

Student Advising

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.



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.

