You were born to win, but to be a winner, you must plan to win, prepare to win, and expect to win.” – Zig Ziglar

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Current and former foster youth, students, wards of the court, under legal guardianship or unaccompanied homeless youth
- Current enrolled students at California State University, Long Beach
- Considered “independent” under federal financial aid guidelines
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- FAFSA financial aid application completed by the required filing date (www.fafsa.gov)

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Academic Advising
- Freshman or Transfer Orientation
- Book Grants
- Priority Registration
- Counseling and Support
- Tutoring Services
- On-Campus Housing Assistance
- Life Skills Workshops
- Laptop Loan Program
- Summer Bridge Program
- Campus Referral
- Graduate School Assistance

GUARDIAN SCHOLARS
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http://web.csulb.edu/divisions/students/eop/guardian_scholars.html
The CSULB Guardian Scholars Program assists current/former foster youth in their educational pursuits by offering services such as academic counseling, financial aid advising, tutoring, mentorship, skills assessment, and math and writing labs throughout their academic career. Additionally, the CSULB Guardian Scholars Program provides intrusive and appreciative advising with an academic counselor who has knowledge about on-campus resources and other critical services available from different departments throughout the university which will assure college retention and graduation.

Our mission is to build networks with other foster youth students, staff and faculty members on campus, in order to access student services and strengthen the foster youth academic and social support system throughout their academic careers. CSULB Guardian Scholars strives to facilitate discussion and encourage an understanding of foster youth needs. We create opportunities to provide tools to be successful in a comprehensive and supportive college environment.

Our goal is for CSULB students who are current or former foster youth and/or wards of the court to access our campus resources:

- Academic Advising
- Financial Aid
- Student Health Center
- Campus Police
- Housing
- Counseling and Psychological Services

We Commit to building a community where students come first. We advise based on a model of mutual respect for the students and their goals and aspirations.

We emphasize Trust by strengthening each other and building relationships.

We express Appreciation and respect both verbally and non-verbally.

We focus on spending sufficient and quality Time with our students.

We demonstrate Coping Skills through modeling positive strategies of how to handle life challenges.

We utilize Communication by allowing students to express who they are and what they need.

We cultivate Relationships with others. The CSULB Guardian Scholars Program will link students to collaborative, comprehensive, culturally relevant, university and community based networks of support and services.