

EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs

CalWORKs plus START/NextUp

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This presentation provides an overview of Diablo Valley College's support services for current and former foster youth.



START and NextUp



START+NextUp are support programs designed to increase access, retention, and graduation rates for current or former foster youth at DVC.

START+NextUp provides a warm and welcoming environment, creates a support network, and empowers foster youth students to make progress toward self-sufficiency, professional success, and community leadership.

After completing the DVC Application, please submit the [the START+NextUp Program Application](#)

How can START/NextUp Help you?



Academic Support

Wrap-around support from enrollment to graduation

Consistent guidance from a dedicated team of staff, counselors, and peers

Priority registration - be the first to pick your classes before they fill up



Financial Support

Maximize financial aid eligibility (FAFSA, Chafee, grants, and scholarships)

Access to emergency grants (based on funding)

Semester supply kits

Food/Transportation support

Care packages - birthdays, special events, learning themes, etc



Community Building

Social events, trips, and workshops that promote academic, career and personal growth

Maximize connection to other resources based on each student's unique needs

Recognition and celebration of educational milestones

Leadership and networking opportunities





Program Services

Enrollment Assistance

Guidance on completing the application and enrollment process

Dedicated Counselors

Extended appointments available for personalized support

Financial Aid Support

Assistance with understanding and accessing financial aid resources

Events

Workshops, activities, and social gatherings

Eligibility Requirements after Application

Intake Appointment

Schedule a meeting with the program staff

Documentation

Provide proof of foster care placement

Age Requirement

Placed in foster care between ages 13-18





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