2018 California Foster Youth FAFSA Challenge

APRIL TA CALL
Information to Participate

- To raise your hand to speak, click the hand icon.
- To submit questions, click on the “Questions” panel.
- Presentation materials and audio will be posted at http://www.jbaforyouth.org/FAFSAChallenge
Today’s Presenters

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Awards!

Foster Youth Education Summit
April 10, 2018, 8:30 am

First round of $1000 awards for highest rate of FAFSA/CADAA submission

- One Award per categories: Large, Medium
- 2 Small Awards—$500 awards counties.
Remember ...

- Chafee Application
- Student WebGrants Account
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- College application
- Help with matriculation
Featured FAFSA Challenger

Send us your stories – your accomplishments so we can add it to our website
Glenn County: Angelica Perez

83% of Students completed FAFSA
  ◦ All of those students completed Chafee and
  ◦ Signed up for student WebGrants Accounts

Helped students look at WebGrants
  ◦ Found one student without GPA match; she went to her counselor and got that fixed
Tulare County: Beth Wilshire

**Filling the gaps** - Point person to follow up has been critical

- Counselors, ILP, group home staff – yet no single person making sure that all the details were covered
- Eg. Class project to complete the FAFSA but the teach didn’t cover all the specifics AND didn’t say “If you were a foster youth, check this box” Everyone thought someone else was doing it

**Opportunity to strengthen the teams** – building relationships with group homes to help youth from out-of-county
Fresno County

Extreme Registration Event – Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Added IRS Form 4506T
  ◦ Helped students complete them, send them to IRS

Added workstation for more FAFSA sections

24 students registered for college – ready to go!
Verify GPA match & EFC = complete FAFSA
Verify student match – complete FAFSA
May Reporting

Campaign ID =

The anonymized identifier you assign to each student.

Only due May 31. Can send early if you’re complete.
Resources

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FAFSA CAMPAIGN RESOURCES

- FAFSA Campaign Policies and Procedures (updated 1/2/18)
- Financial Aid Guide for California Foster Youth
- FAFSA Visual Guide
- Nov 17 Webinar Slides and Recording
- FAFSA Campaign ToolKit (new!)
- January 17 Webinar: Financial Aid for Foster & Homeless Youth, Part I: Completing the FAFSA Slides and Recording
- January 22 Webinar: Step by Step Guide to Completing the FAFSA for Foster Youth Slides and Recording
- FAFSA Challenge Poster
- FAFSA Challenge Flyer
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For FYSCPs:

- WebGrants Access (log-in required)
- WebGrants User Manual
- WebGrants FAQ
- FAFSA Challenge Completion Report
- FAFSA Challenge Reporting FAQ
- FAFSA Challenge TA Webinars
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OTHER RESOURCES
- Complete the FAFSA
- Form Your Future Toolkit
- Cash for College Workshops
- Federal Financial Aid Toolkit

MEDIA
- Press Release
- Fact Sheet

News Coverage:
- 89.3 KPCC, 2/19/18
- California School Boards Assn. Blog, 1/24/18
- The Chronicle of Social Change, 12/19/17
- Cabinet Report, 12/14/17
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