

# EDUCATION IS OUR PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE, FOR TOMMOROW BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY

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## COLLEGE IS IN YOUR FUTURE

84% of youth in foster care report wanting to go to college, but foster youth are often held back from achieving their dreams by multiple obstacles. This brochure will supply you with resources to help you, a foster youth, succeed in college and make your dreams a reality. With a four-year degree you can expect to earn approximately \$481,000 more over the course of your lifetime. North Carolina has a surplus of resources and financial assistance for Foster Youth interested in attending college. This brochure will outline resources to help you make college a reality.

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# RESOURCES

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There are a multitude of websites online that connect prospective students to scholarships. A popular site, Fastweb, has a whole section of scholarships dedicated just to foster youth.

<https://www.fastweb.com/financial-aid/articles/financial-aid-and-scholarships-for-foster-care-and-adopted-children>

Appalachian State University has a resource page outlining financial resources exclusively for foster youth that apply to all public universities in NC. These resources range from helping with textbook costs to sending care packages.

<https://diversityscholars.appstate.edu/pagesmith/62>

North Carolina has a program called NC Reach that covers the full cost of attendance to public universities in NC, free from student loan debt.

[www.ncreach.org/fileadmin/NCReach\\_PDFs/NCReach\\_FactSheet\\_11-08\\_01.pdf](http://www.ncreach.org/fileadmin/NCReach_PDFs/NCReach_FactSheet_11-08_01.pdf)

Foster Youth also have access to the Education and Training Voucher (ETV) which is a federal grant that assists in funding youth who have aged out of the foster care system and are enrolled in college, university and vocational training.

[www.fc2programs.org/faqs/](http://www.fc2programs.org/faqs/)



## MENTORING

Foster youth often struggle with not having anyone to turn to and ask questions about college and how to handle the different trials colleges offer them. Foster Care to Success (FC2S) has a mentoring program to assist college bound youth throughout their first year at school.

<http://www.fc2success.org/programs/mentoring-and-support/>

Universities like NC State have mentoring programs for their specific university to help students with academic, emotional and social adjustments to college life.

<https://ced.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-student-support-and-engagement-programs/diversity/campus-programs/>

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## TRIO PROGRAMS

TRIO is a federal outreach and student services program that is meant to identify and assist students from disadvantaged backgrounds attend college. TRIO has 4 different programs Academic Achievers, Talent Search, Upward Bound and Upward Bound- Math and Science. These programs vary from providing academic and financial counseling to assisting high school students prepare for university entrance. <https://trio.dasa.ncsu.edu>

TRIO also has Educational Opportunity Centers located across NC. These centers assist high school seniors, graduates and drop outs set educational goals and assist with FASFA applications.

<https://www.uncfsu.edu/academics/colleges-schools-and-departments/university-college/special-programs/educational-opportunity-centers>

The following document lists out the locations of TRIO programs and Educational Opportunity Centers across the state.

<https://sites.google.com/site/ncceoporg/ncprograms>