



Youth Education Support Newsletter

"Promoting Academic Success"



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Please Email your feedback, questions or stories to: youth.education.support@dcfs.lacounty.gov
Also visit us on LA Kids' Youth Education Support website. We look forward to hearing from you!!



Financial Aid Workshops

Youth interested in college, must start applying for Federal/State Student Aid, via the Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). DCFS youth in open cases, Kin-Gapped cases, and Probation placements, receive the maximum in assistance, by properly completing the form. Youth can complete the application by going online at: www.FAFSA.ed.gov. When applying for Federal Aid, they will first need to obtain a personalized "PIN" (Personalized Identification Number), which will be used to access the FAFSA, and sign the document electronically. They can obtain the PIN at www.pin.ed.gov. Ideally, the FAFSA should be submitted by March 2nd which is the on-time date for most Colleges and Schools in California.

We strongly suggest that your youth attend one of the FREE financial aid workshops, listed on the Youth Education Support (YES) website, located on the LAKids Home Page. Or, you may request this list, by emailing the Education and Mentoring Section, at Youth.Education.Support@dcfs.lacounty.gov.

If the youth is a high school senior, graduate, or 17 to 20 years of age, and interested in obtaining financial assistance for college tuition, books and housing, then the Financial Aid Workshops will ensure that the youth:

- Learns how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Finds out about their eligibility for additional Financial Aid
- Obtains information about scholarships, graduation expense awards, and commemoration events
- Receives step-by-step assistance through personalized help at a Financial Aid Workshop near them.



Announcing Great Academic Opportunities!!!

Foster Youth Services' (FYS) FREE in-home tutoring is back up and accepting applications. Their program services DCFS and Probation youth, ages 4-21, living in foster or group homes. The youth can receive up to 40 hours of tutoring. Also, if the youth moves in the middle of their tutoring, the youth will remain eligible to continue the services in the new placement. Each child is pre- and post-tested, which provides for an overview of how much the child has learned.

Youth Development Services (YDS) has immediate openings for 14 & 15 year olds in out-of-home placement, to receive up to 50 hours of tutoring. The youth must not have passed the CAHSEE exam, and can not be more than 4 years behind, academically. The program completes an Academic Assessment for these youth, and any youth 14-21 years old. Applications are submitted to your regional office YDS Transitional Coordinator, or Community Worker.

United Friends of the Children is accepting applications for DCFS youth, ages 11-15, who are interested in college. The youth does not have to be excelling academically in school, but must, at least, possess an interest in college. The program follows the youth throughout middle and high school, providing academic mentoring, workshops and tutoring.

For FREE Tutoring, offered by community agencies in your children's neighborhoods, go to the LAKids Home Page, and on the left-hand side, click on Youth Education Support; Select "Free Tutoring," and you will find programs that offer academic mentoring, basic tutoring, GED preparation and testing, CAHSEE preparation, College Bound programs, and afterschool local sites. This site is updated regularly, so please, visit the site today.

Flyers and applications for the above programs are available on LAKids' Home Page, as well as the Youth Education Support website. FFAs, Foster Parents and Group Home providers, can download the application from the DCFS public website, at <http://lacdcfs.org>.

