scholarship.

Please place an X in the blank space if you are willing to:

____ 1. *Write a letter to one of the people who donated money for these scholarships. (We will provide letter-writing guidance.)*

____ 2. *Allow Project Foster Youth to share some of your story, without revealing your name or identifying information, to help us raise scholarship money in the future.*

____ 3. *Share with us in the future, if we ask, how this scholarship helped you reach your college goals.*

Step Four: *Submit the completed application form along with your transcript and, if applicable, your admissions letter.*

1. By email to ProjectFosterYouth@gmail.com (attach a scan of your transcript and, if applicable, your admissions letter in addition to this application)

2. By mail to:

Jane Winer, Project Foster Youth
4536 Alta Canyada Road
La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011

Please submit ALL completed applications to Project Foster Youth (do not submit them to CYC).

REMINDERS

Applications, including all required attachments, must be emailed or postmarked by **April 1, 2016**.

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Thank you for filling out this application, and GOOD LUCK!