

# ONLINE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS TOOLS

## FOSTER YOUTH EDUCATIONAL PLANNING GUIDE

[www.jbay.org/resources/ed-planning-guide/](http://www.jbay.org/resources/ed-planning-guide/)

Created by John Burton Advocates for Youth and updated yearly, this guide is intended to help foster youth in California find the right path to higher education that fits their interests and career goals. It is available in both English and Spanish.

## FINANCIAL AID GUIDE FOR CALIFORNIA FOSTER YOUTH

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## CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PATHWAYS

[www.cacollegepathways.org](http://www.cacollegepathways.org)

California College Pathways works to help foster youth across the state of California to achieve their higher education goals. This website provides information that helps youth make a plan for college and find financial aid, housing resources, and contact information for campus support programs.

## DATABASE OF ACCREDITED POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS

<https://ope.ed.gov/dapip/>

Run by the U.S. Department of Education, this database allows parents and youth to determine whether a school has been accredited, meaning that it has met certain standards set forth by the Department. Students should focus on accredited schools, as these schools undergo a certification process. Additionally, when students attend accredited schools, they will be able to take out federal student loans or receive federal aid, if appropriate.

# CAREER ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING TOOLS

## GLADEO

[www.gladeo.org](http://www.gladeo.org)

This website helps youth explore careers and take the Gladeo quiz to explore their personal interests and how they match up with different careers.

## CALIFORNIA CAREER ZONE

[www.cacareerzone.com](http://www.cacareerzone.com)

This website aims to help youth explore, plan, and prepare for a career. It includes self-assessment modules, tools for financial literacy, and a database of over 900 occupations.

## LIVING WAGE CALCULATOR

<http://livingwage.mit.edu>

This website will help a youth learn what the cost of living is in their community and what they need to earn to support their desired lifestyle. To thrive in many communities, one needs higher education.

## MY PATH

<http://www.cccmypath.org>

Take a career assessment, explore careers, and view potential wages. Produced by California Community Colleges, this website will also help youth and families in California find a community college and begin the application process.

## SALARY SURFER

<http://salarysurfer.cccco.edu>

Developed by the California Community Colleges, this website provides information about which programs are offered at each college, including career and technical education. This tool will help students make decisions about investing time and money in a college education and provide an estimate of the potential wages to be earned after receiving a certificate or degree in certain disciplines.