

NEXT UP

NEXT UP (formally known as CAFYES) is an educational support assistance program for eligible current or former foster youth.

PLEASE NOTE: As of October 24th, 2025 new incoming NEXT UP students are NOT automatically considered EOPS students. Students must apply to both programs separately if they would like to participate in either program and meet the separate eligibility criteria for each program to qualify for services.

Qualify for the NEXT UP Program

To qualify to be a NEXT UP student you must meet the following criteria:

- Was in foster care on or after your 13th birthday in any state
- Enrolled in at least 1 unit with the intent to enroll in 9 units through an Educational Plan
- Are 25 years of age or younger at the time you apply for EOPS/NextUp
- Your FAFSA and primary college both list Oxnard College

How Do I Apply?

1. If you have not done so, please meet with Fidelia Flores in Financial Aid to verify your status.
2. Submit an NextUp Application (https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=a4qLu5knNE-_koX4GbwAb1yETuglBIFCgCOOp8xcejhUOEpCR09WNVFWVUEwWVZHU0UyMIhIREdBmi4u&route=shorturl)
3. If Fidelia cannot verify your status you will need to submit a letter of verification of foster youth status. Please contact us directly if you require assistance with this.

SERVICES for NextUp Eligible Students

One on One Counseling
 Assistance with Class Selection
 Assistance with College Forms
 Early Registration
 Grants (Free Money for College)
 Book Vouchers
 Grocery Vouchers
 Cafeteria Meal Coupons
 Childcare at the OC Child Development Center
 Student Computer Lab
 Survival Kit: School Supplies

For information and appointments, call (805) 678-5827 or visit the EOPS/CARE office upon enrollment. EOPS/CARE is located on the 2nd floor in the Student Services Building in Room 254.