

Financial Aid Options For Foster Youth 2021-2022

How to be Certified as a Foster Youth for the Cal Grant B Award

- You were in foster care;or
- You were a dependent or ward of the court.

Cal Grant B Award

A Cal Grant can be used at a California Community College, California State University (CSU), University of California (UC) campus, and at certain qualifying private institutions in California. Students awarded a Cal Grant B while attending a California Community

The Cal Grant Changes

Application Window Extension

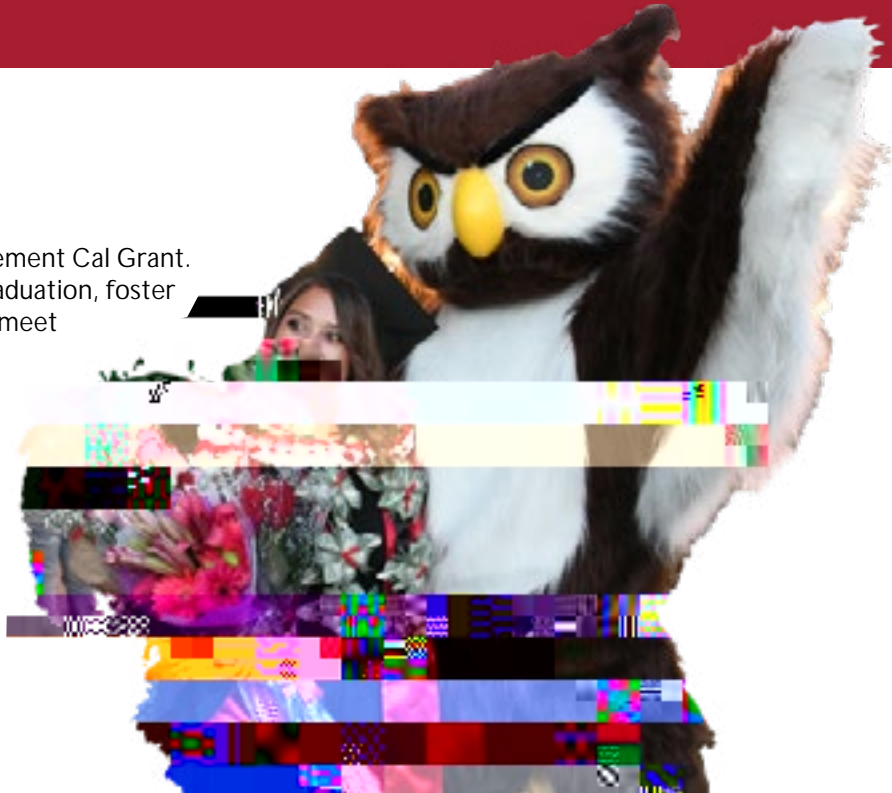
Foster Youth now have extended time to apply for an entitlement Cal Grant. Instead of having to apply within a year after high school graduation, foster youth are able to apply for an entitlement Cal Grant if they meet other eligibility Criteria and have not reached their 26th birthday as of July 1 of the award year.

Time Limit Extension

The maximum length of time a foster youth is eligible for a Cal Grant has been extended from 4 years to 8 years of full-time status enrollment in an undergraduate program, provided that minimum financial need continues to exist.

Application Deadline Extension

The deadline for the Cal Grant entitlement application has been extended from March 2nd to September 2nd for foster youth attending community college.



The California Chafee Grant

This federal program offers college and vocational school financial aid to youth who are or were in foster care for at least one day, between the ages of 16 and 18 as a dependent or ward of the court and have financial need.

Students can receive up to \$5,000, a year to help pay for educational related expenses. Students must complete the FAFSA or CADAA, and the Chafee Grant Application at csac.ca.gov. You can use your Chafee Grant at any eligible California college or university or career or technical school, as well as schools in other states.

To qualify, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current or former foster youth who was a ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18.
- If you are/were in Kin-GAP, a non-related legal guardianship, or were adopted, you are eligible only if you were a dependent or ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18.
- Not have reached your 26th birthday as of July 1st of the award year.
- Not have participated in the program for more than 5 years (whether or not consecutive)



How to Apply

The first step in accessing these resources is to apply, even if you aren't sure you'll qualify. Applying is easy, and it's free!

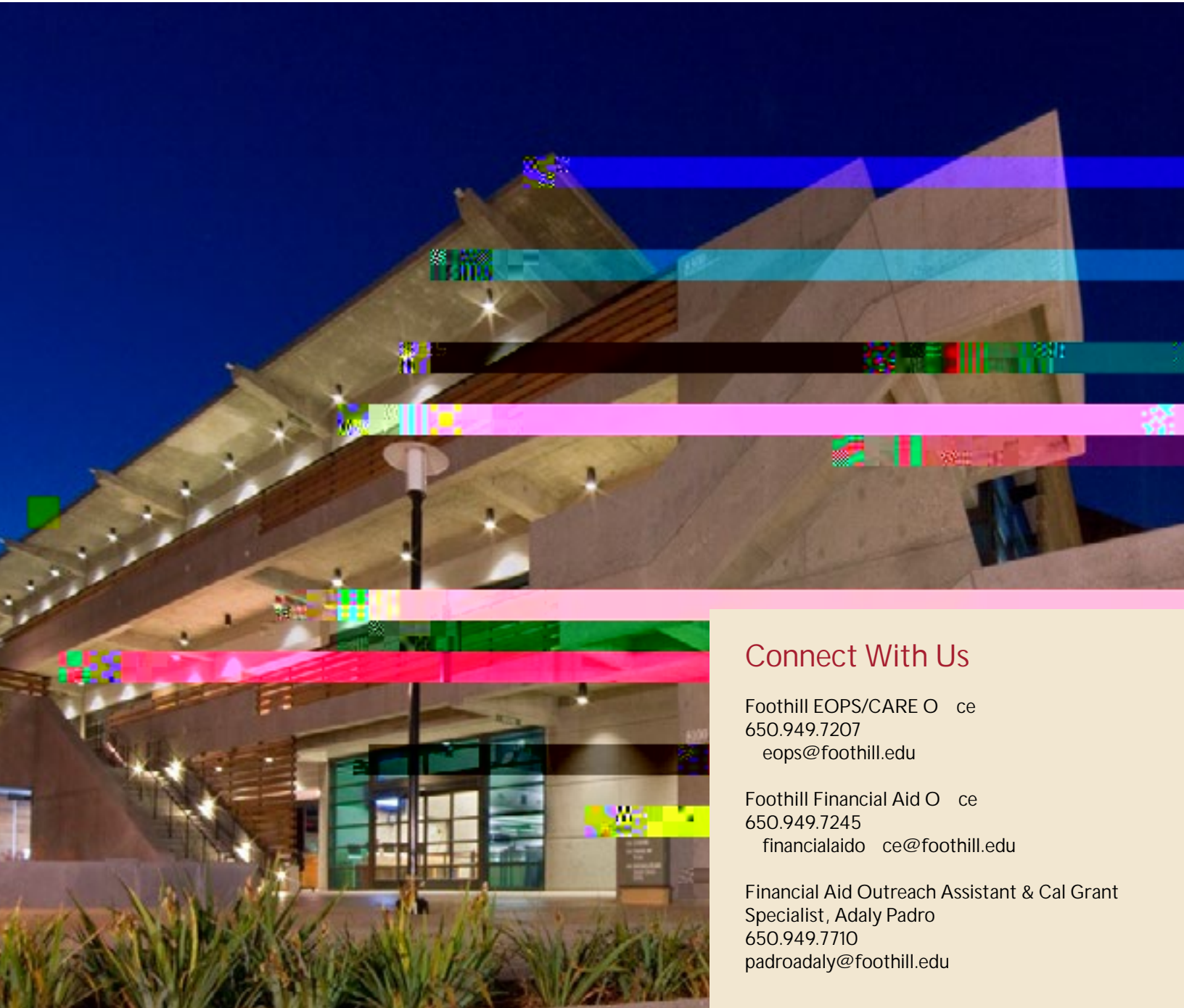
To get started on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), go to fafsa.ed.gov. Or, to get started on your California Dream Act Application (CADAA), go to caldreamact.org. The California Chafee Grant Program Application can be submitted online at chafee.csac.ca.gov or completed in the paper form and mailed.

*Note: Forms are year specific. Be sure to complete the applications that correspond with the academic year you will be attending school.

Overview of Other Financial Aid Resources

Type of Aid	Amount	Details
California College Promise Grant	Waives per-unit enrollment fees and reduces quarterly parking permit fee	For eligible California residents and AB 540 students
Student Success Completion Grant	Up to \$1,298	No repayment needed. To be eligible must have Cal Grant B or C and 12+ units during Fall, Winter and Spring quarters.
Student Success Completion Grant Bonus	Up to \$2,702	No repayment needed. To be eligible must have Cal Grant B or C and 15+ units during Fall, Winter and Spring quarters.
Pell Grant (Federal Financial Aid -> FAFSA)		

Additional Resources



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