

FOSTERING YOUTH SUCCESS ALLIANCE

New York's Foster Youth Need Your Continued Support

In the past nine years, it is estimated that **over 2,000 individual foster youth** students have accessed the Foster Youth College Success Initiative (FYCSI), which includes youth that have been served multiple years during college, are accessing the program now, or have graduated. The students have attended more than 100 different public and private college across New York State. These funds have provided critical support to youth to make college a reality.

FYCSI funding is used for the following expenses:

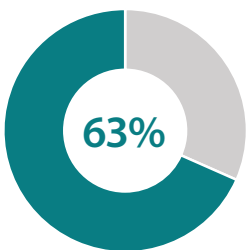
- ✔ Tuition
- ✔ Personal Expenses
- ✔ Room & Board
- ✔ Transportation
- ✔ Books

Legislative Ask for 2024-25 Fiscal Year

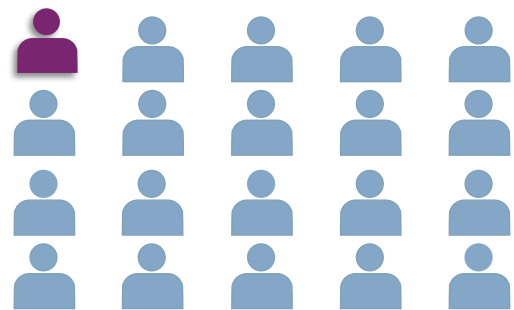
Increase Funding to \$10M

We appreciate the investment the state has made in furthering the academic accomplishments of youth with a foster care background throughout the last eight years. **Please support an increase in funding for the Foster Youth College Success Initiative to \$10 million now that the state has made it easier to identify eligible youth during the TAP application process.**

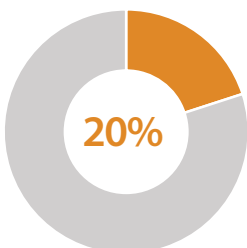
Why Do Foster Youth Need Your Continued Support?



63% of Foster Youth Want to Attend College



1 out of 20 foster youth in New York State complete a college degree.



20% of Foster Youth Enroll in College

FYCSI funding is critical for students' academic growth and success, and is key to making college a reality for New York's youth in foster care.

How the Foster Youth College Success Initiative Benefits Young People

Advocates:



Mame // Class of '24

CUNY John Jay College

B.S. in Criminal Justice

"Funding programs like FYCSI ensures that *everyone gets the support they need to succeed*. I wish I had this much support when I was younger..."



Santhana // Class of '27

SUNY Binghamton

B.A. in Psychology

"Programs like FYCSI ensure that *youth...even those that are no longer in care... have support when they have no one else to rely on.*"



Solai // Class of '23

Five Towns College

B.A. in Film Studies

"FYCSI helps ensure children in the system seeking to further their education... have school choice and career choice"



Darzell // Class of '25

CUNY LaGuardia Community College

A.S. in Computer Science

"Tackling college courses while aging out of foster care and finding an apartment at the same time is a lot to juggle by myself... having FYCSI to support me is a life saver."



Julian // Legal Aid Society

Youth Leadership Board Member

"As a former foster care youth, I strive to use my experiences to pave a better future for youth...while resources may be limited now, they don't have to be."

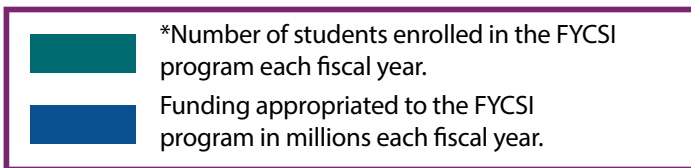


Amal // Children's Defense Fund - NY

Youth Action Researcher

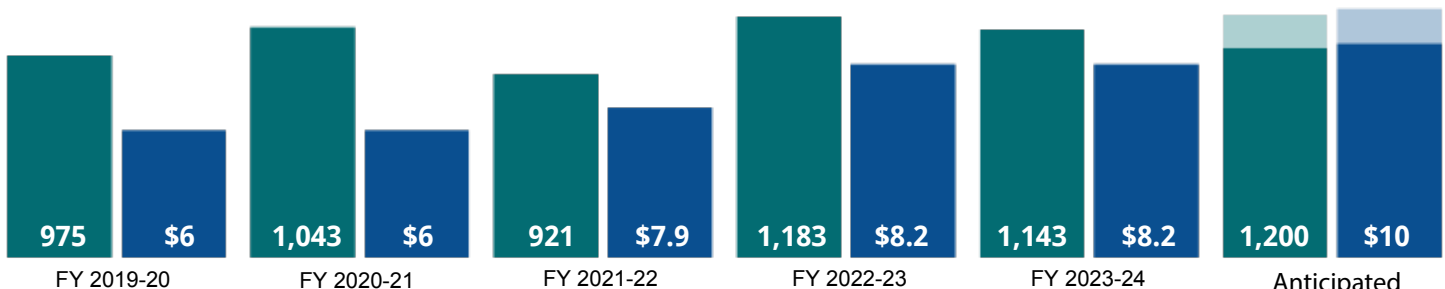
"By addressing the unique needs of individuals leaving foster care... we can make the journey of young people slightly smoother."

Previous State Support by Fiscal Year



FYSA is requesting that \$10 million for the Foster Youth College Success Initiative be included in the Governor's final enacted budget for FY25.

*Note: Many students accounted for in this chart received multiple years of FYCSI support.



While this graphic shows enrollment from the past five years, FYCSI support has been available since FY 2015-16

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