

We believe that the way to have a deep and lasting impact in the lives of foster youth is to be with them over the long haul. Refer your youth to this free **College Sponsorship Program** and give them a head start on the path to success.



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Preparing Foster Youth for a Future That Works

ELIGIBILITY

- Current/former Los Angeles County foster youth who are ILP eligible, including those participating in Kin-GAP.
- Seniors with a cumulative 2.8 GPA or above and plans to attend a four-year college or university in Fall 2017.
- Students who are committed to fulfilling their educational goals.

REFERRAL PROCESS

1. Please complete the referral form located on our website:
 - <https://www.unitedfriends.org/youth-resources/>
 - Submit the completed referral form via email to carolina@unitedfriends.org or fax the completed form to 213.580.1820, Attention: College Sponsorship Referral
2. Upon receiving a referral, UFC will follow up directly with youth.
3. If eligibility is met the **Scholarship Application will be emailed.**
4. Applications are due February 3, 2017. For more information, please contact Carolina Diaz at 213.975.1406 or carolina@unitedfriends.org.
5. Applicants must attend:
 - An in-person interview on **March 25 or April 1, 2017**
 - If selected, an orientation session on **June 16 or August 12, 2017**

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UNITED FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN MISSION STATEMENT

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

COLLEGE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

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

Eligibility Requirements:

- Los Angeles County foster or probation youth in 12th grade or under age 24 and preparing to transfer from community college
- ILP-eligible, including Kin-Gap, legal guardianship, or adoptive placements
- Must have a 2.8 GPA or above and enroll in a 4-year college or university for the fall
- Demonstrated commitment to educational goals

Academic Monitoring and Support

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

Career Planning

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

Financial Assistance

United Friends of the Children can offer financial assistance to help cover school-related expenses.

Personal Touch

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

Post-Graduate Planning

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

Study Abroad Assistance

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

For more information please contact Carolina Diaz, Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator at:
213.975.1406 or carolina@unitedfriends.org.



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UFC College Sponsorship Referral Form

Completed applications are due by February 3, 2017. Please submit the referral with enough time for your youth to complete the application by the deadline. Upon receipt of referral, the youth will be contacted directly with application instructions. **NOTE: Students may refer themselves.**

Fax Number: 213.580.1820

Email: Carolina@unitedfriends.org

STUDENT INFORMATION:

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

STUDENT'S EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: HOME: _____ CELL: _____

OTHER: _____ Preferred #: HOME CELL OTHER

BIRTHDATE: _____ CUMULATIVE GPA (9TH—12TH): _____

CURRENT SCHOOL: _____

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (must meet all):

- This student has/had an open case with the Los Angeles County foster care system (including kingap) **and** is ILP eligible.
- The student is planning to attend a 4-year university beginning Fall 2017.
- The student is currently earning a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.

REFERRAL PARTY INFORMATION: Please check the box to indicate referral party (if youth is making the referral please add name in OTHER) and provide the requested contact information.

CAREGIVER NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SOCIAL WORKER NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

YDS/ILP COORDINATOR NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

OTHER (please explain relationship to the youth): _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Thank you for your referral to United Friends of the Children's College Sponsorship Program.