Guardian Scholars Program
California State University, Bakersfield

Mission
The CSUB Guardian Scholars Program serves emancipated foster youth who are college bound by creating a support network that provides access to the University, impacts the academic persistence rate, and realizes the potential of students who will become successful and productive world citizens.

Program Activities
• Assist in foster youth admissions to the university
• Provide comprehensive support that promotes academic and personal success
• Encourage active participation in university life
• Prepare students for graduation and beyond
• Provide experiences that enrich students educationally, culturally and socially

Program Benefits

- Admissions Assistance
- Eligibility for additional Scholarships and Grants
- Priority Registration
- Mid-quarter Progress Evaluations
- On-Campus Housing Assistance
- Cultural Enrichment Activities
- Life Skills Workshops

- Orientation
- Academic Advising
- Counseling and Support
- Tutoring Services on campus
- Participation in EOP Summer Bridge Program
- Service Learning (volunteer opportunities)
- Quarterly Celebrations

Eligibility Requirements

1. Be a highly motivated current or former foster youth between the ages of 17 and 24 who demonstrates academic potential
2. Qualify for admission to CSU Bakersfield as a freshman or transfer student
   For CSUB eligibility information and to access the application for admissions, go to: www.csumentor.edu
3. Qualify for EOP (Educational Opportunity Program)
   For eligibility information and to access the EOP application, go to: www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop
4. Be a California Resident
5. Qualify for “Independent Student” status under federal financial aid guidelines
6. Apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov by the priority filing date, March 2nd
7. Apply for the Chafee Grant by March 2nd at www.csac.ca.gov. Apply for Cal Grant by completing the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form, also at www.csac.ca.gov
8. Be able to participate in the EOP Summer Bridge Program, if a first-time freshman. For more information about Summer Bridge participation, please call 661-654-3216.
2015 Guardian Scholars Program Application

To receive priority consideration, application materials should be submitted or postmarked on or before April 20, 2015. Applications received after this date will be considered if space is available.

Part 1: Background Information

Name ____________________________________________

Street Address ______________________________________

City ____________________________ State________    Zip_____________________

Phone________________________ Cell/Message Phone________________________

Email Address (please print clearly) __________________________________________

Age______________________________ Date of Birth____________________________

School currently attending (name, city):___________________________________________

CSUB Admission application submitted:  Yes    No Date Applied _________________

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

High School GPA ________ College GPA (if any) ___________

Total years spent in foster care : ________________________

County in which you received services: _______________________

Social Worker Name (if known):_________________________ Phone: __________________

Current type of placement:  Foster Home    Group Home    Relative

 Residential Facility    Other (please specify) _______________________

Plan for housing while attending Cal State Bakersfield (check one):

 On-campus    Off-campus    With Friend or Relative

How do you support yourself financially? (check all that apply):   Job    SSI

 Foster Family/Group Home    Financial Aid    Relative    ___________

Average hours worked per week (enter zero if unemployed): _________________

How did you learn about this program? (check all that apply):

 ILP    Counselor    Social Worker    CSUB website    ___________

Part 2: Autobiographical Essay

In addition to this completed application form, please include:

A typed, 1-2 page, double-spaced essay with your name at the top of each page.
The essay should include the following: an introduction of yourself, including your family situation, special interests, group memberships, honors and awards; a brief description of the obstacles you overcame in your pursuit of an education; your educational goals at CSU Bakersfield; and a brief description of your future career goals.

Part 3: Documentation

Copy of your Ward of the Court documentation, or letter of ILP eligibility from your Social Worker or ILP Coordinator, or court documents. We can accept other verifications...don’t be afraid to ask!
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