

## **Program Description**

Cal State Fullerton's Guardian Scholars Program is committed to supporting ambitious, college-bound students exiting the foster care system. We provide a comprehensive program that contributes to the quality and depth of the student's university experience. We serve as a resource for young adults by assisting in their development and equipping them with the educational and interpersonal skills necessary to become self-supporting, community leaders, role models, and competent professionals in their selected fields. By providing scholarship support that meets the university's full cost of attendance, the Guardian Scholars Program provides the opportunity to change individual lives and make dreams come true.

### **The Guardian Scholars Program Offers:**

Financial Scholarship Support  
Year-Round On-Campus Housing  
Priority Registration  
Summer Bridge (First-time Freshmen Only)  
Individual Counseling / Life Coaching  
Life Skills Workshops  
Educational and Community Enrichment Activities  
Student Drop-In & Study Center  
Computer Lab

Each fall semester we hope to admit 10 to 15 new students into the Guardian Scholars Program with an ultimate goal of serving forty scholars in the program at one time.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

In order to qualify for the Guardian Scholars Program students must apply and meet the following criteria:

1. Apply & qualify for admissions to Cal State Fullerton as a freshman or transfer student
2. Must be a current or former foster youth between the ages of 17-23
3. Be classified as a California Resident by the CSUF Office of Admission & Records
4. Demonstrate high motivation and academic potential to succeed in college
5. Must apply for FAFSA by the Priority Deadline of March 2<sup>nd</sup> & qualify as an "Independent" student under federal financial aid guidelines
  - a. For FAFSA online application visit:  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
6. Must apply & qualify for CSUF Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
  - a. For income eligibility information, & to Apply to EOP visit:  
<https://secure.csumentor.edu/planning/eop/>

**\*See following page for important University deadlines**

## **Requirements to Maintain Eligibility**

To remain eligible for the program once the scholarship has been awarded, the recipient must:

- Maintain an overall 2.5 GPA or higher
- Maintain continuous enrollment at CSUF in at least 12 units of course work
- Fully participate in all aspects of the program (meetings, events, mentoring, etc.)
- Be receptive to staff monitoring academic performance and university records
- Abide by all university standards for appropriate conduct and community behavior

## IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS & DEADLINES

The Guardian Scholars Program hopes to make your dream of attending college a reality. Our commitment to making a difference in your life is only possible if you submit the required applications and materials by the listed due dates. You can use the following checklist to keep track of the materials that are needed to complete your application to CSUF Guardian Scholars Program.

<b>APPLICATION CHECKLIST</b>	<b>ITEM DUE DATE:</b>
<b><i>OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS &amp; RECORDS:</i></b> <input type="checkbox"/> CSU Undergraduate Application for Admission <a href="http://www.csumentor.edu">www.csumentor.edu</a> <input type="checkbox"/> \$55 application fee (or Request to Waive Admission Application Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> SAT I or ACT test scores <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a> / <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Student Intent to Register (SIR)/Enrollment Confirmation Deposit (ECD) <input type="checkbox"/> Official Final High School and/or College Transcripts	Oct.1 – Nov. 30  Oct.1 – Nov. 30  January 31  May 1  July 15
<b><i>GUARDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM:</i></b> <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian Scholars Application Form <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Statement Essay <input type="checkbox"/> Two letters of Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Official High School or Community College Transcript <input type="checkbox"/> Verification Letter of Foster Care Status from Social Services <input type="checkbox"/> A list of five (5) accomplishments from high school or community college <input type="checkbox"/> Apply & Qualify to CSUF Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) <a href="http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop/">www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop/</a>	Oct.1 – Jan. 15       Oct. 1 – Feb 1
<b><i>OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID &amp; SCHOLARSHIPS:</i></b> <input type="checkbox"/> Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Cal Grant GPA Verification Form <input type="checkbox"/> California Chafee Grant Application <a href="http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov">www.chafee.csac.ca.gov</a>	Jan 1 – Mar 2   Check website
<b><i>UNIVERSITY HOUSING &amp; RESIDENTIAL LIFE</i></b> <input type="checkbox"/> CSUF Housing <a href="http://www.fullerton.edu/housing">www.fullerton.edu/housing</a>	Spring 2015 (After admitted to CSUF)

## Application Requirements

Upon completion of the application, be sure that all the following documents are attached. We will be notifying applicants at a later date if they are invited to an interview.

- Guardian Scholars Application Form
- Personal Statement Essay
- Two Letters of Recommendation
  - Letters should address observations of your leadership and academic potential.  
(From teacher, counselor, social worker, or CASA, etc)
- Official High School or Community College Transcript
- Verification Letter of Foster Care Status from Social Services
- A list of five (5) accomplishments from high school or community college

### **Guardian Scholars Program Application**

Attached you will find the Guardian Scholars Program Application, please make sure to complete the application entirely in **blue** or **black ink** and to attach all required documents. To receive priority consideration all application materials must be submitted or postmarked on or before **January 15<sup>th</sup>**.

You may hand-deliver your completed application and supporting materials directly to the Guardian Scholars Office **located in the Pollak Library, PLS 194**, or mail your completed application to:

**California State University, Fullerton**  
**Guardian Scholars Program**  
**P.O. Box 6828 PLS 194**  
**Fullerton, CA 92834-6828.**

For more information about The Guardian Scholars Program or about our application process, please contact us at (657) 278-4900 or visit us at <http://www.fullerton.edu/guardianscholars/>



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*City State Zip*

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month/Day/Year*

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name City State*

Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month/Year*

Class Level at time of planned enrollment:  Incoming Freshman  Transfer Student  Currently at CSUF  
CSUF Student ID (CWID): \_\_\_\_\_

Freshman students are required to take the SAT or ACT for admissions consideration to CSUF.

*\*Take the SAT or ACT no later than December*

SAT Math Score: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score Critical Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Math Score: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT English Score: \_\_\_\_\_

### FOSTER CARE INFORMATION

Age entered into the foster care system: \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of placements: \_\_\_\_\_

Extended Foster Care (AB 12):  Participating  Opting Out  Not Eligible

Month/Year of emancipation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact with biological family:  Monthly  Several times a year  At least once a year  No contact

Case County of Origin:  Los Angeles  Orange  Riverside  San Bernardino  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Social Worker: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

AB12 Worker: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you involved with the Independent Living Skills Program?  Yes  No  
If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

ILP Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Living Arrangement:

Foster Home  Group Home  Relative  Transitional Housing (THP)  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Plan for Housing while attending CSUF:

University Housing (On Campus)  Apartment (Off Campus)  Relative  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medical Coverage:

Cal-Optima  MediCal  Private Insurance  No Insurance  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**WORK INFORMATION**

**Means of financial support (mark all that apply):**

- Employment    Financial Aid    Foster Family/Group Home    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**List any job (including summer work) you have held during the past three years:**

<i>Work Title</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Dates of Employment</i>	<i>Hours per/week</i>
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**Total earnings between January and December of the previous year: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Are you a Veteran of the US Armed Forces:**    Yes    No

**Are you eligible to receive Veterans Benefits:**    Yes    No

**How did you hear about the Guardian Scholars Program:**

- Social Worker    HS Counselor    Relative    Foster Family    Orangewood    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION**

Please provide the names of the references that will be recommending you for the Guardian Scholars Program. The letters should address observations of your leadership and academic potential. The letters can be from your teacher, counselor, social workers, or CASA.

**Recommender 1:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommender 2:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Please list five accomplishments from High School or Community College that you would like the Guardian Scholars Committee to know about.

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The personal statement is an important part of your application to the CSU Fullerton Guardian Scholars Program. Your personal statement gives the interview committee an opportunity to learn more about you as an individual—your talents, achievements, and experiences. Think of the personal statement as your opportunity to introduce yourself to the committee. What would you like the committee to know about you that may not be evident from a review of the rest of your application?

**Please tell us why you have decided to apply to the Guardian Scholars Program. Why do you hope to attend CSU Fullerton? What are your academic and career goals? What has motivated you to pursue higher education? You may want to write about people who have influenced you, experiences that have shaped you and obstacles you have overcome.**

Regardless of what you choose to write about, your personal statement should reflect your own ideas.

Please attach your personal statement to your application packet. Your personal statement should be at least three (3) pages double-spaced typed, 12 point font, Times New Roman.



*I acknowledge the accuracy and completeness of the information  
Provided on this application.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE POSTMARK or HAND-DELIVER, TO CSUF GUARDIAN SCHOLARS  
BY JANUARY 15, 2015**

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Guardian Scholars Program  
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Fullerton, CA 92834-6828.**