



JOIN THE **UNITED FRIENDS**

SCHOLARS PROGRAM

WHY JOIN THE SCHOLARS PROGRAM?

United Friends works with LA County foster youth beginning in the **7TH & 8TH GRADES** in order to support your goal of graduating high school and attending college.



ENGAGE in one-on-one relationships with counselors.



GROW through career development & enrichment.



PERSIST with support through difficult circumstances.



BUILD friendships that will last a lifetime.

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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.**



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Scholars Program - Referral Form

This section should only be completed if this form is completed by someone other than the student.

Referral Party Information:

Date: _____

Referral Party Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Referral Party Email: _____

Relationship to Student (i.e., self, social worker, school counselor, etc.): _____

Student/Family Information:

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade Level: _____

Student Email: _____ Student #: _____

Caregiver Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Caregiver Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____
number & street city, state, zip

Other Important Adults in Student's Life:

Please include all known information, as it will speed up the enrollment process.

DCFS Social Worker
(if not referral party) _____ Phone # _____ Email: _____

FFA Worker
(if not referral party) _____ Phone # _____ Email: _____

Other Adult
(if not referral party) _____ Phone # _____ Email: _____

Please submit referral form by mail, fax, email, or phone.

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