

# Center for Scholars

## 2017 Guardian Scholars Application for Current CSUF Students

### Introduction

The Guardian Scholars program empowers current and former foster youth to assume leadership roles at CSUF and in the community. To be considered for the Guardian Scholars program, you are not required to have leadership experience. Priority consideration will be given to students who were in foster care on or after their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday and who are currently under the age of 26.

**Application Deadline March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

#### Checklist

Ward of Court or Dependency Letter  
Unofficial Transcripts  
Personal Statement  
Letters of Reference

If you need a computer to fill out your application or type your personal statement, you may use our computers. Please contact us at (657) 278-3458 to arrange a parking permit.

#### Office Hours

**Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

### Student Information

Full Name:  Date:   
Address:   
Phone:  Date of Birth:   
Email:  Age:

### Academic Information

What is your class level? Freshman    Sophomore    Junior    Senior  
What is your cumulative GPA?  How many units have you completed at CSUF?   
How many units have you transferred from a community college or other university?   
Expected Graduation Date:

**Please attach unofficial transcripts.**

### Foster Care General Information

Where you in foster care on or after your 13<sup>th</sup> birthday:    Yes    No

**Please attached your Ward of Court or Dependency letter.**

*The Ward of Court or Dependency letter is a county document that indicates when your case was open and its present status, which is provided to you by your social worker.*

### Work Experience

Have you held a job or internship in the past year?    Yes    No

**If no, please go to the next section.** If yes, please answer the following questions.

Job title:   
Employer: Supervisor's Name:   
Start Date:  End Date:

Job responsibilities:

## Community Service

Have you participated in any community service events in the past two years? Yes No

If you have not volunteered, what barriers prevented you from serving in your surrounding community?

If you have volunteered, tell us about the experience and what you gained from serving your

## References

Please provide the names and contact information of the **two** references that will be recommending you for the Guardian Scholars program. Your references can be a mentor, social worker, academic counselor, employer or professor.

Reference #1-Name:

Relationship to you:

Phone:  Email:

Reference #2-Name:

Relationship to you:

Phone:  Email:

**Please have your references email a letter of recommendation to [acrockett@fullerton.edu](mailto:acrockett@fullerton.edu) by or prior to the application deadline.**

## Personal Statement

In your own words write a personal statement that answers the following 3 prompt questions in 500 words. The essay should be well thought out, typed, double spaced, 12 point and Times New Roman font. Don't forget to use spellcheck.

**Question #1:** What does leadership mean to you and how have you embodied your definition of leadership in your personal life experiences?

**Question #2:** Tell us about a goal you did not meet. What happened and what did you learn?

**Question #3:** How much of your time can you commit to the Guardian Scholars program and what would you like to gain? *Please read the Guardian Scholars student responsibilities below to determine your level commitment.*

**The Guardian Scholars program requires students to make a commitment to the following program responsibilities every fall and spring semester.**

- Participate in a 3-day overnight Summer Experience (1<sup>st</sup> year of your scholarship)
- Enroll and complete a minimum of 12 units (full-time) fall and spring semesters
- Enroll and complete University 100 course (freshman only)
- Complete 4 academic advising appointments per semester

- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Attend monthly meetings (four per semester)
- Attend Class Level Seminars- 4-8 meetings per semester
- Freshman must live on campus the first year
- Plan and complete two community service events per semester
- Participate in cultural events (2 per semester)
- Complete a leadership training and take on a leadership role within the Guardian Scholars program, CSUF and in the surrounding community
- Participate in an overnight yearly retreat (3 days in the summer)
- Participate in Year End Reception
- Participate in social events or recommended events hosted by the Guardian Scholars program, CSUF and/or community partners (approximately 6 per semester)

***Please attach your essay.***

**Signature**

Please initial below to certify that you agree with the following statements.

I verify that enclosed information is true and accurate and agree to release this information to the Center for Scholars.

Signature  Date

**Staff Only**

Application:      Complete              Incomplete

Date received:  Staff Initials:

Notes: