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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 years schools like Cornell, University of Albany, and Stony Brook. It also includes technology colleges and community colleges. Here is a list of all the schools in the SUNY system

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

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

It is located at: 33 West 42nd Street, New York, New York 10036, (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.).

Ensure they will be considered for the [Foster Youth College Success Initiative \(FYCSI\) program](#) by identifying themselves as current or former foster youth. The FYCSI program provides youth additional financial support in addition to the EOP program services.

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: Call the EOP office at the SUNY Schools the student is applying to and let them know that he or she was in foster care and that they are applying to the EOP program.

STEP 4: Notify the school's financial aid office with supporting documentation of the student's foster care status and send an email to fosteryouth@nysed.gov expressing interest in the support and they will provide youth with the required identifiers. **The student must identify as a youth in foster care if you want to be eligible for certain financial and academic supports. To secure FYCSI Funds, follow the instructions provided [here](#).**

STEP 5: 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 any Family Court Document and a statement from the foster care agency on letter head.

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

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