UC Regents Foster Youth Award

2023 Guidelines



Purpose of Award

The Regents Foster Youth Award seeks to honor and celebrate University of California students who are current or former foster youth for their academic achievements and community service. This award also serves to maintain ongoing visibility of the unique barriers that current and former foster youth face in their pursuit of academic success.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Regents Foster Youth Award, a student must be: 1) a current or former foster youth enrolled as a full-time undergraduate, graduate, or professional student in good academic and disciplinary standing at one of the University of California's ten campuses; or 2) a student who recently graduated from UC within the same academic year of the nomination process. Nominees must be in good academic and disciplinary standing.

Nomination Process

Any UC student, faculty, or staff member may nominate a fellow candidate for this award. To do so, please complete the Nomination Form on the following page. Self-nominations will not be accepted. The nomination deadline is **Friday**, **June 9**, **2023**.

Selection Process

A Regents Foster Youth Award Selection committee comprised of individual Regents and staff from the UC Office of the President will look for one or more of the following attributes in nomination submissions:

- Demonstrated academic excellence or significant improvement in academic performance
- Engagement in local, state, or national community service and/or advocacy efforts
- Facilitation of activities or programs that enhanced the undergraduate, graduate, or professional student experience on campus
- Demonstrated excellence in helping the University fulfill its mission of teaching, research, and community service
- Positive impact in support of current or former foster youth at UC (either at a specific campus or more broadly)

The Selection Committee will evaluate the submitted nominations using weighted measures that are based on the selection criteria noted above. The Chair of the Board of Regents will make the final determination and honor the selected student at the Regents meeting in July with a \$1,000 award and a framed certificate of honor. In addition to the award, the recipient will receive an invitation to attend a dinner or other social event with members of the Board of Regents. The Office of the Regents will cover the student's travel-related expenses.

Submit Nominations to

RegentsFosterYouthAward@ucop.edu by Friday, June 9, 2023.





2023 Nomination Form

Name.
Campus:
Class Standing (e.g., freshman, sophomore, graduate student):
Major(s)/Course of Study:
Phone:
Email:
Name:
Title:
Campus:
Phone:
Email:

On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to the following questions and submit along with a completed copy of this form:

- 1. Describe the nominee's engagement with local, state, or national community service and/or advocacy efforts. Provide examples of how those activities made a positive impact in support of current and former foster youth (either at a specific UC campus or more broadly).
- 2. Describe the nominee's general extracurricular activities or projects and subsequent outcomes. Provide examples of how this engagement supported the University's mission of teaching, research, and public service.
- 3. Share a personal anecdote about the candidate you are nominating. What motivates your nominee and how does the student inspire others?

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Nomination Questions

Please submit nomination materials by Friday, June 9, 2023 to:

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