

Several **dedicated college support programs** assist foster youth alumni. These schools and programs include:

- a) **Austin Community College** (ACC) has the [Foster Care Alumni \(FAC\) Program](#) that connects foster youth with ACC representatives, who are Campus Champions and provide one-on-one mentoring and address the legal, medical, housing, and financial challenges youth face as a college student.
- b) **Sam Houston State University** (SHSU)-Huntsville has [SHSU Project Forward](#) which serves as a resource to help and empower foster youth by providing the support system necessary to pursue higher education and to build meaningful relationships within the university that are important to successful and professional achievements.
- c) **Texas State University** (TSC) has the [TSC FACES Program](#). The mission of FACES is to create a campus-wide network of support to assist former foster care students achieve educational success by focusing on recruitment, retention, and graduation. Mentors and Advocates provide support to foster care alumni through FACES in a variety of ways.
- d) **Texas Tech University** (TTU)-The [TTU-Pegasus Program](#) seeks to make exploration, innovation, and academic success attainable realities for First Generation College (FGC) Students. First year students are assigned mentors who are other students of TTU.
- e) **Dallas Community Colleges** (DCC) Foster Care Program connects foster care alumni students to Transition Coaches at all DCC colleges. [DCC Foster Care Program](#)
- f) **Texas Women's University** (TWU)-The [Frontiers Program](#) provides support and guidance to former foster youth enrolled at TWU.
- g) **University of North Texas** (UNT)-[PUSH University of North Texas](#) is a student organization that was created to raise awareness in the public and university communities about the experiences of youth in the child welfare system and to promote excellence, positive support, resources and fellowship to foster care alumni and students.
- h) The **University of Texas-San Antonio** has the [UTSA ACCESS Center](#) which provides resources for former foster youth considering college or job training.
- i) **University of Houston** (UH) [Urban Experience](#) is a program for educationally and economically underserved individuals. The program promotes scholarship, community service, and personal and professional development; through mentorship and internship as a conduit for the development of well-trained professionals.
- j) **University of Texas-El Paso: UTEP-FHAR Program** connects foster, homeless and adopted individuals through education and advocacy with resources that will assist with their UTEP experience.
- k) **University of Texas-Austin: UTA SPARKS Program** provides support systems to transition to UT-Austin and engage with the campus while in college. SPARKS serves as a resource to help students build meaningful personal and professional relationships that are important to success.
- l) Other Colleges: **Lone Star Colleges in Houston, Texas State Technical Colleges, Prairie View A&M, Alamo Community College, Texas A&M-San Antonio, UT-Permian Basin, Amarillo College, West Texas A&M, University of Texas-Pan American, and Midland College** do not have specific programs for foster youth alumni but have dedicated staff that are available to assist foster youth enrolled at their schools.