

COLLEGE SPONSORSHIP



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

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

College counselors monitor the progress of each participant through regular contact. As the student continues through school, their counselor provides support and guidance as they work to achieve their educational goals.

Career Planning

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

Financial Assistance

UFC offers financial assistance to help cover school-related expenses. Each participant receives a \$3,000 general award per year for up to five years.

Personal Touch

UFC sends care packages, birthday and holiday gifts, and notes of encouragement to students. Get-togethers with students are held several times each year to build community.

Post-Graduate Planning

Especially during junior and senior years, college counselors help students formulate post-graduate plans. In addition to the graduate school application process, counselors assist students in determining the best options for their life after college.

Study Abroad Assistance

We believe traveling abroad and encountering different cultures provides tremendous benefits. UFC provides extra financial support for students who study abroad.

Supporting current and former foster youth since 1979