



TO: Chief Executive Officers
Chief Student Services Officers
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FROM: Erin Larson, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Strategic Educational and Workforce Initiatives

RE: Intent to Award Notification - Rising Scholars Network – Juvenile Justice
Program Request for Proposals (RFP)

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office announces the organization selected to receive an award to support the Rising Scholars Network – Juvenile Justice Evaluation.

The Rising Scholars Network (RSN) is an initiative by the California Community Colleges aimed at expanding access to higher education for justice-involved individuals, including those currently or formerly incarcerated. The Rising Scholars Network – Juvenile Justice Program is just one of several initiatives aligned with the *Vision 2030* goals. Its overarching objective is to increase participation and success among juvenile justice-involved students in community colleges.

The purpose of the RFP is to select an organization to conduct a comprehensive five-year program evaluation of the currently funded 45 colleges serving juvenile justice-impacted students.

The Chancellor's Office received 11 proposals and appreciates and acknowledges the efforts of all organizations that submitted a proposal. The proposal awarded can be found in Table 1.

Appeals

RFP respondents have ten (10) business days from the date of this memo to submit an appeal based on the process outlined in the RFP. To receive an appeal form, please contact Lisa Gallardo at LGallardo@CCCCO.edu.

Next Steps

The selected organization will receive information regarding the agreement execution process and additional award details after the appeals period has elapsed.

For questions regarding the Rising Scholars Network, please contact Lisa Gallardo at LGallardo@CCCCO.edu.

Table 1: Rising Scholars Network – Juvenile Justice Evaluation Awardee

Intent to Award Notification - Rising Scholars Network – Juvenile Justice Program RFP

November 12, 2025

| Organization | Award Amount | Agreement Term |
|---|--------------|------------------------------|
| Foundation for California Community Colleges | \$750,000 | Dec. 1, 2025 - Aug. 31, 2029 |