



Video Project for Current and Former Foster Youths in Higher Ed.

Submit a short video discussing your experiences and the challenges you have faced related to racism and police brutality as a current or former foster youth and how they have impacted your pursuit of a college degree, career training program or any other secondary education.

Video Guidelines:

- Must be 2-3 minutes in length
- At the start of the video, give a brief introduction of yourself and state your:
 - Name
 - Age
 - Current location (city and state only)

Fostering Media Connections may publish submissions in one or both of its publications: The Chronicle of Social Change website and the Fostering Families Today print magazine.

Prompt (please choose one or two of these questions to respond to in your video):

Please highlight your experiences while pursuing a college degree, career training program, or any other secondary education to answer the following questions:

1. Discuss some parallels between your current situation and circumstances regarding racism and police brutality. Address your past experiences while in foster care and related issues. Please include photos or videos that pertain to your story that we can include, if applicable.
2. What feelings and emotions has this current situation brought about that might be parallel experiences as a foster youth?
3. What have you found helpful in coping with the raw emotions related to experiencing traumatic events like these?

Other Questions to consider:

1. What has your experience been with police brutality or police in general?
2. Do you believe protesting - including rioting - is the way to bring about more racial equity?
3. How has dealing with these issues affected your life?
4. What are your thoughts on the death of George Floyd and many other unarmed victims killed by police?
5. What are your feelings when these officers are found “not guilty?”



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How it works:

1. Recording logistics:

- Set camera up horizontally on a steady surface
- Make sure you are positioned to where the light hits your face and not your back
- Keep background as simple as possible
- Speak loud and clear for the highest quality audio

Payment:

The first 20 **ACCEPTED** submissions will be eligible for a \$25-50 Visa gift card from Fostering Media Connections. The card will be sent by mail or email once the editing process has been completed on each submission.

What to Submit:

1. 2-3 minute length video of you discussing the above questions
2. A statement agreeing that you consent to your video being used and published on the Chronicle of Social Change website.

Where to Submit:

Send all materials to raquel@fosteringmediaconnections.org by July 10th.