APPLICATION PACKET FOR:

EOP FOSTER YOUTH NETWORK

www.csulb.edu/eop/foster_youth.html

APPLICATION DEADLINES

FOR FALL 2015 ADMISSION: JUNE 30, 2015
FOR SPRING 2016 ADMISSION: JANUARY 2, 2016

* INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
Program Information
The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at the California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) hosts the Foster Youth Network, which is committed to supporting ALL foster youth students at the university. The Network serves as the primary network for current and former foster youth to access on-campus resources across different departments throughout the university. The Network assists with retention of students by providing a support group and facilitating access to services on campus. CSU, Long Beach’s EOP Foster Youth Network is committed to supporting ambitious, college-bound students. We serve as a resource by assisting in the development and equipping students’ educational and interpersonal skills necessary to become self-supporting, community leaders, role models, and competent professionals in their selected fields. The EOP Foster Youth Network provides the opportunity to change individual lives and make dreams come true.

The EOP Foster Youth Network Offers:
- Financial Advising & Support
- Facilitation of On-campus Housing
- Priority Registration
- Summer Bridge Program (First-Time Freshmen Only)
- Individual Counseling
- Life Coaching/Life Skills Workshops
- Educational and Community Enrichment Activities
- Student Drop-In Advising
- Computer Lab

Program Requirements
In order to qualify for the EOP Foster Youth Network students must apply and meet the following criteria:
1. Admitted to CSU, Long Beach as a freshman or transfer student
2. Must be a current or former foster youth between the ages of 17-25
3. Be classified as a California Resident by the CSULB Office of Enrollment Services
4. Demonstrate high motivation and academic potential to succeed in college
5. Must apply for FAFSA by the Priority Deadline of March 2nd & qualify as an “Independent” student under Federal financial aid guidelines. You can find online application at www.fafsa.ed.gov
6. Admitted to CSULB Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). You can find EOP Application and income eligibility information at www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop
7. Submit EOP Foster Youth Network application

Requirements to Maintain Eligibility
To remain eligible for the program the recipient must:
• Maintain continuous enrollment at CSULB in at least 12 units of course work
• Fully participate in all aspects of the program (meetings, events, mentoring, etc.)
• Be receptive to staff monitoring academic performance and university records
• Abide by all university standards for appropriate conduct and community behavior
EOP FOSTER YOUTH NETWORK

IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS & DEADLINES

Our commitment to making a difference in your life begins when you submit the required applications and materials by the listed due dates. You can use the following checklist to keep track of the materials that are needed to complete your application to CSULB EOP Foster Youth Network.

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<th>APPLICATION CHECKLIST</th>
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<td><strong>OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS &amp; RECORDS:</strong></td>
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<td>☐ CSU Undergraduate Application for Admission <a href="http://www.csumentor.edu">www.csumentor.edu</a></td>
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<td>☐ SAT I or ACT test scores <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a> / <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a></td>
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<td>☐ Student Intent to Register (SIR)/Enrollment Confirmation Deposit (ECD)</td>
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<td>☐ Official Final High School and/or College Transcripts</td>
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| EOP Foster Youth Network Program: | |
| ☐ EOP Foster Youth Network Application Form | June 30 (Fall) / January 2 (Spring) |
| ☐ Personal Statement Essay | |
| ☐ One Letter of Recommendation | |
| ☐ Official High School or Community College Transcript | |
| ☐ Verification Letter of Foster Care Status from Social Services | |
| ☐ A list of three (3) accomplishments from high school or community college | |
| ☐ CSULB Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Application [www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop/](http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop/) | January 15 |

| **OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS:** | |
| ☐ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) | Jan 1 – Mar 2 |
| ☐ Cal Grant GPA Verification Form | Check website |
| ☐ California Chafee Grant Application [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov) | |

| **UNIVERSITY HOUSING & RESIDENTIAL LIFE** | |
| ☐ CSULB Housing [www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/housing/](http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/housing/) | Spring 2016 (After admitted to CSULB) |
Upon completion of the application packet, be sure that all the following documents are attached. Our office will notify applicants at a later date if they are invited to an interview.

- EOP Foster Youth Network Application Form
- Personal Statement Essay
- One Letter of Recommendation
  - Letter should address observations of your leadership and academic potential.
    (From teacher, counselor, social worker, United Friends of the Children or CASA, etc)
- Verification Letter of Foster Care Status from Social Services
  (If you are not able to get a letter, please explain)
- A list of three (3) accomplishments from high school or community college

EOP Foster Youth Network Application
Attached you will find the EOP Foster Youth Network Application, please make sure to complete the application entirely in blue or black ink and to attach all required documents. To receive priority consideration all application materials must be submitted or postmarked on or before June 30th for Fall admissions and on or before January 2nd for Spring admissions.

You may hand-deliver your completed application and supporting materials directly to the EOP Office located in the LA 1-119, or mail your completed application to:

California State University, Long Beach
EOP Foster Youth Network
1250 Bellflower Boulevard- MS1403
Long Beach, CA 90840-1403

For more information about The EOP Foster Youth Network or about our application process, please contact us at (562) 985-7649 or visit us at www.csulb.edu/eop
**EOP FOSTER YOUTH NETWORK**

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### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- **School Currently Attending:** ____________________________
- **Expected Date of Graduation:** ____________________________
- **Class Level at time of planned enrollment:**
  - □ Incoming Freshman □ Transfer Student □ Currently at CSULB
  - **CSULB Student ID (CWID):** ____________________________

  Freshman students are required to take the SAT or ACT for admissions consideration to CSULB.
  *Take the SAT or ACT no later than December*

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<td>ACT Math Score: ___________________</td>
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### FOSTER CARE INFORMATION

- **Age entered into the foster care system:** ____________
- **Total number of placements:** ____________

- **Extended Foster Care (AB 12):**
  - □ Participating □ Opting Out □ Not Eligible
  - **Month/Year of emancipation:** ____________________________

- **Contact with biological family:**
  - □ Monthly □ Several times a year □ At least once a year □ No contact

- **Case County of Origin:**
  - □ Los Angeles □ Orange □ Riverside □ San Bernardino □ Other ______

- **Social Worker:** ____________________________
- **Contact #:** ____________________________
- **Email:** ____________________________

- **AB12 Worker:** ____________________________
- **Contact #:** ____________________________
- **Email:** ____________________________

- **Are you involved with the Independent Living Skills Program?**
  - □ Yes □ No
  - If yes, which one? ____________________________

  - **ILP Coordinator:** ____________________________
  - **Contact #:** ____________________________

- **Current Living Arrangement:**
  - □ Foster Home □ Group Home □ Relative □ Transitional Housing (THP) □ Other ____________________________

- **Plan for Housing while attending CSULB:**
  - □ University Housing (On Campus) □ Apartment (Off Campus) □ Relative □ Other ____________________________

- **Current Medical Coverage:**
  - □ Cal-Optima □ MediCal □ Private Insurance □ No Insurance □ Other ____________________________
Means of financial support (mark all that apply):
☐ Employment  ☐ Financial Aid  ☐ Foster Family/Group Home  ☐ Other __________

List any job (including summer work) you have held during the past three years:
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Total earnings between January and December of the previous year: $_________________

Are you a Veteran of the US Armed Forces:  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
Are you eligible to receive Veterans Benefits:  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
How did you hear about the EOP Foster Youth Network:
☐ Social Worker  ☐ HS Counselor  ☐ Relative  ☐ Foster Family  ☐ Orangewood  ☐ Other __________

List of References:

Please provide the names of the references that will be recommending you for the EOP Foster Youth Network. The letters should address observations of your leadership and academic potential. The letters can be from your teacher, counselor, social workers, or CASA.

Recommender 1:
Name: __________________________ Relationship: __________________________
Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Recommender 2:
Name: __________________________ Relationship: __________________________
Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Three Accomplishments:

Please list three accomplishments from High School or Community College that you would like the EOP Foster Youth Network Committee to know about.

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The personal statement is an important part of your application to the CSU Long Beach-EOP Foster Youth Network. Your personal statement gives the interview committee an opportunity to learn more about you as an individual—your talents, achievements, and experiences. Think of the personal statement as your opportunity to introduce yourself to the committee. What would you like the committee to know about you that may not be evident from a review of the rest of your application?

Please tell us why you have decided to apply to the EOP Foster Youth Network at California State University, Long Beach. You may want to include people who have influenced you, experiences that have shaped you, challenges or obstacles have you had to overcome in your life, and hopes and goals for the future, or anything else you think is important (honors or awards). It is important to stipulate your financial need currently.

Regardless of what you choose to write about, your personal statement should reflect your own ideas and be written by you! Present your ideas in a focused and thoughtful manner. Provide specific examples to support your personal statement in an essay format.

Please attach your personal statement to your application packet. Your personal statement should be at least one to two (2) pages typed and double-spaced. All text should be 12 point Times New Roman font.

I acknowledge the accuracy, honesty, and completeness of the information provided for this application.

Signature: ____________________________________ Date: ________________

Supporting Foster Youth to Achieve their Goals

PLEASE POSTMARK or HAND-DELIVER, TO CSULB EOP Foster Youth Network
BY JUNE 30, 2015
California State University, Long Beach
EOP Foster Youth Network
1250 Bellflower Boulevard - MS1403, LA1-119
Long Beach, CA 90840-2201