



## Encourage Youth Scholarship

**The Encourage Youth Scholarship is purposely designed to assist Nevada foster, unaccompanied youth, and risk of homelessness students in their pursuit of a degree at CSN.**

The Encourage Youth Scholarship is for Nevada youth who have experienced foster care at the age of 13 or older. Unaccompanied youth as defined by Title 1 Hope Program or risk of homelessness defined by a school district homeless liaison, or the US Dept of HUD, or the Director of a homeless shelter or transitional living program. This scholarship is meant to help students to pursue a college degree at CSN.

To apply for the Encourage Youth scholarship, you must complete the following steps:

- You meet one or more of the above definitions and provide official documentation.
- Contact the Encourage Youth Mentor ([jim.hammond@csn.edu](mailto:jim.hammond@csn.edu)) – every semester.
- Complete the current year's [FAFSA form](#).
- Declare a Financial Aid eligible degree at CSN.
- Enroll in a minimum of six credits that apply towards your declared degree.
- Must meet [Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\)](#)

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### Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Foster Youth Tuition/ Fee Waiver

To apply for the waiver, you must meet the following requirements:

- Must have experienced foster care in Nevada at the age of 13 years or older.
- Must document with official verification that you were in the custody of the agency at the age of 13 years or older, which may include but is not limited to, written documentation on agency letterhead.
- Graduation from a Nevada high school or passed the TASC, HiSET or GED. Must provide an official HS Transcript or official documentation verifying you passed the tests listed.
- Complete the current year's [FAFSA form](#).
- Must be under the age of 26.
- Must meet [Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\)](#)

### Award Details

Scholarship funding is limited and awarded on a first come/first serve basis. Once funds have been exhausted, no additional students can be considered. We urge you to contact [jim.hammond@csn.edu](mailto:jim.hammond@csn.edu) for assistance and a chance at these excellent opportunities.