The San Francisco Foster Youth Higher Education Subcommittee hereby requests all whom it may concern to permit the youth named herein to pursue post-secondary education without delay or hindrance and in case of need to give all support and encouragement.

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Find this passport and more at www.1deg.org/fy-passport
GET ORGANIZED

1) Get a binder or folder to keep a copy of your report cards, transcripts, Individualized Education Plan (“IEP”), honors/awards, community service, and test scores.

2) Create a Student Planner through www.csumentor.edu or www.californiacolleges.edu.

3) Make an appointment with your high school counselor and foster youth liaison to make sure you’re on track for graduation.

4) Participate in education workshops offered by ILSP.
Guardian Scholars Summer Academy
The Summer Academy is a six-week program designed to prepare current or former foster youth in their junior to senior year of high school or entering college freshmen for a smooth transition from high school to college. The program provides free tuition, books, supplies, and career exploration. Students of the program are also provided with a meal and transportation allowance. Students can earn high school and college credit during the program. You can get more information and an application form from your social worker.

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NEED A GUIDEBOOK?
Check out the CA College Pathways Foster Youth Educational Planning Guide!
www.cacollegepathways.org

Know Your Rights
There are several laws that protect the educational rights of foster youth. Talk to your attorney if you have questions about what your rights are while you are in high school and in foster care.

AB 490 – ENSURING EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND STABILITY FOR FOSTER YOUTH
Makes sure that foster youth have the same educational opportunities and resources as other students during K-12. Gives the right to immediate enrollment even if all school records are not available, the calculation of partial credits, the right to remain in the child’s school of origin even if placement changes, and timely transfer of school records.
DESTINATION
High School Graduation

I passed both CAHSEE Exams

I have a copy of my transcript

I have gotten partial credits from my previous high schools

I know who my Foster Youth Liaison Is

I have a copy of my IEP

I have a Ward of the Court Letter from my Social Worker
WHAT IS THE FAFSA?
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FASFA") is a form that has to be filled out every year so you can have access to federal financial aid. You should fill out your FAFSA in January because the deadline is March 2nd.

**Complete your FAFSA Online at www.fafsa.ed.gov**

**Make sure to answer “yes” to the questions asking if you have been in foster care since the age of 13 or asking if you were a “dependent or ward of the court” at any time after the age of 13.**
WHAT IS THE BOG FEE WAIVER?
The Board of Governors (“BOG”) Fee Waiver waives enrollment fees at California community colleges. You can submit the application online at home.cccapply.org.

WHAT IS THE CAL GRANT?
Cal Grants provide state funding up to $12,000 to pay for any qualifying college or career and technical education school in California. You do not have to pay the money back and you may use it for tuition, books, room and board, or books depending on which type of Cal Grant you get.

1) Complete and file your FAFSA or California Dream Act Application by March 2nd.

2) Submit a Cal Grant GPA Verification Form by March 2nd. (Some high schools submit this for students and some do not so make sure to ask a high school counselor!)
WHAT IS THE CHAFEE GRANT?
The Chafee Grant is a grant of up to $5000 per school year for college or career and technical training. You do not have to pay the amount back. To qualify for a Chafee Grant, you must be a current or former foster youth and were in foster care after the age of 16.

1) Complete and file your FAFSA by March 2nd.
2) Submit the application for the Chafee Grant online at www.chafee.csac.ca.gov.

HOW DO I KEEP TRACK OF MY CHAFEE OR CAL GRANT APPLICATIONS?
You can view the status of your Chafee or Cal Grant Applications at www.webgrants4students.org.
I know where my college’s financial aid office is!

I applied for the Chaffee Grant!

I completed my FAFSA!

I submitted the GPA Form for the Cal Grant!

I submitted my BOG Fee Waiver Application!
Every California Community College has a Foster Youth Success Initiative (“FYSI”) Liaison who is committed to helping you access college and community resources. You can find a list of all of the FYSI Liaisons in California here:

www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy/cwjdccontacts.asp
ORIENTATION AND ENROLLMENT IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Each California Community College has its own online application process. You can access the on-line applications at home.cccapply.org.

After applying online, you will need to take an Assessment Test to determine your placement in the right classes. Contact your school’s admissions office to find out when and where to take your assessment test.

You can either attend your community college orientation in person or online.

During the enrollment process at your community college, you can choose your classes. Check out www.stepforward.cccco.edu to take advantage of priority registration for current and former foster youth.
Where to go for extra help:

- Financial Aid Office
- Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)
- Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS)
- Academic Counseling

I know where the Financial Aid Office is on campus

I met with an academic counselor or someone in the EOPS office before enrolling in classes
I filled out the on-line applications for the community colleges I’m interested in.

I know someone who can help me with my Educational Plan.

I know where the EOPS Office is located on campus.

I attended my community college orientation in person or on-line.

I know who my FYSI Liaison is.
DESTINATION
Cal State or UC Systems

TOUR GUIDES:
High School Counselor, ILSP, Social Worker, CASA, Attorney, EOP, Campus Guardian Scholars Program

A-G REQUIREMENTS
The A-G / College Entrance Requirements are a sequence of high school courses that students must complete (with a grade of C or better) to be eligible for admission to the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU).

You can get a list of A-G courses from your high school counselor or at www.csumentor.edu or www.ucop.edu.

You can also begin at a community college and then transfer to a CSU or UC school. For help with transferring, see your academic counselor or seek support from your EOP office or Guardian Scholars office.
I have completed all of my A-G requirements and meet eligibility to apply to a Cal State or UC School!

I have taken either the ACT or the SAT!

If I’m already in Community College, I have made an appointment with an academic counselor to talk about transferring to the Cal State or UC System!
DESTINATION
Career Technical Education (CTE) or Vocational Programs

TOUR GUIDES:
High School Counselor, ILSP, EOPS, Campus Guardian Scholars Program, Academic Counselor, FYSI Liaison

Career and Technical Education (or “CTE”) and Vocational Programs cover a variety of subjects and a certificate in one of these programs can be the first step towards your career. You can also use the certificates and training from these programs to earn your Associates or Bachelor’s Degree later on.
Some CTE Programs Include:

- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Arts, Media, and Entertainment
- Building Trades and Construction
- Education, Child Development, and Family Services
- Energy and Utilities
- Engineering and Design
- Fashion and Interior Design
- Finance and Business
- Health Science and Medical Technology
- Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing and Product Development
- Marketing, Sales, and Service
- Public Services; and Transportation
- And Many More!
Each school offers different programs so contact an academic counselor for guidance with which type of program you are interested in. Make sure to still complete your FAFSA, Cal Grant Application, and BOG Fee Waiver by March 2nd.

The 2015 Career and Technical Education Guide from City College of San Francisco is available here:
www.ccsf.edu/dam/Organizational_Assets/Department/Career_And_Technical_Education/2015%20CTE_Guide.pdf
I have a list of my top choices for Career and Technical Education Programs!

I made an appointment with an academic counselor to ask questions about how to enroll in a CTE Program!

I understand how I can use CTE towards an Associates or Bachelor’s degree!
EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (EOPS)

EOPS helps students who have some social, economic, or educational disadvantages that make enrolling in college difficult. You should apply for EOPS since many foster youth are eligible for the services offered through EOPS such as academic counseling, book vouchers, priority registration, and extra support with questions about classes and financial aid.
DISABLED STUDENTS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (DSPS)
If you have a disability or needed extra help or accommodations in high school (maybe you had an “IEP” or 504 Plan), you should connect with your campus DSPS office for extra help. DSPS supports students with disabilities—including learning disabilities—through college to achieve their goals.

FOSTER YOUTH HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT PROGRAMS
Some colleges have programs specifically to support foster youth on campus. These programs are typically called “Guardian Scholars” or “Renaissance Scholars.” You can contact the school directly to find out what they offer.
SINGLE STOP AT CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

Helps students at City College of San Francisco receive basic necessities such as Food Stamps, health care coverage, cash assistance, etc. Through the Single Stop office, students can receive comprehensive screening and application assistance to connect them to critical benefits they may be eligible for, but not necessarily accessing, including: health care, food assistance programs (Food Stamps), PG&E discounts, and more. Help is also available for students such as low income childcare, and legal referrals.

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I know where the EOPS Office is

I know where to find my FYSI Liaison

I know where the DSPS Office is

I have a copy of my 504 Plan or IEP from high school
DESTINATION
Supports off Campus

TOUR GUIDES: ILSP, Social Worker, Supportive Adults

INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS PROGRAM (ILSP)
First Place for Youth helps foster youth build the skills they need to make successful transition to self-sufficiency and responsible adulthood. First Place works to ensure that all foster youth have the opportunity to experience a safe and supported transition from foster care. Services provided include: Education, Employment, Family Finding & Permanency, Resource & Referral.

San Francisco Independent Living Skills Program
First Place for Youth
30 Harriet Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
800-818-2989 or 415-230-3980
Hours: Monday - Friday 10am - 6pm
CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNECTION (CYC)
California Youth Connection engages foster youth in the policy making process. CYC foster youth leaders ages 14-24 have created a fundamental paradigm shift in child welfare policy in California, ensuring that foster youth are at the center of child welfare policymaking for the first time in history. Core CYC activities include:

- State & Local Advocacy
- Training & Sharing of Best Practices
- Youth Development & Leadership
- Outreach & Community Education

www.calyouthconn.org

LARKIN STREET YOUTH SERVICES
Larkin Street’s comprehensive education and employment service, Larkin Street Academy, provides young people with the opportunities, resources, and guidance they need to succeed. From schooling to immediate work to soft skills training to career-track experience, Larkin Street Youth Services works with each of our youth to ensure that they are getting the education and developing the employment skills they need to successfully create an independent and successful life off of the street.

www.larkinstreetyouth.org
JOBS NOW

JOb$sNOW! Program will provide job opportunities for those who receive employment services from the Human Services Agency. Contact your Employment Specialist or call 1-877-JOB1NOW if you are interested in the JobsNOW! program.

JVS

Help with finding a job, training and resources.

www.jvs.org/job-seekers/

SF4TAY.ORG

SF4TAY.org is an online citywide resource guide for services and programs for young adults. Check this site out for a comprehensive listing of housing, education, employment and health opportunities and resources in San Francisco.

www.sf4tay.org
ONE DEGREE - 1DEG.ORG
San Francisco-based website that makes it easy to find, manage, and share community resources, including many found in this passport. They have thousands of resources across the Bay Area for help with everything from food and housing, to health care and education. Save and share your favorite resources, and access them all on your mobile phone. Visit www.1deg.org to get started.

I know where my local ILSP office is located and how to make an appointment there for help!

I know how to reach my social worker for support finding resources off campus!

I know how to use websites like SF4Tay.org and 1deg.org!
CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PATHWAYS
Resources for foster youth and their supporters to help them succeed at community colleges, vocational schools, and four-year universities.
www.cacollegepathways.org

CCCAPPLY
Apply to California Community Colleges. General financial aid information. home.cccapply.org

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAP TO HIGHER EDUCATION
Great resource for Alameda County colleges and supports.
www.cacollegepathways.org/sites/default/files/ebclo_map2higheredu.pdf
DESTINATION

Key Contacts

Social Worker
Name:_____________________________________________________
Phone Number:___________________________________________
Email:___________________________________________________

Education Specialist at ILSP
Name:___________________________________________
Phone Number:___________________________________________
Email:___________________________________________________

Foster Youth Liaison in my School District
Name:___________________________________________
Phone Number:___________________________________________
Email:___________________________________________________
Key Contacts

FYSI Liaison at my college
Name: ____________________________
Phone Number: __________________
Email: __________________________

Guardian Scholars Program at my College
Phone Number: __________________

Attorney
Name: ____________________________
Phone Number: __________________
Email: ____________________________
CASA
Name: ________________________________
Phone Number: __________________________
Email: ________________________________
EOPS Office Phone Number: __________________________
DSPS Office Phone Number: __________________________

Supportive Adults
Name: ________________________________
Phone Number: __________________________
Email: ________________________________
Name: ________________________________
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Email: ________________________________
FOSTER YOUTH LIAISONS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND NEARBY COUNTIES (IF YOU ARE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL)

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SFUSD Foster Youth Services

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HELPFUL COLLEGE CONTACTS FOR FOSTER YOUTH IN SAN FRANCISCO AND NEARBY COUNTIES

City College of San Francisco
Guardian Scholars Program
50 Phelan Avenue
Multi-Use Building, Rm. 298
415-239-3279

San Francisco State
Guardian Scholars Program
1600 Holloway Ave., SSB 201
415-405-0546

Laney College (Oakland)
EOPS/CARE/b2b Program
900 Fallon Street
Building A, Room 106
510-464-3423
Merritt College (Oakland)
EOPS/CARE Program
12500 Campus Drive
Student Center, Building R, Room R-109
510-436-2470 or 510-436-2476

Cal State East Bay (Hayward)
Renaissance Scholars Program
25800 Carlos Bee Blvd.
Student Academic Services, LI-2500
510-885-4426

Chabot College (Hayward)
EOPS
25555 Hesperian Blvd.
Room 767L, Building 700
510-723-6909
Berkeley City College
EOPS/CARE Program
2050 Center Street, Rm 342
510-981-2832

UC Berkeley
Cal Independent Scholars Network Program
109 Cesar Chavez Student Ctr.
510-642-6151

Skyline College (San Bruno)
3300 College Drive
Financial Office, Bldg. 2
FYSI Liaison: 650-738-4390

College of Marin (San Anselmo)
Guardian Scholars
415-847-8031