



# FAME Summer Camp

August 6-9, 2013

## Audience

- Current and former foster youth
- Current 9-12th grade students in Michigan
- 30-35 students per year

## Funding

- Self-sustaining through participant fees
- Donations of supplies and materials from local child welfare programs, FAME volunteers and College of Social Science Alumni Association.
- Most participant fees are covered through Youth In Transition (YIT) funding through the State of Michigan– Department of Human Services and can be requested by their foster care worker
- Limited scholarships available to youth that do not qualify for YIT or other funding sources

## Objectives

- Increase knowledge and awareness of support programs available to foster youth pursuing higher education
- Increase number of foster youth alumni attending college
- Improve educational outcomes for foster youth alumni
- Provide a mentorship and leadership opportunity for former foster youth attending MSU to serve as camp counselors.

## Description

This 3 night, 4 day camp provides youth in foster care a college positive experience on MSU's campus.

Campers participate in workshops facilitated by MSU staff and community partners covering the following topics:

***Preparing an admissions statement, College applications, FAFSA and Scholarship opportunities, Choosing a major/career, Building a resume and preparing for job interviews, Money management and financial planning, College life and supportive resources available on campus, Financial resources available to foster youth attending college.***



## Feedback and reflections from 2013 Campers:

### **How has attending FAME Camp changed what you think about your future?**

"It opened my eyes to more opportunities"  
"It has given me the power of knowing how to better my future"  
"FAME showed me that I can get into college with enough funds"  
"It showed me that I can be successful and there's resources for me"  
"It made me more motivated to go to college"  
"FAME taught me that I need to know that my future is important"  
"FAME camp changed my whole decision to attend college"

### **How has attending FAME Camp changed what you think about yourself?**

"The FAME camp showed me that there are many people who have been through what I have and its okay to be myself"  
"It made me feel as if I'm not alone and loved"  
"I am stronger and more independent than I thought"  
"Makes me believe I can get into college"  
"It made me think about my future and what I want to do with it"  
"A lot of kids have through the same and to never let it get to me"  
"I learned to have more confidence in myself"

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