



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
BAKERSFIELD

Guardian Scholars Program

California State University, Bakersfield

Mission

The CSUB Guardian Scholars Program serves emancipated foster youth and unaccompanied homeless 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 and unaccompanied minor homeless youth admission 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
- ❖ Housing Assistance
- ❖ Cultural Enrichment Activities
- ❖ Life Skills Workshops
- ❖ Individual Needs Assessments
- ❖ Counseling and Support
- ❖ Tutoring Services on campus
- ❖ Participation in EOP Summer Bridge Program
- ❖ Service Learning (volunteer opportunities)
- ❖ Graduation Celebrations

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a highly motivated current or former foster youth or unaccompanied homeless youth who demonstrates financial need and academic potential.
- Qualify for undergraduate admission to CSU Bakersfield as a freshman or transfer student. For CSUB eligibility information and to access the application for admissions, go to: CalState.edu/apply
- Apply to the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) For eligibility information and to access the EOP application, go to: www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/eop and CalState.edu/apply
- Be a California Resident.
- Qualify for “Independent Student” status under federal financial aid guidelines.
- Apply for financial aid by completing either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act application by the priority filing date of November 30th.
- Apply for the Chafee Grant at www.csac.ca.gov. Apply for Cal Grant by completing the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form, also at www.csac.ca.gov
- 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.

Application Checklist

Item Due Date

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CSUB Application for CSUB Admission
www2.calstate.edu/apply | November 30th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EOP Application (embedded in CSU app)
www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/eop | November 30th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian Scholars Program Application (this app)
(Including essay and letter of status verification)

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Bakersfield, CA. 93311 | Priority - March 30

or FAX to 661-654-6971 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov | Opens October 1
ASAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Dream Act Application
For undocumented and nonresident documented students
Apply online at dream.csac.ca.gov | Opens October 1
ASAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chafee Grant (foster youth placed between ages 16-18)
Apply online at www.csac.ca.gov | January
ASAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification form
Also at www.csac.ca.gov | January
ASAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CSUB Housing Application
www.csub.edu/housing
Guardian Scholars can have their \$350 Housing deposit deferred once they are accepted to the program. Students should verify that their available aid will cover the cost of tuition, room, and board. | Opens March 1st |

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Guardian Scholars Program Application

To receive priority consideration, application materials should be submitted or postmarked on or before March 30. Applications received after this date will be considered if space is available.

Part 1: Background Information

Name _____
Last First Middle

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell/Message Phone _____

Email Address (please print clearly) _____

School currently attending (name, city): _____

CSUB Admission application submitted: Yes No Date Applied _____

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

Date of Birth _____ Are you currently in foster care? Yes No

Duration in foster care: _____ Time spent without fixed, regular overnight housing: _____

County in which you currently reside and/or received services (if any): _____

Social Worker Name (if any): _____ Phone: _____

Current living situation: Foster Home Group Home Friend/Relative
 Homeless/No Residence Other (please specify) _____

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

On-campus Off-campus, independent Off campus, with 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/advisor Social Worker CSUB website (other) _____

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/living 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

Verification of foster placement from your social worker, a copy of your Ward of the Court documentation, a letter of ILP eligibility from an ILP Coordinator, or court documents. For homeless or unaccompanied minor students, we can also accept a verification letter from a Federal TRIO program Director, head counselor, school homeless student liaison, homeless shelter or service provider, or principal. We can accept other verifications...don't be afraid to ask!