APPLICATION PACKET FOR:

Guardian Scholars Program

www.csulb.edu/eop/foster_youth.html

APPLICATION DEADLINES

FOR FALL 2016 ADMISSION: JUNE 30, 2016
FOR SPRING 2017 ADMISSION: JANUARY 2, 2017

* INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
Program Information
The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at the California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) hosts the Guardian Scholars Program, which is committed to supporting ALL foster youth students at the university. The Guardian Scholars Program serves as the primary contact for current and former foster youth to access on-campus resources across different departments throughout the university. The Guardian Scholars Program assists with retention of students by providing a support group and facilitating access to services on campus. We serve as a resource by assisting in the development and equipping students’ educational and interpersonal skills necessary to become self-supporting, community leaders, role models, and competent professionals in their selected fields. The Guardian Scholars Program provides the opportunity to change individual lives and make dreams come true.

The Guardian Scholars Program Offers:
- Academic Advising
- Facilitation of On-campus Housing
- Priority Registration
- Summer Bridge Program (First-Time Freshmen Only)
- Individual Counseling
- Life Coaching/Life Skills Workshops
- Educational and Community Enrichment Activities
- Tutoring referrals
- Computer Lab

Program Requirements
In order to qualify for the Guardian Scholars Program students must apply and meet the following criteria:
1. Admitted to CSU, Long Beach as a freshman or transfer student
2. Must be a current or former foster youth between the ages of 17-25
3. Be classified as a California Resident by the CSULB Office of Enrollment Services
4. Demonstrate high motivation and academic potential to succeed in college
5. Must apply for FAFSA by the Priority Deadline of March 2nd & qualify as an “Independent” student under Federal financial aid guidelines. You can find online application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
6. Submit Guardian Scholars Program application

Requirements to Maintain Eligibility
To remain eligible for the program the recipient must:
- Maintain continuous enrollment at CSULB in full time status
- 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
Guardian Scholars Program

IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS & DEADLINES
Our commitment to making a difference in your life begins when 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 CSULB Guardian Scholars Program.

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<td><strong>OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS &amp; RECORDS:</strong></td>
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<td>☐ CSU Undergraduate Application for Admission <a href="http://www.csumentor.edu">www.csumentor.edu</a></td>
<td>Oct.1 – Nov. 30</td>
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<td>☐ $55 application fee (or Request to Waive Admission Application Fee)</td>
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<td>☐ 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></td>
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<td>☐ Student Intent to Register (SIR)/Enrollment Confirmation Deposit (ECD)</td>
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<td>☐ Official Final High School and/or College Transcripts</td>
<td>July 15</td>
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<td><strong>Guardian Scholars Program:</strong></td>
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<td>☐ CSULB Guardian Scholars Program Application Form</td>
<td>June 30 (Fall) / January 2 (Spring)</td>
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<td><strong>OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID &amp; SCHOLARSHIPS:</strong></td>
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<td>☐ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a></td>
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<td>☐ CSULB Housing <a href="http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/housing/">www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/housing/</a></td>
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Upon completion of the application packet, be sure that all the following documents are attached. Our office will notify applicants at a later date if they are invited to an interview.

- CSULB Guardian Scholars Program Application Form
- Personal Statement Essay
- One Letter of Recommendation
  - Letter should address observations of your leadership and academic potential. (From teacher, counselor, social worker, United Friends of the Children or CASA, etc)
- Verification Letter of Foster Care Status from Social Services
  (If you are not able to get a letter, please explain)
- A list of three (3) 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 **June 30th** for Fall admissions and on or before **January 2nd** for Spring admissions.

You may hand-deliver your completed application and supporting materials directly to the EOP Office located in the LA 1-119, or mail your completed application to:

California State University, Long Beach
Guardian Scholars Program
1250 Bellflower Boulevard- MS1403
Long Beach, CA 90840-1403

For more information about The Guardian Scholars Program or about our application process, please contact us at (562) 985-7598 or visit us at www.csulb.edu/eop
# Guardian Scholars Program

| Name: |  
| Address: |  
| Telephone: |  
| Email: |  
| Date of Birth: |  
| Age: |  

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

| School Currently Attending: |  
| Expected Date of Graduation: | Cumulative Grade Point Average: |  
| Class Level at time of planned enrollment: |  

- ☐ Incoming Freshman
- ☐ Transfer Student
- ☐ Currently at CSULB

**CSULB Student ID (CWID):** ________________  

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

*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: |  

- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Several times a year
- ☐ At least once a year
- ☐ No contact

| Case County of Origin: |  
| Social Worker: | Contact #:  
| Email: |  
| AB12 Worker: | Contact #:  
| Email: |  

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, which one? ________________

**ILP Coordinator:** ________________  

**Current Living Arrangement:**  
- ☐ Foster Home
- ☐ Group Home
- ☐ Relative
- ☐ Transitional Housing (THP)
- ☐ Other ________________

**Plan for Housing while attending CSULB:**  
- ☐ University Housing (On Campus)
- ☐ Apartment (Off Campus)
- ☐ Relative
- ☐ Other ________________

**Current Medical Coverage:**  
- ☐ Cal-Optima
- ☐ MediCal
- ☐ Private Insurance
- ☐ No Insurance
- ☐ Other ________________
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:

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Total earnings between January and December of the previous year: $________

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 EOP Foster Youth Network:
- Social Worker
- HS Counselor
- Relative
- Foster Family
- Orangewood
- Other ____________

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: ____________________________

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

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The personal statement is an important part of your application to the CSU Long Beach 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 at California State University, Long Beach. You may want to include people who have influenced you, experiences that have shaped you, challenges or obstacles you had to overcome in your life, and hopes and goals for the future, or anything else you think is important (honors or awards). It is important to stipulate your financial need currently.

Regardless of what you choose to write about, your personal statement should reflect your own ideas and be written by you! Present your ideas in a focused and thoughtful manner. Provide specific examples to support your personal statement in an essay format.

Please attach your personal statement to your application packet. Your personal statement should be at least one to two (2) pages typed and double-spaced. All text should be 12 point Times New Roman font.

I certify the information submitted with my application to Guardian Scholars Program is complete and accurate.

Applicant’s Signature: _______________________________ Date: ________________