

Helping Foster and Homeless Youth Achieve Act (S.3350)
Introduced by Senators Rosen and Portman

Foster youth and homeless youth face significant barriers to higher education.

- Less than 3% of foster youth graduate from college
(National Foster Youth Institute)
- College enrollment is four times higher for students who have not recently experienced homelessness *(Chapin Hall)*

What the bill does: This legislation requires colleges to waive application fees for foster youth and homeless youth, reducing a financial barrier for this population to pursue a higher education.

Why it matters: The process of applying and financial barriers to even being considered for acceptance can stop academically qualified at-risk students from taking this important step for their future. For foster and homeless youth, this compounds the many challenges they are already working to overcome.

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