

# Student Advising

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uAspire's advising programs provide **trusted, accurate, personalized support** to help students navigate the financial aid process and make informed decisions about college affordability.

Through the **Afford Program**, students receive hands-on guidance in their high schools and via text messaging to apply for aid, compare college costs, and successfully enroll. Once in college, our **Succeed Program** ensures students continue to access financial aid, manage expenses, and persist through graduation.

## Our Core Programs

### Grade 12 – Afford Program

**A powerful personal connection in high school.**

Students in the Afford Program receive direct advising in person and by text to complete financial aid tasks, explore financially safer college options, and finalize their enrollment—resulting in a **79% enrollment rate**, compared to the **52% national average**.\*

Advisors help students:

- Identify financially safer colleges
- Complete financial aid applications and follow-up steps
- Review and compare financial aid offers
- Appeal aid based on family income changes or special circumstances

### Summer – Afford Program

**Bridging the summer transition.**

Advisors continue support during the summer to help students:

- Finalize their enrollment decision
- Manage loans and access campus resources
- Pay their first tuition bill
- Estimate and plan for indirect expenses



## Our Core Programs (continued)

### College Years 1–4 – Succeed Program

#### A trusted financial ally in college.

Students from the Afford Program transition into the Succeed Program, receiving continued support throughout college—resulting in a **65% graduation rate**, more than **three times the national average** of 19% for students from low-income schools.\*

Advisors provide guidance to:

- Cover tuition, fees, and indirect costs
- Renew financial aid each year
- Manage student loans
- Understand Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Plan for transferring or graduation

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uAspire is important in communities like mine where a lot of kids don't know where to start. **Advisors give students the tools to reach opportunities they couldn't imagine reaching alone.**”

— Michelle, UC Davis

## Additional Financial Aid Support



### Financial Aid Resources

uAspire hosts virtual events, tools, and multilingual materials to help students and families access support anytime.



**Visit:** [uaspire.org/resources](https://uaspire.org/resources)



### College Cost Calculators

uAspire hosts virtual events, tools, and multilingual materials to help students and families access support anytime.



### Virtual Events

Live webinars guide students and families through the financial aid process, providing real-time answers and resources.



### Scholarship Support

Advisors assist students in building a personalized scholarship list, organizing deadlines, and strengthening essays.

\* National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, “High School Benchmarks,” Sept 12, 2024.

