



Los Rios Laptop for Foster Youth Policy Statement

This program is presented by the Los Rios Community College District with support provided by the Foster Youth Education Fund. The Foster Youth Education Fund (FYEF) empowers former foster youth in the Sacramento region to achieve their higher education dreams. Without parents or a support system to lend a helping hand, FYEF provides support for basic education necessities. Since 2002, FYEF has been providing funds for tuition, housing, books, computers and campus transportation through scholarships created with the generous support of our community. The Laptop for Foster Youth Program is intended to provide one laptop computer to a limited number of enrolled former foster youth so that their continued academic progress towards a certificate, degree or transfer is not adversely affected by not having access to this much needed resource. All awards are contingent upon the availability of a limited supply of laptops, provided through generous donations to the Foster Youth Education Fund.

There are a variety of other resources available to students in an emergency situation. Please visit your Financial Aid or Student Services office for more information on the types of services that may be available to you.

Laptop for Foster Youth Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants **must** have been removed from the custody of their parent(s) or guardian(s) by the juvenile court, and placed in a group home or foster home.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled in a Los Rios college.
- Applicants must have identified and/or made progress toward an identified academic goal.
- A maximum of one award will be allowed to any one student during all combined enrollments at Los Rios colleges.
- Exceptions to these guidelines will be considered on a case by case scenario.

Application Procedure

1. Applications are available from your campus foster youth program office.
2. Return the completed application to the office from which it was obtained.
 - a. **American River College** Foster Youth Program: Jessica Pressley
 - b. **Cosumnes River College** Enriched Scholars Program: Aselia Valdez
 - c. **Folsom Lake College** Fostering Success Program: Sharisse Estomo
 - d. **Sacramento City College:** Fostering Futures Outreach & Retention for Educational Success and Transfer: See Vang
3. The college office will forward the completed application packet to the Los Rios Foundation, where it will be reviewed by the awards committee.
4. The applicant will be notified by email of the committee's decision by Sept. 22, 2017.
5. If an award is made, a laptop computer will be forwarded to the appropriate college official for pick up by the student.



Laptop for Foster Youth Application

Special Thanks to Foster Youth Education Fund
DEADLINE: September 15, 2017, 5pm

Applicant's Name _____ Date _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____ Campus of Primary Attendance _____

Units Currently Enrolled _____ E-Mail Address _____
(E-mail is the primary means of communication)

Current Street Address _____
(Include City and Zip Code)

Permanent Street Address _____
(Include City and Zip Code)

Student ID # _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Place a check next to item with which you need assistance:

Laptop computer

Other:

Describe _____

Eligibility:

1. Are you currently in Foster Care in California? Yes No
2. Were you previously in Foster Care in California, and aged out of or emancipated from the system? Yes No
3. Are you currently in Foster Care in a system outside California? Yes No
4. Were you previously in Foster Care in a system outside California, and aged out of or emancipated from the system? Yes No
5. Were you previously in Foster Care, but did not age out or become emancipated from the system? Yes No
6. Do you have a working computer? Yes No

Attach the following:

Attach a copy of your most recent *unofficial* transcript showing current enrollment. You can print this from your eServices account. (Required)

Attach a detailed description of how this computer will assist you in achieving your educational goals. Answer should demonstrate student's ability to move successfully forward following the receipt of an award. (Required)

Attach documentation that provides any other information that you feel the committee should know. Examples include: Educational Plan, letter of support from faculty or staff, campus and/or community involvements and other time commitments. (Optional)

PLEASE READ AND SIGN

Once you have filled out the application including appropriate documentation, please return it to your campus point of contact (this should be the same office that provided the form to you).

By signing this form you are giving the Laptop for Foster Youth Program and the campus point of contact consent to communicate with any referenced faculty member, or any other student services program. If necessary, you will be contacted for further information or asked to provide additional documentation. After members of the review committee review the application, you will be notified of the committee's decision by September 22, 2017. Your laptop will be available for pick-up from the campus at which you are enrolled.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Signature of Applicant