1 | DECIDE
- Do you want to attend Los Medanos College?
- Consider: Location, majors offered, class size, services available
- How many courses do you want to take? Full-time or part-time student?

2 | APPLY
- Fill out Los Medanos College online application at www.losmedanos.edu/new
- Submit a user name, email address, password, and complete an online application
- Contact Counseling Dept. www.losmedanos.edu/orientation.

3 | ORIENTATION
- You must attend an orientation in person and complete an online orientation
  www.losmedanos.edu/orientation/default.aspx

4 | ASSESSMENT TESTS
- Schedule assessment tests in person or set up an appointment online
- Study for and take the English and math assessment/placement tests
- Sample tests are available to study on the website
- English and math are required for class placement

5 | DEVELOP ED PLAN & ENROLL
- Before you enroll, make sure to make an education plan with the foster youth counselor
- For an appointment call (925) 473-7449
- This is when you choose your classes

6 | TOUR
- Go to your campus and find where your classes are located
- Check in with the Foster Youth Counselor/Liaison, Financial Aid, EOPS, & DSPS

7 | FYSI LIAISON
- Foster Youth Success Initiative Liaison
- A person on campus who offers specialized support with financial aid, and
  linkages to other campus resources for foster youth
- Contact Counseling Dept. www.losmedanos.edu/ fosteryouth

8 | FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
- Complete the following: FAFSA, BOG fee waiver, Chafee grant
- Follow up with any questions

9 | EOPS
- Extended Opportunity Program Services
- Personal & academic counseling and mentoring
- Academic & financial support
- Funds for books and supplies
- Must apply early and be a full-time student
- EOPS accepts applications before fall semester starts
- Check for deadlines because space is limited

10 | ADMISSIONS & RECORDS
- Submit any official high school transcripts
- Adding/dropping classes

11 | DSPS
- Disabled students programs and services
- Extra accommodations and resources for students with disabilities

12 | ACADEMIC COUNSELING
- Education planning, advising, counseling, career exploration, transferring & graduation

13 | FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAM
- Academic advising, support, foster youth resources, scholarship information, success courses
  www.losmedanos.edu/ fosteryouth

14 | CARE
- Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education
- Support for parenting students; workshops

15 | CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ILSP
- Contact Counseling Dept.
- Caregivers, relatives, teachers, and friends

16 | LAWYER
- Court-appointed special advocate

17 | CHILD WELFARE WORKER
- Education specialists or case managers can help you in the process!

18 | CASA
- Court-appointed Special Advocate

19 | TRANSITIONAL HOUSING STAFF
- Education specialists or case managers can help you in the process!

20 | CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
- Caregivers, relatives, teachers, and friends

21 | OTHER SUPPORTIVE ADULTS
- Counselor/Liason, Financial Aid, EOPS, & DSPS

22 | FAFSA
- Financial Aid for Students Application
  www.fafsa.ed.gov
  Must be completed every year
  Best to complete between January 1st and March 2nd
  Be sure to mark you are/were a “ward”
  Los Medanos College federal school code is 010340

23 | BOG FEE WAIVER
- Board of Governors Fee Waiver
- Waives tuition at California Community Colleges
- Application available at the Financial Aid Office

24 | MONEY FOR BOOKS
- College books are expensive
  Check with Foster Youth Counselor & EOPS
  John Burton Scholarship

25 | CAL GRANT
- Only eligible if you complete FAFSA by March 2nd
  Track status & create an account at www.webgrants4students.org

26 | FEDERAL PELL GRANT
- Must submit FAFSA by March 2nd
  12 units required for full award

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- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant

28 | CHAFEE GRANT FOR FOSTER YOUTH
- Must complete FAFSA
  Must complete a separate application at chafee.csac.ca.gov
  Foster youth eligible until 22

29 | SCHOLARSHIPS
- Foster Youth Counselor & Scholarship Office located in the Financial Aid Office

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OFF-CAMPUS SUPPORT

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