

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.



**UNITED FRIENDS** of the **CHILDREN**  
*Preparing Foster Youth for a Future That Works*

## ELIGIBILITY

- Current or former Los Angeles County foster youth who are/were ILP eligible and are 23 years-old or younger, including those participating in Kin-Gap
- Community college students with a cumulative 2.8 GPA or above and plans to transfer to a four-year university in Fall 2017
- Students who are committed to fulfilling their educational goals

## REFERRAL AND APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Please complete the referral form located on our website:
  - <http://www.unitedfriends.org/youth-access/programs-applications/applications>
  - submit the completed referral form via email to [carolina@unitedfriends.org](mailto: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. Applications due April 21, 2017. For more information, please contact Carolina Diaz at 213.975.1406 or [carolina@unitedfriends.org](mailto:carolina@unitedfriends.org).
4. Applicants must attend:
  - An in-person interview on **May 20, 2017**
  - If selected, an orientation session on **August 12, 2017**

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# COLLEGE SPONSORSHIP



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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](mailto:carolina@unitedfriends.org).



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# UFC College Sponsorship Referral Form

Completed applications are due by April 21, 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- This student has/had an open case with the Los Angeles County foster care system (including kingap) **and** is/was ILP eligible.
- The student is planning to transfer to a 4-year university in Fall 2017.
- The student is currently earning a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.
- The student is 23 years-old or younger.

**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.

PERMANENT CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL WORKER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

YDS/ILP COORDINATOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER (Please explain your relationship to the youth ): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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