

NextUp Mutual Responsibility Agreement

Santa Barbara City College

As a NextUp student, I understand that the program is designed to support me in achieving my academic and personal goals. I acknowledge that my success in college is a shared responsibility between myself and the NextUp program staff, and I am committed to fulfilling my responsibilities to the best of my ability.

I understand that I am eligible for NextUp services if I meet the following criteria:

- I was in foster care on or after my 13th birthday in any state.
- I am enrolled in 9 units or have an academic plan leading toward enrollment in 9 units.
- I am under 26 as of July 1st of the year I first entered NextUp.

To set myself up for success and get the most out of the NextUp program to further my education and personal goals, I agree to the following:

1. Attend at least one meeting with an EOPS academic counselor (in person or virtually) each semester to create or update my education plan and discuss my academic goals, celebrate my progress, and connect to campus and community resources.
2. Attend at least two meetings with my NextUp Coordinator (in person or virtually) each semester to update them on my academic progress, celebrate my efforts, and identify strategies to better navigate school.
3. Attend at least one NextUp event (in person or virtually) each semester to expand my personal and professional network and connect with my campus community.

As a NextUp student, I can expect the following services and support from the program staff:

- Academic and personal therapy (email Vicky for an appointment at: vanavarro@pipeline.sbcc.edu)
- Access to priority registration and enrollment assistance
- Textbook assistance and other financial assistance, as available
- Access to tutoring and academic support services
- Help applying for and accessing financial aid and scholarships
- Assistance with transfer planning and applications
- Connection and referrals to other resources that will help me succeed in school
- Being able to ask questions without fear of judgment
- Being treated with dignity and respect
- Community and belonging

While I possess strengths, resilience, talents, and a willingness to learn from others that will help me succeed, I am not alone on my educational journey. I am committed to my success and know that NextUp program staff are equally committed to seeing me succeed. I agree to reach out to access information and resources, ask questions, express concerns, engage with NextUp program staff, and fulfill my program responsibilities to the best of my ability. I understand that if I do not connect or communicate with my NextUp program staff, I am limiting the benefits I can receive from the program and may limit the program staff's ability to provide me with the best possible support.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Student K#: _____