

FOSTER YOUTH TUITION WAIVER FOR CURRENT AND FORMER FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS

(FAQ will be distributed to students)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Is there a deadline to apply for the tuition waiver?

No, however, it is important for the student to submit the tuition fee waiver application and supporting documents during the academic term and as soon as possible because he or she is responsible for their tuition and fees until the waiver is processed and approved.

What determines if I am eligible for the tuition waiver?

The student must:

1. Must be age 25 or younger by the first day of the academic year;
2. Have been in foster care for at least 12 consecutive months after reaching 10 years of age; and,
3. Meet any of the following:
 - You are under a current foster care placement order by the juvenile court;
 - You were under a foster care placement order from juvenile court upon reaching 18 years of age; or,
 - You were adopted, or entered guardianship, from foster care.

If I was in guardianship, custody, or adopted in another state, would I still be eligible?

Yes, if the student meets the residency requirements for the California State University system, he or she is eligible. Please refer to the California State University Residency website: www.calstate.edu/residency

What costs are covered with the tuition waiver?

The tuition fee waiver only applies to the systemwide mandatory tuition fee (only state funded courses will be covered) and application fees. The application fee waiver may apply to a maximum of four (4) CSU campuses per application term and it is not transferrable to a future or past application term. It does not apply to campus based mandatory fees. The waiver does not cover campus fees, housing, books, transportation, or other costs of attendance.

If I receive a waiver, must I reapply each year or is it automatically renewed?

Yes, as a requirement, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA). In addition, the student must maintain the minimum GPA consistent with their academic program requirements for graduation and remain in good academic standing.

If I fail to submit the FASFA, am I still eligible?

No, failure to complete and submit the FASFA will result in an incomplete tuition fee waiver application and will prevent the student's eligibility for a tuition fee waiver. It is highly suggested to submit the FASFA by the March 2nd priority deadline. If you miss the deadline, it will still be accepted until the last day of the term. However, you will be responsible for the tuition fees until the waiver is processed and approved.

How many awards may I receive?

The maximum number of awards is four (4) annual waivers; the annual waivers can be applied in non-consecutive years.

If I receive a tuition waiver, will it be in addition to the financial aid I have already received?

No, the amount of the waiver may be reduced by any state or federal aid, including scholarships or grants, received by the student for the academic year or semester/quarter.

Are my summer courses covered with the tuition waiver?

The tuition fee waiver will only cover the student's tuition fee if the campus is offering state supported courses. If you plan to enroll in continuing and extended education self-supporting courses, the tuition fee waiver will not cover the tuition fee.

When does the count begin towards the tuition on waiver?

The first term enrolled will count towards the 4 year maximum.

If I am a graduate student, do I qualify?

No, only undergraduate students qualify for the tuition fee waiver.

If I am a transfer student, do I qualify?

Yes, a transfer student qualifies as long as he or she is age 25 or younger by the first day of the academic year and meets the other requirements listed above.

If I am 21 years of age and still under foster care, can I receive the tuition waiver?

Yes, as long as the student meets the eligibility requirements.

If I qualify for the AB 540 tuition exemption, will I qualify for the tuition waiver?

No, students who are classified as AB 540 are considered nonresidents. In order to qualify for this waiver, you must be a California resident for tuition purposes.

Does my Chafee grant affect the tuition waiver?

Yes, the foster youth tuition waiver will be a component of the financial aid process.

The foster youth waiver shall be applied after the other sources of financial aid including the Chafee grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Cal Grant, Pell, scholarships and loans are discounted by the amount the student receives.

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

Information about the tuition waiver is located at www.calstate.edu/fosteryouth. For additional resources and information, please contact your campus Financial Aid Office, campus foster youth programs, and Office of the Registrars. For any additional questions, please contact Dr. Ana Aguayo-Bryant at aaguayo@calstate.edu

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RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Instructions: Students seeking this tuition waiver must complete and return the tuition waiver with supporting documents to Registrar's Office. All fields must be completed or form will be returned to you unprocessed.

Avoid entering personal information on public computers and/or public wireless access points.

Term: Fall Winter Spring Summer Year _____ Campus _____

Undergraduate Major _____ Date FAFSA Submitted ____/____/____
Month Day Year

Have you previously applied and received the CSU Foster Youth Tuition Waiver? Yes No If Yes, when _____

(if you have submitted supporting documents in a previous year, supporting documents may not be required)

PART A: STUDENT'S INFORMATION

Name _____ Student ID No. _____
Last Name First Middle

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Birthdate ____/____/____
Month Day Year

Permanent Address:

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

PART B: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Check to confirm that the following applies to you and provide the requested information:

I am younger than 25 years of age by first the day of instruction; and

I have been in foster care for at least 12 consecutive months after reaching 10 years of age.

All applications must also meet at least one of the following requirements:

Is under a current foster care placement order by the juvenile court

Was under a foster care placement order by the juvenile court upon reaching 18 years of age

Was adopted, or entered guardianship, from foster care.

REQUIRED: Please provide the following information: (a) a copy of a juvenile dependency court document indicating foster care in child welfare system or adoption/guardianship from foster care; or (b) documentation from county social services confirming you were under the care of the Department of Social Services.

DECLARATION OF TRUE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION:

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury that the information I provided on this form is true and accurate. I understand that this information will be used to determine eligibility for the Foster Youth Tuition Waiver.

FULL NAME	STUDENT ID NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
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SIGNATURE	DATE
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Form Processed By: _____ Date _____ Approved Denied