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## Foster Youth Educational Support Programs

### NextUp

The purpose of NextUp is to support eligible students who experienced the foster care system in achieving higher education success, health, and well-being at the community college level. Supportive services include assistance with transportation, food vouchers, book vouchers, educational grants, and school supplies. To qualify, a student must be EOPS eligible and have been a ward of the court at the time of their 13th birthday, or thereafter, and no older than age 25.

NextUp students have access to a computer lab, space to study, tutoring assistance, and a center to meet with their fellow peers and the NextUp specialist. An academic counselor is on-site several days a week for student convenience. For more information, call 805-922-6966 ext. 3214, or visit the CARE/NextUp/Guardian Scholars Center in bldg. A, Room 203 on the Santa Maria campus.

### Guardian Scholars

Guardian Scholars provides support services for former foster youth attending Allan Hancock College who are not NextUp eligible.

Guardian Scholars is a standalone program housed within the EOPS Department in Student Services Building A, CARE/NextUp/Guardian Scholars Center (A 203). Supportive services include assistance with transportation, food vouchers, book vouchers (limited), and school supplies. Guardian Scholars students have access to a computer lab, space to study, tutoring assistance, and a center to meet with their fellow peers and program staff. For more information, call 805-922-6966 ext. 3214, or visit the CARE/NextUp/Guardian Scholars Center in bldg. A, Room 203 on the Santa Maria campus.