

The future is waiting for you ...



Claim your funded college savings account today!

CalKIDS is a program from the State of California that may fund up to \$1,500 in free money for eligible public school students with experience in foster care or homelessness to save for college and career training.

You can use these funds to pay for qualified higher education expenses, such as tuition and related fees, books and required supplies, and computer equipment. Please consult your financial aid office to help process your CalKIDS funds.

- To use your funds, you must be between 17 and 26 years old.
- To use your funds you must be enrolled at an eligible college, university, technical, or vocational institution.
- Once funds are requested, they are sent directly to your institution and are treated as an award scholarship.



CalKIDS
The first step toward college



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What you need to claim your CalKIDS account:

1. The California **county** where you attended school in the 2021–22 school year.
2. Your **birthdate**.
3. Your 10–digit **Statewide Student Identifier Number (SSID)**. You can find your SSID on your high school transcript or ask your counselor.

Current Eligibility:

You may be eligible if on October 6, 2021 you were identified by your school as being in foster care or experiencing homelessness (in any grade from 1–12).

**Starting in Fall 2022, accounts were only available to eligible youth in 1st grade.*
Not sure? Ask your high school counselor or click [here](#) for more information about how foster youth and homeless students are defined.

Expanded Eligibility (Coming soon!)

Under AB 2508, all foster youth in any grade from 1–12 on October 1, 2024 will receive at least \$1,000 in a CalKIDS college savings account (if they haven't already).

** Some youth may receive up to \$1,500 if they are also identified as experiencing homelessness.*

These accounts can start to be claimed at the end of the year.



To claim your funds, scan the QR code or visit CalKIDS.org today!

The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS) is a children's savings account program, administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board, an agency of the State of California. CalKIDS will provide eligible participants with college savings accounts, including seed deposits and other potential incentives, to help pay for future qualified higher education expenses. They may or may not be in the custody of a parent or guardian. To learn more about CalKIDS or opt out of the program entirely, please see the Program Information Guide at CalKIDS.org. CalKIDS participants may also establish individual accounts with ScholarShare 529, California's 529 College Savings Plan.