

WANT TO EARN YOUR
**BACHELOR'S
DEGREE?**



JOIN THE **UNITED FRIENDS**
SCHOLARS PROGRAM

WHY APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM?

United Friends
partners with LA
County current
and former foster
youth attending
**COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**
to support your
Bachelor's Degree
attainment.



ENGAGE in one-on-one
relationships with counselors.



GROW through career
development & enrichment.



PERSIST with financial support
during unforeseen life
emergencies.



CONNECT with an encouraging
community of people who care.



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**APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!**



UNITED FRIENDS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

United Friends offers an 11-year education support continuum that follows LA County foster youth from the seventh grade through the completion of a Bachelor's Degree. Starting as early as the 7th grade and following students through college graduation, we provide academic preparation and other forms of support to and through college. Activities include college counseling, workshops, college tours, enrichment and social activities, academic preparation, as well as emergency and enrichment grants.

PROGRAM SERVICES

- Long-term relationships** – to surround you with a community of people who care about you and your future.
- Workshops** – to build your college readiness skills and build relationships with your peers.
- College tours** – to help you figure out what you want in a college and what you need to do to get there.
- Enrichment financial grants** – to expand your world through hands on experiences.
- Academic and test preparation** – to give you the tools you need to find success in school.
- College and financial aid application support** – to help you navigate your way through application season with less stress and increase your chances of college acceptance and more financial support.
- Career exploration and development** – to align your interests, strengths, and desires with career path.
- Persistence grants** – to help through the hard times that inevitably arise.

WHEN AND HOW TO JOIN

The Scholars Program accepts new students throughout their educational journey. Potential new scholars must join at one of three entry points into the program.



CURRENT 7TH OR 8TH GRADERS

applicants must:

- Be a LA County foster youth with an open case (including reunification and family maintenance) or those in Kinship or Legal Guardianship placements;
- Not exhibit extreme violent behavior or be in all-day special education classes without plans to transition to general education.



RISING 11TH GRADERS

applicants must:

- Be a LA County foster youth with an open case (including reunification and family maintenance) or those in Kinship or Legal Guardianship placements;
- Apply as soon as possible. There are only a few spots left.



CURRENT COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

- applicants must:

- Be a current or former Los Angeles County foster youth who is/was ILP eligible and under the age of 24 years old (including Kin-GAP, ILP eligible legal guardianship, or ILP eligible adoption);
- Be a current community college student connected to an on-campus support program;
- Plan to transfer to a non-profit Bachelor's Degree Granting Institution within the next two years.
- Apply as soon as possible. There are only a few spots left.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT CAROL LARKIN
at 213-580-1850 or CLARKIN@UNITEDFRIENDS.ORG.**



UNITED FRIENDS *of the* CHILDREN

Scholars Program Community College Application

Congratulations! You have been identified as an outstanding candidate for the **Scholars Program!**

What is United Friends of the Children?

United Friends 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. The United Friends team is committed to ensuring that current and former foster youth have access to high quality education and the opportunity to pursue their academic goals at bachelor's degree granting institutions.

Why join the Scholars Program?

United Friends scholars receive **academic and personal support** through interactive relationships with staff and fellow scholars. In addition, the program offers:

- One-on-one support from a college counselor
- College matching and application support
- Fun bonding events and activities
- Career discovery and development
- Persistence grants to assist with unforeseen financial emergencies
- Post-graduation planning assistance

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered, you must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a current or former Los Angeles County foster youth who is/was ILP eligible and under the age of 24 years old (including Kin-GAP, ILP eligible legal guardianship, or ILP eligible adoption);
- Attend a community college in Los Angeles and participate in an on-campus support program (i.e., EOP&S, CAFYES, etc.)
- Be on track to attend a non-profit, Bachelor's Degree Granting Institution full-time within the next two years.
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To apply, please submit a completed application by the extended **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. We look forward to learning more about you and welcoming you into this prestigious group of scholars. If you have any questions about the Scholars Program, or the application

process, please feel free to call Carol Larkin at 213.975.1386 or email clarkin@unitedfriends.org.



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPLICATION

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To be considered, please complete the enclosed application and return with the following materials to United Friends **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**:

- Copy of current college transcript including cumulative GPA (official or unofficial)
- Two short answer responses
- Recommendation form *OPTIONAL*

PLEASE NOTE: INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

SEND APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

MAIL:

United Friends of the Children
Attn: Carol Larkin
1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1955
Los Angeles, CA 90017

EMAIL: clarkin@unitedfriends.org

FAX: 213-580-1820

NEXT STEPS:

Applicants will receive an email confirming we've received your application materials.

Applicants invited to participate in Round Two of the selection process will be required to attend an **in-person Info & Interview Day**.

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BASIC INFORMATION

Please complete the enclosed application and return it to United Friends AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Feel free to attach additional paper if you require more space.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: HOME: _____ CELL: _____

OTHER: _____ Preferred #: HOME CELL OTHER

BIRTHDATE: _____ AGE: _____ ETHNICITY: _____ GENDER: _____

NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDED: _____ NUMBER OF COLLEGES ATTENDED: _____

CURRENT COLLEGE: _____ EXPECTED TRANSFER DATE: _____

DATE WHEN YOU ENTERED CARE: Month: _____ Year: _____ Age at time: _____

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PLACEMENT CHANGES SINCE ENTERING CARE: _____

Are you still ILP eligible? Yes No ILP COORDINATOR: _____

Are/were you participating in Extended Foster Care? Yes No

SOCIAL WORKER: _____ PHONE: _____

_____ EMAIL: _____

ADDITIONAL CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES + WORK HISTORY

List any extracurricular activities (inside or outside of school) in which you have participated (i.e., sports, clubs, band, volunteer groups, student government, church, caring for family members):

Name of Club or Organization	Title and Role	Years of Involvement						Hours/Week	Weeks/Year
		12th	CC1	CC2	CC3	CC4	Total # of years		

Please list the campus programs you engage with (e.g., EOPS, Guardian Scholars, Honors, CAFYES, etc.)

Please list your work history below:

Company	Position	Dates of Employment	Average # hours/week

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SHORT ANSWERS

On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to at least two of the questions below. Note: Each answer should be about 150 words in length.

- Why would you like to attain your Bachelor's Degree? Are there any particular circumstances, school experiences, or persons that influenced your preparation or motivation to attend college? (e.g., cultural/financial background, family, teachers, and schools you attended)? Please explain.
- Describe an accomplishment you are most proud of. How does that accomplishment define you?
- Describe a role model or public figure that has been a source of inspiration in your life and explain how that person(s) has motivated you in your efforts.
- If you could go back in time and give a younger version of yourself advice, what advice would you give yourself? Why?



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UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Please attach a copy of your current unofficial college transcript.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____, understand that all future communication relating to my application will be conducted via email. It is my responsibility to provide a current email address that I will check on a weekly basis, or more frequently, so as to remain current with the application process. If I move or change contact information, I must immediately notify United Friends with my updated contact information (phone number and email address). I understand that, if selected for second round consideration, I must attend one of the Info and Interview Days in order to remain in good standing with my application.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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RECOMMENDATION FORM

Note: This section is optional and can be filled out by a professor, counselor, social worker, mentor, etc.

To the Recommender:

Thank you for taking the time to provide your thoughts on the students applying for the Scholars Program of United Friends of the Children. This program is committed to ensuring that current and former foster youth have access to high quality education and the opportunity to pursue their academic goals at a Bachelor's Degree Granting Institution or at a community college. Your candid insight will help us ensure our program is a good fit this student. Your time and effort are appreciated.

Name of student you are recommending: _____

Recommender's Name *Relationship to Student*

School/Organization and Title *Phone Number* *Email*

I recommend this student to join the Scholars Program...	Not Recommended	Recommended with Reservations	Enthusiastically Recommended
For academic potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For character and personal promise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For ability to work well with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please answer the following questions:

1. Why do you believe this student is a good candidate for the Scholars Program? What behaviors has this student demonstrated to you that show he/she will benefit from this opportunity?

2. Describe any long term goals or aspirations that this student has expressed to you.

3. Please describe any additional comments/concerns.

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