

WANT TO

SHAPE YOUR FUTURE?



JOIN THE **UNITED FRIENDS**

SCHOLARS PROGRAM

WHY APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM?

United Friends works with LA County foster youth as

RISING JUNIORS - 11th GRADERS

to support your goal of graduating from high school and attending college.



ENGAGE in one-on-one relationships with counselors.



GROW through career development and enrichment.



PERSIST with support through difficult circumstances.



BUILD friendships that will last a lifetime.



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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

10th Grade 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 or community colleges.

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
- Fun bonding events and activities
- Academic and test preparation
- College matching and application support
- Growth through career discovery and enrichment
- Persistence grants to assist with unforeseen financial emergencies in college

Eligibility Criteria

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

- Be an LA County foster youth with an open case (including reunification and family maintenance) or those in kinship or Legal Guardianship placements
- Be a current sophomore in high school
- Have plans to enroll in a college or university right after high school
- Attend an information session and in-person interview.
- Attend an overnight retreat in early August, date to be determined.

To be considered, please submit a completed application **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 her at clarkin@unitedfriends.org.



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10th GRADE 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 high school transcript including cumulative GPA (official or unofficial)
- ❑ One short answer response
- ❑ Recommendation form *OPTIONAL*

PLEASE NOTE: INCOMPLETE PACKAGES 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 information session and interview**.

Applicants invited to join the program will be required to attend **an overnight retreat from August 7-9**.

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BASIC INFORMATION

Please complete the enclosed application and return it to United Friends by April 16, 2018. 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: _____

CURRENT SCHOOL: _____

NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDED: _____ NUMBER OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS: _____

TYPE OF PLACEMENT (please check the box for the appropriate response):

RELATIVE CARE (not KIN-GAP) KIN-GAP NON-RELATIVE CARE GROUP HOME

LEGAL GUARDIAN, DATE: _____ ADOPTION, DATE: _____
(Adopted students must be ILP eligible to be considered)

DATE WHEN YOU ENTERED CARE: MONTH: _____ YEAR: _____ AGE AT TIME: _____

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PLACEMENT CHANGES SINCE ENTERING CARE: _____

LENGTH OF TIME AT CURRENT PLACEMENT: _____

CAREGIVER NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

CAREGIVER EMAIL: _____

SOCIAL WORKER NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

SOCIAL WORKER EMAIL: _____

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ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT

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

Name of Activity or Program	Title and Role	Years of Involvement				Hours/Week	Weeks/Year
		Middle School	9th	10th	Total # of years		

SHORT ANSWERS

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer one short answer question.

Note: Your answer should be about 150 words in length.

- Describe an accomplishment you are most proud of. How does that accomplishment define you?
- Why would you like to attend college? 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.
- Tell us about a time you needed someone to assist or support you through a difficult situation or disagreement. Describe the situation and your process for finding that support?
- How has your time in care impacted your life as a student?

UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Please attach a copy of your unofficial transcript that includes your fall semester grades of your sophomore year.

