

ACE SCHOLARS

ACE Scholars is a program that supports former foster youth as they attend college or technical/vocational school. This program helps with the following:

- * Scholarships/Financial Aid
- * Computer for college students
- * College-Prep classes
- * & more!

Transitional Housing

Former Foster Youth from the Imperial County between the ages of 18-21 might qualify for assistance for transitional housing. To qualify, youth must be the following:

- * Have aged out at the age of 18
- * Be currently attending college
- * Be working at least part-time
- * Enrolled and active in Project ACE

Examples of assistance are life skills workshops, help searching for an apartment and links to other housing programs.



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Accessing Careers Through Education

“Making a difference in the lives of local foster youth”

Summary

Project ACE is a youth program serving youth county-wide between the ages of 16-21 in the communities of El Centro, Calexico, Holtville, Brawley, Calipatria & Imperial. To qualify for the program, applicants must be currently in foster care or former foster youth who were in a group home, foster home or KinGap placement for any period after their 16th birthday.



SERVICES

WEEKLY WORKSHOPS

Students enrolled in the program can attend weekly workshops that cover a variety of topics. Students are paid for attending these classes.



Some of the topics include:

- * College & Other Options
- * Money Management
- * Life Skills
- * & more!

CAREER CLASSES

Students will also have opportunities to explore different careers and training through various activities. Classes offered in the past:

- * Careers in Nursing
- * Careers in Law
- * Computer Repair
- * Computer Office Systems



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WORK EXPERIENCE

The project provides paid work experience to all the participating youth. Students are referred to the employment training programs offered at the One Stop. Students enrolled in these programs can work at a sites that match their career interest.

FIELD TRIPS

Project ACE students get to enjoy and learn about different careers and schools from a variety of field trips. Trips in the past have included:

- * SDSU and UCSD
- * San Diego Kaplan College
- * Cal State San Marcos
- * San Diego Job Corps
- * & more!

