



APPLYING TO SUNY

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

TIPS FOR APPLYING TO SUNY FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

EXPLORE ALL SUNY SCHOOLS

Find out about the [64 SUNY schools](#) in New York.

The SUNY system includes 4 year schools like University of Albany, SUNY Purchase and SUNY Stony Brook. It also includes technology colleges including Fashion Institute of Technology, community colleges like Westchester Community College, and an online school called Empire State University.

SUNY has a [Welcome Center](#) in NYC

Youth can find out about programs and get assistance with applying.

It is located at: 116 East 55th Street, New York, New York 10022, (212) 364-5821.

APPLY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

There is no application deadline for SUNY, but it is recommended to apply as early as possible. Slots for Education Opportunity Programs (EOP) and particular schools may fill up.

TIP! *Students should submit applications no later than November 1st for the Fall semester.*

Youth can apply to multiple campuses through one SUNY application, but need to see if individual schools have supplemental requirements.

Click [here](#) to learn more or to [preview the application](#) and use the [application worksheet](#).

REQUEST AN APPLICATION FEE WAIVER

Youth submitting an application for EOP services may qualify for an application fee waiver for their first seven (7) campus choices. [Youth must use SUNY's fee waiver form.](#)

ENROLL IN CAMPUS SUPPORT PROGRAMS & ACCESS THE FOSTER YOUTH COLLEGE SUCCESS INITIATIVE (FYCSI)

To take advantage of all available supports at SUNY, youth should make sure that when they complete the SUNY application that they:

Apply for the Education Opportunity Program (EOP)

EOP provides students support services, such as academic, career, and personal counseling; tutoring; supplemental instruction, and financial assistance for non-tuition related expenses (e.g. books, supplies, etc.).

STEPS TO ENROLL IN CAMPUS SUPPORT PROGRAMS & ACCESS FYCSI:

STEP 1: Check the box on the application for consideration for EOP programs.

STEP 2: Check the box on central admissions/common application to self-identify as a current/former foster youth, orphan, ward of the court.

STEP 3: Secure verification of foster youth status and submit documentation to EOP programs at all schools the youth applies to.

Documentation of foster youth status can include a statement from the foster care agency on letterhead.

Contact Shirley.Fonseca@acs.nyc.gov at the Administration for Children's Services College Bound & Support Programs Unit if you need help getting verification.

Ensure they will be considered for the [Foster Youth College Success Initiative \(FYCSI\) program](#) by submitting the [FYCSI consent form](#) to FCY4College@ocfs.ny.gov. Students should then follow up with the campus financial aid office to confirm that they qualify for FYCSI funds and inquire about the amount of FYCSI funding being offered. If an issue arises, students should email fosteryouth@nysed.gov with their full name, foster care status, email address, and phone number for further information and next steps.

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