



Foster Youth Scholarship
2026 Application Fact Sheet

The Cal Coast Cares Foundation is pleased to provide a scholarship award program to college-bound high school seniors and current college students who are in or have been in the foster care program in San Diego or Riverside counties.

Award Amount: \$2,000

Application Period: January 27 - March 20, 2026

Eligibility

- Reside and attend school in San Diego or Riverside county.
- A weighted cumulative high school or college grade point average (GPA), or equivalent, of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Provide documentation that the applicant is in or has been in the foster care program.
- Must be enrolled in at least nine (9) units at an accredited college or university for the Fall Semester.
- Cal Coast Credit Union employees and their family members, and Cal Coast volunteer officials are not eligible for scholarship awards.

Former foster youth who have received a Cal Coast Cares Foundation scholarship in the past may be eligible for two years of scholarship funding. For more information contact Foundation@calcoastcu.org.

Application Requirements

- Applications must be completed and submitted online via DocuSign by **March 20, 2026**, at 5 p.m. PST. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- School Transcript
- One (1) Letter of Recommendation
- Contact Information for School Official (Registrar, Counselor, etc.)
- Foster Care Program Documentation
- Parent/Guardian Information and Signature (Age 17 and under)

Information Required on Application

- Aspirational Career Goals
- School Activities
- Community Involvement
- Work/Internship Experience

2026 Scholarship Funding Timeline

- Application Deadline: March 20th
- Award Notification: Early May

Contact Information: For questions, please contact Penney Newell, Foundation Manager at pnewell@calcoastcu.org.