

CSU FOSTER YOUTH TUITION WAIVER FOR CURRENT AND FORMER FOSTER YOUTH RECIPIENTS

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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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FOR CSU CAMPUS USE ONLY

Form Processed By: _____ Date _____ Approved Denied

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAMPUS STAFF

OVERVIEW OF TUITION WAIVER

The California State University (CSU) Foster Youth Tuition Waiver is available for current and former foster care youth who are enrolled at a California State University campus in an undergraduate program. The foster youth tuition waiver originated with the passage of [Senate Bill 967](#) (as amended by [Education Code § 60025.3](#)) in 2018 and it is intended to address the gap in postsecondary education attainment between foster care and other young adults. The bill was further amended in 2019.

The purpose of CSU Foster Youth Tuition Waiver is to provide increased access for current and former foster youth to higher education by providing a tuition waiver.

- The Foster Youth Tuition Waiver is open to qualified current and former foster youth enrolled as undergraduate students.
- Students are exempt from paying the systemwide tuition (only covers state supported courses) fee at any CSU campus.
- The tuition fee waiver only applies to the systemwide mandatory [tuition fee](#) and [application fee](#). It does not apply to campus based mandatory fees. The waiver does not include campus fees, housing, books, and transportation or other costs of attendance.
- 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.
- The maximum time allowed is 4 years (consecutive and non-consecutive).
- Students are eligible to receive the Foster Youth Tuition Waiver for the following terms:
 - Fall
 - Winter
 - Spring
 - Summer (The waiver will apply ONLY if the campus is offering state supported summer enrollment. The tuition waiver will not cover the tuition for Continuing and Extended Education self-support courses.)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Students who have been in foster care for at least 12 consecutive months after reaching 10 years of age must meet any of the following:

- Is under a current foster care placement order from juvenile court
- Was under a foster care placement order from juvenile court upon reaching 18 years of age
- Was adopted, or entered guardianship, from foster care
- Must be 25 of age or younger by the first day of the academic year

In addition to the above, a student must fulfill all of the following:

- Be a [California resident](#)
- Must maintain minimum grade point average (academic standards by campus)
- Must be in academic [good standing](#) with the university
- Must be enrolled in an undergraduate program (all majors are eligible)
- Must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually
- Must meet the financial need requirements established for Cal Grant A

PROCEDURES FOR CAMPUS STAFF (YEAR 1)

METHODS OF DISSEMINATION

Methods of dissemination include:

- Disseminate information on CSU Systemwide websites , Foster Youth Resources, Residency, Educational Opportunity Program, Financial Aid, and CalState Apply websites
- Create electronic materials
- Host a webinar to different campus departments (Outreach, Admissions and Enrollment, EOP, Foster Youth Programs, Financial Aid)

ROLE OF THE FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAMS

The campus foster youth program will serve as the liaison department that will assist students by clarifying the eligibility requirements and provide support to the campus registrar office (i.e., verify documents).

Coding (Step 2)

- If student meets foster youth requirements (confirmed), set as student group or other coding to indicate status.

Notify Financial Aid (Step 3)

Once students meet ALL requirements, the Registrar's Office will notify financial aid of students ready for review.

Students who are Missing Information/Does not meet Criteria

For students who do not qualify for the waiver or are missing information:

- For students who are not enrolled or have not met the criteria listed above, send an email to the student communicating that their tuition waiver has been denied and list the reason(s) for denial.
- For students missing information, send an email requesting the missing documents.

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE (PHASE 2)

Students must meet the FASFA requirement for the current academic year in order to qualify for the Foster Youth Waiver. The Financial Aid Office is responsible for Steps 1-2 (Verify Eligibility for Financial Aid and Notifications). Each step is described below:

Verify Eligibility for Financial Aid (Step 1)

The Financial Aid Office will determine financial eligibility.

- Financial aid reviews for Cal Grant A need
- Financial aid reviews for other aid that may reduce waiver
- If student qualifies, student is notified through their financial aid award notification that they have been awarded the Foster Youth Waiver.

Notifications (Step 2)

- If student does not qualify for financial aid, the Financial Aid Office will notify the Registrar Office that student does not qualify. Registrar Office will notify student.
- If the student does meet criteria, Financial Aid will notify Student Accounts and Registrar Office.

OFFICE OF THE STUDENT ACCOUNT SERVICES (PHASE 3)

The Office of Student Account Services is responsible to process waiver.

Notifications (Step 1)

- For each student whose waiver request is successfully processed, send an email to Office of Financial Aid and Registrar's Office confirming that their request is processed.

Coding (Step 2)

- If student meets foster youth waiver requirements (confirmed), the Office of Student Account Services will set as student group or other coding to indicate status.

PROCEDURES FOR CAMPUS STAFF (YEARS 2-4)

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR (PHASE 1)

The Registrar Office will be responsible for monitoring ongoing eligibility. Student is not required to submit an application or any additional documents for years 2 through 4 if they have not broken enrollment.

The Registrar Office will monitor the student every term to ensure that they are still in good standing with the university. Registrar Office will verify the following:

- Confirm that the student is enrolled in an undergraduate program
- Must be age 25 or younger by the first day of the academic year
- Must maintain good Student Conduct standards by campus
- Student must remain in good academic standing by campus
- Must be coded as a California resident for tuition purposes

Once students meet ALL requirements, the Registrar Office will notify financial aid of students ready for review. For Students who do not meet the criteria for the waiver:

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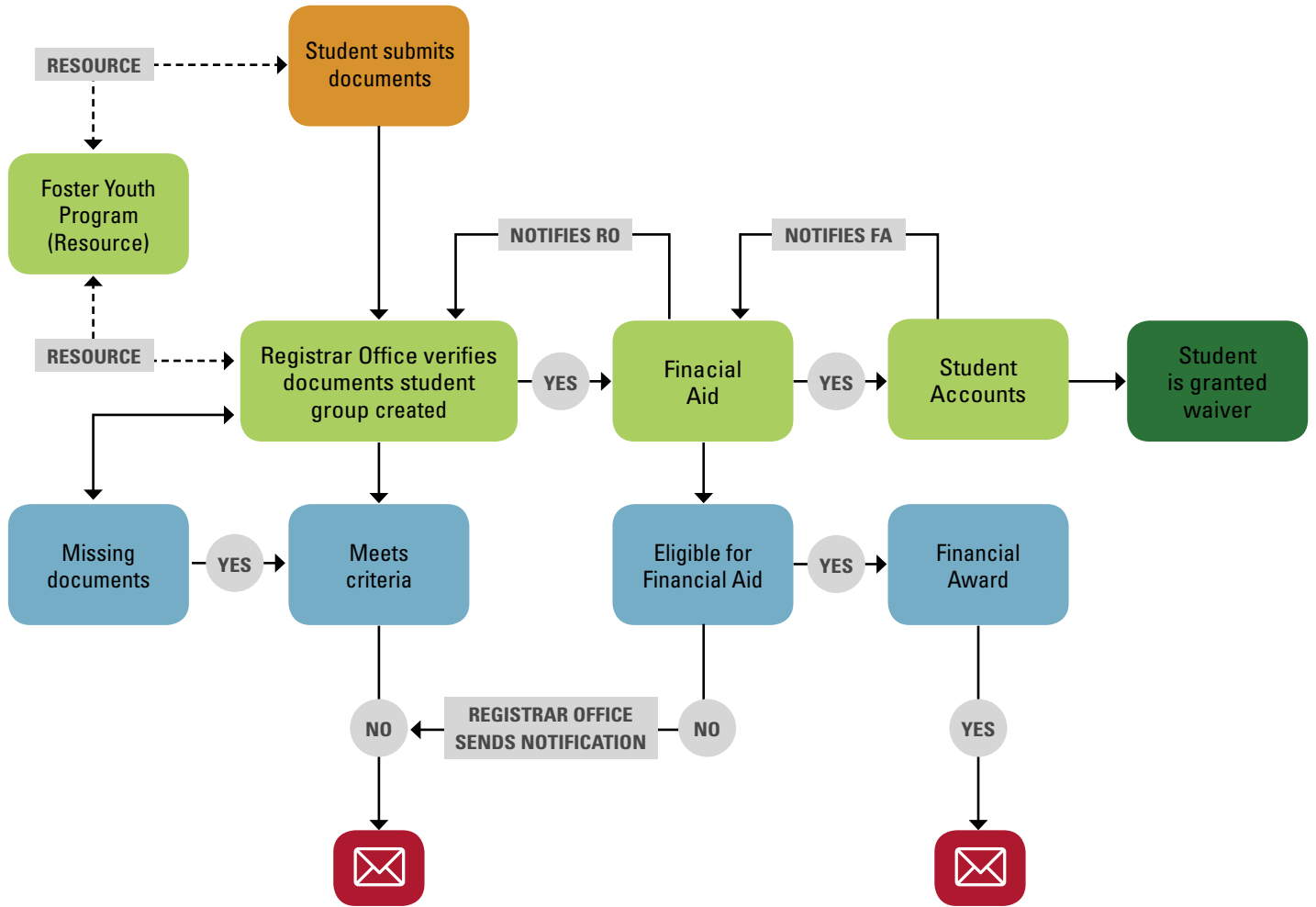
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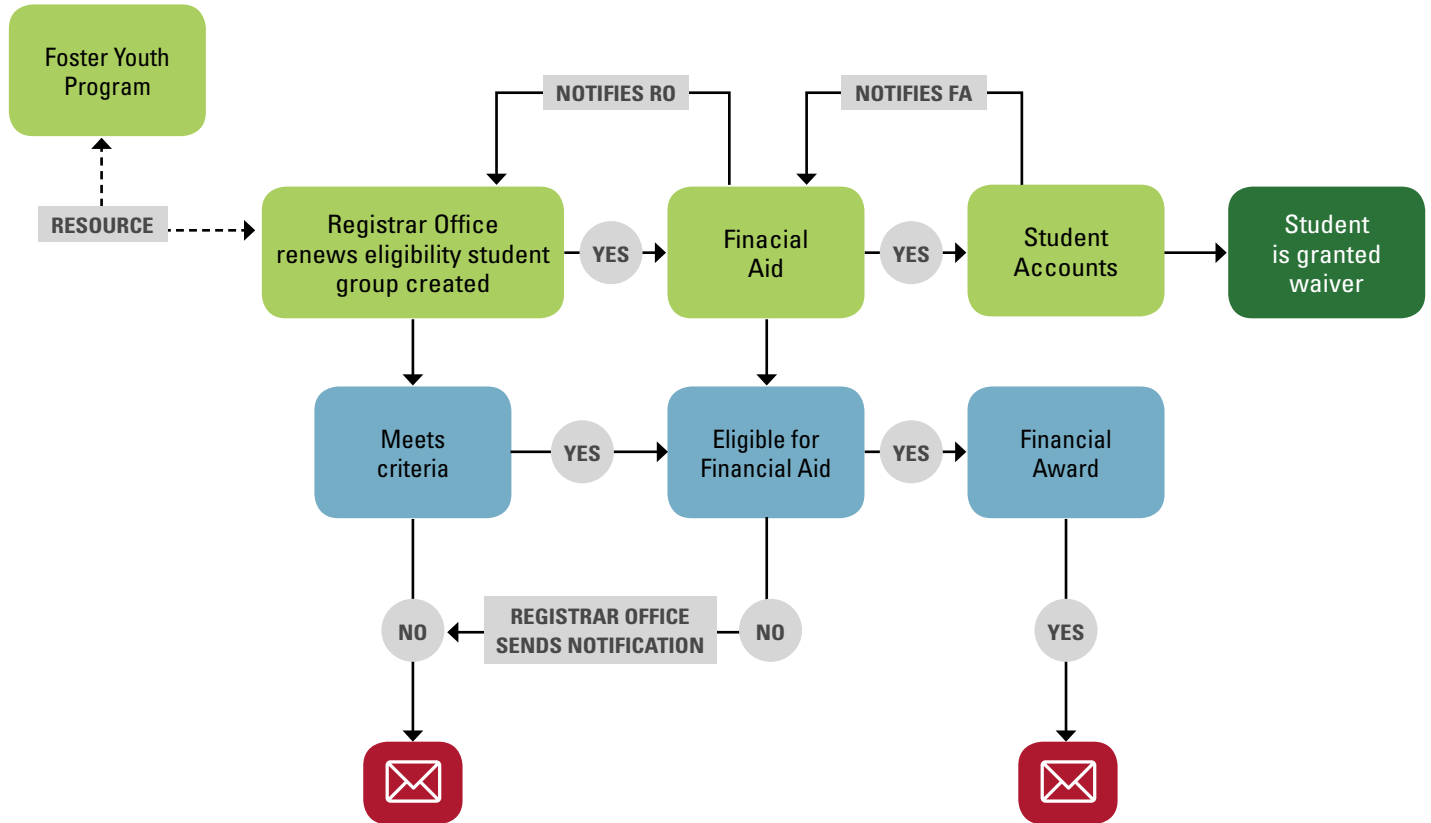
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FOSTER YOUTH TUITION WAIVER YEAR 1



FOSTER YOUTH TUITION WAIVER YEARS 2-4



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(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