Increased Financial Aid for Foster Youth
Language governing this funding is included in SB 117, the higher education budget trailer bill (pending Gov’s signature)

**MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP**
- Provides low-to middle-income undergraduate students with a scholarship if enrolled in a UC or CSU, or bachelor’s program at a community college.
- Individual award amounts are based on each college’s Cost of Attendance (COA).
- For *independent* students, the MCS provides roughly 24% of the remaining unmet need after accounting for other federal, state, and institutional aid and a “self-help” student contribution of $7,898.
- SB 117 requires that 100% of the remaining unmet need be funded for current and former foster youth after accounting for the self-help contribution.

**STUDENT SUCCESS COMPLETION GRANT**
- Administered by the California Community Colleges
- Current and former foster youth will receive a grant award of $5,250 per semester, if enrolled in 12 or more units.
- Non-foster youth students receive $1,298 per semester if enrolled in 12-14 units, and $4,000 per semester if enrolled in 15 units.

Championed by Senators Mike McGuire and Angelique Ashby

Learn more at:
[jbay.org/resources/2023-fact-sheet-financial-aid/](jbay.org/resources/2023-fact-sheet-financial-aid/)
**HIGHER MONTHLY PAYMENTS FOR FOSTER YOUTH IN THE SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING PLACEMENT (SILP)**

- Includes $1 million in 2023–24 and $18.8 million in ongoing funding starting in 2025–26, championed by Assemblymember Phil Ting & Senator María Elena Durazo.
- Increases the monthly payment non-minor dependents receive who are placed in SILPs.
  - Bases increase on housing costs in their county of residence according to Fair Market Rent. (SILP "Housing Supplement")
  - Goal is to reduce homelessness & housing instability (1 in 5 non-minor dependents experience homelessness)
- FY22–23 monthly SILP payment was $1,129 statewide.
  - Housing Supplement will bring average rate to $1,624, ranging from $1,206 in Modoc to $2,437 in Santa Cruz.
- SILP Housing Supplement will take effect July 1, 2025 or when the increased rates are automated in CalSAWS (state’s payment system).

Learn more at: [https://jbay.org/resources/2023-fact-sheet-silp/](https://jbay.org/resources/2023-fact-sheet-silp/)
**HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE & PREVENTION (HHAP) PROGRAM**

- **$1 billion** included in 2023–24 state budget
- HHAP provides homeless Continuums of Care (CoCs), state’s 13 largest cities, and counties with funding to address homelessness.
- HHAP has a **10% youth set-aside**, requiring jurisdictions to spend at least 10% of their HHAP funding on youth ($100 million in 2023–24)
- SB 129 also made several policy changes to HHAP:
  - Transition in administering entity (Cal ICH → HCD)
  - New regional coordination
  - New local accountability
  - Prioritization of permanent housing solutions
  - Reorganization of eligible uses

**Investment in Reducing Youth Homelessness**
Language governing this funding was included in SB 129, the housing budget trailer bill (pending Gov’s signature)

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