

GUARDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Application materials must be submitted or postmarked on or before November 30th, to receive priority consideration. You may hand-deliver your completed application and support materials directly to the Guardian Scholars Office located in the Titan Bookstore, Commons 120, or you may mail your completed application to California State University, Fullerton; Guardian Scholars Program; P.O. Box 6828 C-120; Fullerton, CA 92834-6828. An official high school or community college transcript must be submitted with the Guardian Scholar application materials.

*This program
is more than a
scholarship,
it's a family.*

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell or Message _____ Email _____

Social Security Number _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

School currently attending (name, city and state): _____

CSUF Admission application submitted: Filed paper format Filed electronically

Class level at time of planned enrollment: Incoming Freshman Transfer Student Other _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Current SAT score: _____ Date taken or to be taken: _____

**Students must take the SAT.
Register for the test before the end of January.**

Current ACT score: _____ Date taken or to be taken: _____

**The ACT can be taken in lieu of the SAT.
Register for the ACT before the end of January.**

County of origin: Orange Los Angeles San Bernardino Riverside Other _____

Social Worker Name: _____ Phone: _____

Total years spent in foster care by the time of emancipation: _____

Current type of placement: Foster home Group home Relative Residential facility Other _____

Amount of contact with biological family: Regular contact Limited contact No contact

Plan for housing while attending Cal State Fullerton (check one): Dorms/on-campus Apartment/off-campus With friend or relative

Current source of financial support (mark all that apply): Foster family/group home Employment Other _____

Average hours worked per week last year (enter zero if unemployed): _____

Total earnings between January through December last year: \$ _____

Current medical coverage (mark all that apply): Cal-Optima Medicare Private health insurance No insurance of any kind

How did you learn about this scholarship? ILP Foster family Relative Social worker Orangewood Foundation Other _____

RECOMMENDATION LETTER OF REFERENCE

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

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We are committed to honoring the privacy of our applicants.

We ensure the information provided by the applicant will be used solely for evaluation purposes only by the Guardian Scholars committee.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The Guardian Scholars Program hopes to make the dream of attending college a reality. Our commitment to making a difference in your life is possible only if you submit the required applications and materials by the listed due dates. The last two items, the FAFSA and GPA Verification, can be picked up at most high schools or community colleges.

ITEM DUE DATE

CSU Admission Application form (electronic only) www.csumentor.org	10/1 – 11/30
Request to Waive Admission Application Fee form	10/1 – 11/30
Guardian Scholars Application form	10/1 – 11/30
Copy of the Ward of the Court documentation or a CSU, Fullerton Dependency Override form	10/1 – 11/30
Personal Essay	10/1 – 11/30
Two letters of recommendation	10/1 – 11/30
Official high school and/or college transcripts	10/1 – 11/30
Test scores: SAT, ACT See www.collegeboard.org for registration & dates	ASAP
List of (5) five accomplishments	10/1 -- 11/30
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) You can apply online: www.fafsa.ed.gov	03/01
Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification form	03/01
EOP Application www.fullerton.edu/academicservices/eop/	11/30
CSUF Housing Application www.fullerton.edu/housing/gen.htm	11/30

MAIL ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

California State University, Fullerton
Guardian Scholars Program
P.O. Box 6828 C-120
Fullerton, CA 92834-6828
www.fullerton.edu/guardianscholars

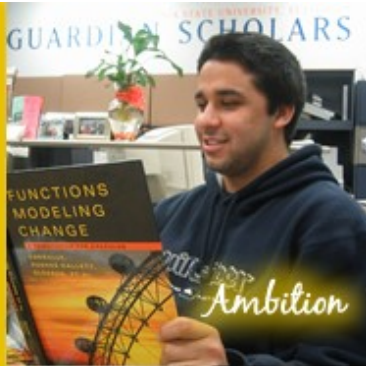


MISSION

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 community leaders, role models, and competent professionals in their selected fields.

*Every step
of the journey
is the journey.*

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen, nor touched ... but are felt in the heart.
-Helen Keller



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Guardian Scholars is a program committed to supporting ambitious, college bound students exiting the foster care system. What makes this scholarship such a rewarding experience are the programs and the people involved. The program is integral to the success of the student. It is designed to provide up to five years of financial and personal support, to ensure that full advantage is taken of university life, both inside and outside the classroom.

Program benefits include:

- Assistance in completing college entrance forms
- New-student orientation
- Academic advising
- Financial aid application assistance
- Assistance finding on-campus jobs
- On-campus housing
- Mentoring opportunities
- Workshops designed to ensure success in college and careers
- Friendship and support
- Involvement in the Fullerton First Year Program
- Drop-in study center
- Peer advising

PROGRAM GOALS

- Ensure academic success
- Provide support services that encourage active participation in university life
- Career development skills for post-graduation success
- Provide experiences to nurture students into active and socially responsible members of the community

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Cal State Fullerton is seeking applicants for the Guardian Scholars Program who meet the following criteria:

- Highly motivated former foster youth between the ages 17-23 (or who are legally emancipated, if still a minor)
- Qualify for admission to Cal State Fullerton as a freshman or transfer student
- Qualify for "Independent Student Status" under federal financial aid guidelines
- Be classified as a California resident by the CSUF Office of Admission & Records
- Incoming transfer students must have earned at least a 2.5 GPA in all transferable coursework
- Must apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA by the priority filing date of March 1

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 enrollment in at least 12 units of course work
- Maintain continuous enrollment at CSUF
- 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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Submit a complete application package including:
 - Guardian Scholar application form
 - Two letters of recommendation (teacher, counselor, social worker, CASA, other)
 - An official high school or community college transcript
 - Thoughtful response to the essay portion of the application
 - Copy of Ward of the Court documentation or a completed copy of the CSU, Fullerton Dependency Override form
 - A list of (5) five accomplishments from high school or community college

ESSAY SPECIFICATIONS

You should give thoughtful consideration to your essay. The response you provide will be carefully reviewed by the scholarship selection committee to determine which applicants are invited for a personal interview. The essay should be 2-3 typed, double-spaced pages with your name at the top of each page. Your personal description may include such information as family situation, special interests, group memberships, honors and awards.

The essay should address the following:

- A brief personal description
- The obstacles you overcame in your pursuit of an education
- Why you hope to attend Cal State Fullerton
- Your educational goals at Cal State Fullerton
- What you hope to do after college graduation

