

JESSUP UNIVERSITY

ONRAMP

A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH



OnRamp: A Pathway to Success for Former Foster Youth at Jessup University is a dedicated effort that promotes student success through access, vision, support, and skills. This collaborative approach across the University's offices ensures each student receives a Christ-centered higher education that is affordable and achievable. Finally, it is a program with the primary goal of building up our students' faith, as well as their academic and professional success.

WHY JESSUP?

We believe an exceptional education should go hand-in-hand with your faith. Jessup is the only fully accredited, private liberal arts university centrally located in Northern California with programs on campus and online, taught by expert, industry-leading faculty. As a student, you'll be equipped to lead with mastery and empathy in your chosen field—all within a vibrant, Christ-centered community.

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PRIVATE, CHRIST-CENTERED HIGHER EDUCATION MADE POSSIBLE

through generous donors and a support team dedicated to your success



HOW DO I PAY FOR COLLEGE?

There are a variety of ways to pay for college. We encourage each of our students to pursue as much financial assistance as possible before entertaining the idea of student loan debt. Jessup's average graduate loan debt is 33% less than the national average. ***In fact, those entering the OnRamp program will receive significant scholarship support from the University and donor-***

funded aid specifically designated for OnRamp students.

*Jessup's desire is to provide enough funding so each OnRamp program student would **graduate with little to no Direct Student Loan debt.** This may not be possible for all students. However, we will make every effort for you to have significant awards that make a four-year education possible.*

FUNDING MENU

Federal Pell Grant: Students with a ZERO EFC (Expected Family Contribution) from their FAFSA can receive a max of \$7,395 (as of Academic Year 23-24) annually.

Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant: This grant provides a maximum award of \$420 to eligible students, subject to the availability of funds and a zero Expected Family Contribution (EFC). However, receiving the full amount is not guaranteed due to funding limitations.

Federal Work Study: This program calculates the award amount by subtracting all other forms of financial aid from the Cost of Attendance (COA). While it is a government-supported initiative aimed at assisting students with on-campus job opportunities, it may not be a substantial source of funding for students, as its impact tends to be more supplementary rather than transformative.

Cal Grant: This grant is awarded to qualifying students who are residents of California. You must apply for this award before March 2 and submit a GPA Verification Form.

Chafee Grant: This state grant is awarded to qualifying students who were in the foster

care system from the ages of 16-18 and are currently under the age of 23. The award is \$5,000 annually until you reach the age of 26.

WJU Grant and Other Institutional Awards: Jessup offers a variety of awards that can help supplement scholarships. This grant is based on the FAFSA application and is automatically generated based on overall need and availability of funds. Together, aid can add up to the total Cost of Attendance (\$36,000).

OnRamp Program Scholarship: We have a community of support that believes in you. Because of this, we have a number of donors who have and continue to give to this scholarship so you can receive a Christ-centered education and experience academic and professional success. Cumulative awards up to \$15,000 annually.

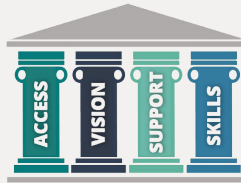
Income Share Agreement: The ISA is an optional program whereby each student will agree to payback this loan with no interest.

Student Direct Loans: If needed, Direct Student Loans are made available for those who qualify.





Through a partnership with The Alliance, the OnRamp program is built upon these four pillars to ensure your success as a Jessup student.



The Alliance is a local nonprofit serving at-risk youth and families in our area since 2016 (learn more at www.defendingthecause.org). The university will provide a dedicated team of OnRamp program staff with additional resources from The Alliance.

From start to finish they will serve and support you through the admissions, enrollment, and financial aid process. Alongside your student success coach, the OnRamp program staff will provide a variety of workshops and connection opportunities during your tenure as a student to ensure you are successful spiritually, academically, and socially.

HOW CAN I BECOME AN ONRAMP PROGRAM STUDENT?

The process to becoming part of the OnRamp program begins with nomination. This can be done by a social worker, mentor, CASA, or someone that knows you well and sees you as a great Jessup candidate.

Basic OnRamp program requirements:

- Participate in the foster care system between the ages of 12-18
- Receive a nomination and application
- Complete a student interest essay and interview
- Submit admissions and financial aid applications

For more information, and to gain access to the nomination form, visit:

jessup.edu/fosteryouth



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ADMISSIONS PROCESS: BECOME A WARRIOR IN 7 STEPS



Our admissions team is here for you every step of the way. When you apply to Jessup, you'll be assigned an admissions counselor who will help you:

1. Complete an application at jessup.edu/apply
2. Upload your unofficial transcripts from high school or a GED certificate
3. Fill out the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov and add our school code: 001281
4. Receive an acceptance decision and confirm your Jessup enrollment
5. Interview with the OnRamp Program/Scholarship Committee
6. Be notified about program acceptance and scholarship funds
7. Take the final steps: meet with success coach, register for classes, attend orientation



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HOW DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid by going to fafsa.ed.gov. The best time to apply is between October 1 and March 2. During this time, you are included in the Cal Grant application process. You can apply after this date but less funding may be available. For support during the FAFSA process, please do not hesitate to contact our Financial Aid Office or your Success Coach.



POST-FAFSA CHECKLIST

- Create a Webgrants account for Cal Grant at <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/>
- Make sure your high school or previous college has submitted the GPA verification form before March 2.
- You can submit the California Chafee Grant Application online at chafee.csac.ca.gov or complete the paper form and mail it.
- Check your email and portal regularly.
- Respond promptly to any requests from Jessup.
- Provide any required verification for the FAFSA and/or proof of your foster youth status.
- Meet with your admissions and financial aid counselor to discuss options.
- Watch for your Student Aid Report from FAFSA and retain your DRN number.
- Connect with the OnRamp program coordinator.
- Complete your admissions process at Jessup to enroll in courses.
- Once you begin courses, you are an alum from day one. We believe in you!

THE ONRAMP PROGRAM IS BUILT ON FOUR PILLARS: ACCESS, SUPPORT, SKILLS, AND VISION.



ACCESS: Generous scholarships to access education

SUPPORT: Consistent academic support and mentorship opportunities

SKILLS: Executive functioning skills training

VISION: Inspiring and motivating students to realize their potential

Through these four pillars of success, we strive for each student to succeed academically so they can enter their chosen field anchored to God's call without the burden of debt.

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