

WILLIAM JESSUP UNIVERSITY

# ONRAMP

A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH



OnRamp: A pathway to success for former foster youth at William Jessup University is a dedicated effort that promotes the success of its students through access, vision, support and skills. The 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?

Jessup is the only Christ-centered private university in the Sacramento area. We are known for our tight-knit and supportive community as well as faculty and staff that know you by name. Attending Jessup will be a transformative experience, mentally and spiritually. As a student, you will receive an education where faith is fully integrated into every class and discipline. Choose from over 50 quality liberal arts programs and become exceptionally employable upon graduation.

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# PRIVATE CHRIST-CENTERED HIGHER EDUCATION MADE POSSIBLE

Through generous donors and a passionate 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 free funding 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 scholarship aid***

***specifically designated for OnRamp program students.***

*The heart of Jessup 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 university possible.*

## FUNDING MENU

**Federal Pell Grant:** Students with a ZERO EFC (Expected Family Contribution) from their FAFSA can receive a maximum of \$6,495 (as of Academic Year 21-22) annually.

**Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant:** Students with a ZERO EFC (Expected Family Contribution) from their FAFSA can receive a max of \$500 (as of Academic Year 21-22) annually.

**Federal Work Study:** Students who demonstrate a financial need can qualify for on-campus work that will assist in paying any college costs associated with their education.

**Cal Grant:** This grant is awarded to qualifying students who are residents of California. This award must be applied for before March 2 along with a GPA Verification form. This award can range from \$8,000 to \$11,000 annually.

**Chafee Grant:** This state grant is awarded to qualifying students who were in the foster care system from the ages of 16-18 and currently under the age of 23. This award is \$5,000 annually until you reach the age of 26 (in some cases).

**WJU Grant and Other Institutional Awards:** Jessup has a variety of awards that will help meet the gap of your tuition costs and scholarships. Jessup leadership has made a decision to maximize these awards for each student in the OnRamp program. We want to ensure that every student has access to a private university education. Cumulative awards up to \$20,000 annually.

**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 success academically and professionally. Cumulative awards up to \$15,000 annually.

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

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





The OnRamp program is built upon these four pillars to ensure your success as a Jessup student.



The university has partnered with The Alliance to provide a dedicated team of OnRamp program coordinators. The Alliance is a local nonprofit that has been serving at-risk youth and families in our area since 2016 (learn more at [www.defendingthecause.org](http://www.defendingthecause.org)).

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 coordinators 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 requirements for the OnRamp program include:**

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

For more information and access to the nomination form visit:

[jessup.edu/fosteryouth](http://jessup.edu/fosteryouth)



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# ADMISSION PROCESS: BECOME A WARRIOR IN FIVE 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](https://jessup.edu/apply)
2. Upload your unofficial transcripts from high school or a GED certificate
3. Fill out the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](https://www.fafsa.gov) and add our school code: 001281
4. Receive an acceptance decision and confirm your enrollment
5. Take the final steps: meet with success coach, register for classes, attend orientation



[JESSUP.EDU/APPLY](https://jessup.edu/apply)

# HOW DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid by going to [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov). The best time to apply is between October 1st and March 2nd. 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 college success program coordinators or the financial aid office.



## CHECKLIST AFTER THE FAFSA

- 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 2nd.
- You can submit the California Chafee Grant Application online at [chafee.csac.ca.gov](https://chafee.csac.ca.gov) or complete the paper form and mail it.
- Check your email and portal regularly.
- Respond promptly to any requests from CSAC or 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 and retain your DRN number.
- Connect with the OnRamp program coordinator.
- Enroll in your courses.
- Once you start your courses you are an Alum from Day One. We believe in you!

# THE ONRAMP PROGRAM IS BUILT UPON 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

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