2018 California Foster Youth FAFSA Challenge

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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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Project Manager
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Awards!

1st Round Winners

Yuba County
Sonoma County
Fresno County
San Diego County
Featured FAFSA Challenger

Send us your stories – your accomplishments so we can add it to our website
**Final Reporting**

**Due June 8, 2018 5pm**

Please tell us the source for the total counts you are reporting

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**Completion Report: June 8, 2018**
(Note that in May, FYSCPs should also submit a list of anonymized identifiers for students who have completed the FAFSA or CADAA for entry into the scholarship drawing. See next "Scholarship Drawing Entries" tab for a template.)

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**Source of Data**

- COE WebGrants Account
- District WebGrants Report
- Student WebGrants Report
- Verbal report from school counselor, ILP counselor, other staff person who assisted the student
- Other: Please Specify

**Student Counts**

- Total foster youth high school seniors enrolled in school in the county during reporting period for at least 30 days.
- Total number of foster youth high school seniors who have completed a FAFSA or Dream Act application
- Percentage Completion Rate

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**Jun 8 Completion Report**

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Scholarship Entries

Campaign ID = The anonymized identifier you assign to each student.
County Awards!

County 2nd Round Winners
Will be announced at JBAY Book Fund Fundraiser
Sacramento, August 8, 2018
(Details to follow)
Student Scholarship Awards

Drawing will be held in June

Counties will be contacted with winners and procedural details
Checks will be disbursed upon receipt of verification of enrollment
Remember ... there’s still time to help with ...

- Chafee Application
- Student WebGrants Account
- College application
- Help with matriculation – assessment, ed plan, priority enrollment
Poll

Please answer this question in the control panel on your screen:

Our office routinely (every 1-2 weeks) check WebGrants reports to identify students who still need support with their FAFSA so we can address that.
Student WebGrants Account Tips

- Chafee page on the student’s WebGrants account will not show the FAFSA is complete until June download occurs
- Checking the student’s “home” page will show that a FAFSA is submitted and whether it’s complete
- FY dependency verification matches only made once per month
- CA Dream Act youth must complete paper Chafee application
- Chafee awarded in summer – valuable for student to check this so they can check with their school to find out what their disbursement procedure is; this varies between schools
Late GPA Appeal Process
Due Wed, May 16, 2018


Form available in “Handouts”
Focus on factors beyond the student's control.

- Mention that the FAFSA was filed by the March 2 deadline.
- School did not submit the GPA in a timely manner
- School submitted weighted GPA instead of unweighted GPA
- Student was not aware of Cal Grant eligibility or thought themselves ineligible
- Thought that the school would take care of it, but didn't realize they had to do it because of less than 24 credits
- Filed the form on-time, but it was lost in the mail
- Typos on the form, such as the wrong SSN
- Form was not signed
- Definitely mention that the student is a foster youth.
Resources

http://www.jbaforyouth.org/fafsachallenge/

CSAC Institutional Support  888-294-0153

schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov

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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
Resources

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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
Verify student match – complete FAFSA
Verify GPA match & EFC = complete FAFSA