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.
Guardian Scholars Program

Program Information
Guardian Scholars Program 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
- Book Grant (if applicable)
- Scholarships (if applicable)

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. Demonstrate high motivation and academic potential to succeed in college
4. 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
5. Submit Guardian Scholars Program application

Requirements to Maintain Eligibility
To remain eligible for the program the recipient must:
- Currently enrolled at CSULB with at least 6 units
- Attend at least one workshop per semester
- Attend 80% of all Guardian Scholars Meeting
- Attend two academic advising appointments per semester
- Attend one financial aid advising appointment per academic year
- Participate and complete on-line financial literacy program within first semester of GS program
- Attend two career and/or graduate school appointments (if applicable)
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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>
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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>
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**Guardian Scholars Program:**

| ☐ CSULB Guardian Scholars Program Application Form | June 30 (Fall) / January 2 (Spring) |
| ☐ Personal Statement Essay | |
| ☐ One Letter of Recommendation | |
| ☐ Official High School or Community College Transcript | |
| ☐ Verification Letter of Foster Care Status from Social Services | |
| ☐ A list of three (3) accomplishments from high school or community college | |
| ☐ CSULB Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Application (if applicable) [www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop/](http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop/) | |

**OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS:**

| ☐ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) | Jan 1 – Mar 2 |
| ☐ Cal Grant GPA Verification Form | |
| ☐ California Chafee Grant Application [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov) | Check website |

**UNIVERSITY HOUSING & RESIDENTIAL LIFE**

| ☐ CSULB Housing [www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/housing/](http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/students/housing/) | Spring 2016 (After admitted to CSULB) |
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
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| Name: ____________________________________________ |
| Address: ____________________________ City ____________ State ____________ Zip |
| Telephone: ____________________________ Cell Phone: ____________________________ |
| Email: ____________________________________________ |
| Date of Birth: ____________________________ Age: ____________________________ |

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

School Currently Attending: ____________________________________________

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Expected Date of Graduation: ____________________________ Cumulative Grade Point Average: ____________________________

Month/Year

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: ____________________________

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 CSULB: ■ University Housing (On Campus) □ Apartment (Off Campus) □ Relative □ Other ____________________________

Current Medical Coverage: ■ Cal-Optima □ MediCal □ Private Insurance □ No Insurance □ Other ____________________________
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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:

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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 EOP Foster Youth Network:
☐ Social Worker ☐ HS Counselor ☐ Relative ☐ Foster Family ☐ Orangewood ☐ Other __________

LIST OF REFERENCES

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: ________________________________

THREE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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: ________________