

SERVING FORMER AND CURRENT FOSTER YOUTH



Applying for NextUp:

All applicants interested in the NextUp program at San Diego Mesa College must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current or former foster youth in care at or after age 16;
- Be under age 26, at the start of the academic year defined by the college;
- Enroll in at least 9 units (6 units if DSPS);
- Qualify for EOPS;
- Provide proof of dependency.

Application Process:

- STEP 1** Provide NextUp counselor with proof of dependency. (Please call 1-877-846-1602 to obtain your proof of dependency letter.)
- STEP 2** Schedule pre-admission appointment by contacting a NextUp counselor in the EOPS office at (619) 388-2706.
- STEP 3** If applicable, obtain official and unofficial transcripts from previous colleges of attendance.
- STEP 4** Attend appointment with a NextUp counselor to complete intake forms, complete EOPS application and an abbreviated education plan.

Empowering Foster Youth Through Higher Education

OUR MISSION:

To be the leading college serving foster youth while providing above and beyond support.

SUPPORT SERVICES

ACADEMIC ADVISING

NextUp students are advised by knowledgeable and caring academic counselors.

Counselors assist students to meet their educational needs and adjust in the college environment.

TUTORIAL SERVICES

NextUp students can take advantage of no-cost tutorial assistance. Trained peer tutors provide learning support through the tutorial program.

TEXTBOOK SUPPORT

NextUp students receive support to assist in the purchase of books.

TRANSPORTATION STIPEND

NextUp students can receive a semester transportation stipend to commute to school.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A variety of activities and special events are offered throughout the semester to support the social and intellectual development of NextUp students.

STUDENT HEALTH AND COUNSELING SERVICES

Counseling and psychological services will be offered through Mesa College Student Health Services.