



FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAMS-CSU



Cal State University Fullerton - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Application open year round
- No age limit or deadline to apply
- Provide copy of Foster Youth Verification or Ward of Court Doc

SCHOLARSHIP AP

- Open Nov.-Mar. 2nd each year
- Verify FY after 13
- Under age 26
- Provide copy of Foster Youth Verification or Ward of Court Doc

CONTACT

- Jaime Hamilton
- jehamilton@fullerton.edu
- (657) 278-2389
- <http://www.fullerton.edu/scholars/>

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Computer Engineering BS/MS
- Dance
- Music
- Theatre
- Nursing

ASSIST WITH...

- Foster Youth Program Applications
- Housing Applications
- Academic support resources

Cal State University Dominguez Hills- Toro Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Submit Toro Guardian Scholars application through email or in person
- Submit verification of foster care lived experience (dependency letter or ward of court document)

CONTACT

- Marie Medina
- mmedinal27@csudh.edu
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- <https://www.csudh.edu/tgs/>
- Financial Aid - Marcela Vega
- (310) 243-3691
- mvega@csudh.edu

ASSIST WITH...

- University Housing Application and fees
- Emergency financial support
- Textbooks

Cal State University Fresno - Renaissance Scholars Program

REQUIREMENTS

- Separate application is required for FY program
- <https://forms.gle/Pb4E6f4bzaxB2gTe6>
- Accepting Applications October 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022
- RSP Interviews will be scheduled April 2022
- Students notified accepted into RSP early May 2022
- To be fully accepted, RSP applicant must attend 2 day / 1 night RSP LINC orientation at Fresno State July 7-8, 2022. Students will stay in the dorms

CONTACT

- Ofelia Gamez & Adriana Vasquez
- (559) 278-5055
- <https://studentaffairs.fresno.state.edu/rsp/>
- Financial Aid - Erin Connor or Lisa McReynolds
- (559) 278-2182
- <https://studentaffairs.fresno.state.edu/financialaid/contact-us.html>

ASSIST WITH...

- Admissions Applications
- Housing Applications (FY get priority)
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- College Applications

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Nursing
- Social Work

Sacramento State University - Guardian Scholars Program

REQUIREMENTS

- No deadline to submit an application
- No age limit to apply
- Must be accepted to Sacramento State University;
- Must be able to provide their dependency document (typically this would be court papers or Dept. of Social Services; any documentation stating the youth was in foster care, adopted, a ward of the court, orphan, or McKinney Vento)
- The student will need to fill out our GSP application;
- Sign the consent and agreement forms
- Write an essay answering the questions listed on the check list

CONTACT

- Susan Kischmischian; Angelica Perez
- susan.kischmischian@csus.edu
- angelica.perez@csus.edu
- (916) 278-6680
- <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/guardian-scholars/>

ASSIST WITH...

- Admissions Applications
- Housing Applications (FY get priority)
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- College Applications

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Business Administration (minimum 2.4 GPA)
- Criminal Justice (Overall GPA of 2.6 or higher)
- Graphic Design
- Health Science (No supplemental application required)
- Nursing (minimum 3.0)
- Psychology (Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.30 in all college level units)
- Public Health (No supplemental application required) Have a 2.5 minimum in overall GPA

Cal State University Northridge - Resilient Scholars Program

REQUIREMENTS

- Apply to CSUN
- Apply to EOP
- Due date to apply 4/15/22
- If accepted to EOP - Must participate in a Summer Bridge Program
- Apply to RSP
- Foster Care experience - must submit Court Dependency Letter with application

CONTACT

- Orlando Roybal
- EOPRSP@CSUN.EDU
- (818)677-4151
- <https://www.csun.edu/csun-eop/milt-and-debbie-valera-eop-resilient-scholars-program>
- Financial Aid contact: Karla Loreto
- (818) 677-4085
- FINANCIAL.AID@CSUN.EDU

ASSIST WITH...

- Housing Applications
- Foster Youth Program Applications
- FAFSA/CADAA
- College Applications

CSU San Bernardino- EOP Renaissance Scholars Program

REQUIREMENTS

- Be a current or former foster youth student applying to or currently attending CSU San Bernardino
- Be able to participate in Summer Bridge program (if you are an incoming EOP first-time freshman student)
- Be able and willing to submit an online application, write a personal statement and participate in a personal interview
- Please visit our website (link below) for further information on application deadlines etc.

CONTACT

- Reneisha Wilkes, RSP Coordinator
- Reneisha.Wilkes@csusb.edu
- Rosalinda “Rosie” Martinez, RSP Advisor
- Rmartinez8@csusb.edu
- (909) 537-5042 (main office)
- <https://www.csusb.edu/eop/renaissance-scholars/apply-renaissance-scholars-program>
- Financial Aid contact: Dianne Byrd (EOP Financial Aid Liaison)
- dbyrd@csusb.edu
- (909) 537-3850

ASSIST WITH...

- Foster Youth Program Applications
- Housing Applications
- FAFSA/CADAA
- College Applications

IMPACTED MAJORS

- The following majors are impacted and may have GPA minimum requirements and/or prerequisites for acceptance:
- Psychology
- Criminal Justice
- Social Work
- Kinesiology
- Pre-Nursing

California State University San Marcos - ACE Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Meet all admissions eligibility for first time freshman at a CSU
- Documented Foster Care Placement
- Apply to ACE Scholars Services no later than Feb 1st
- Submit Verification of Foster Care Dependency letter
- Participate in Spring campus visit and meeting with ACE staff to discuss program requirements
- Participate in 6-week summer bridge program, maintain full time status and must live on campus freshman year

CONTACT

- Laurie Orr
- lorr@csusm.edu
- 760-750-4862 (direct)
- www.csusm.edu/ace (program application on website)
- For Financial Inquiries: 760-750-4850 or finaid@csusm.edu - please indicate ACE Scholar in communications with financial aid

ASSIST WITH...

- Foster Youth Program Applications
- ACE assists students from the submission on their application to their completion of their academic journey at CSUSM

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Biological Sciences
- Biotechnology
- Business Administration
- Communication
- Electrical Engineering
- Kinesiology
- Mass Media
- Nursing, Pre-Licensure
- Software Engineering
- *Note: each program has their own supplemental criteria

California State University Pomona - Renaissance Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a current or former foster youth (must have been in foster care on or after 13th birthday)
- Adoption and reunification cases will be reviewed for consideration on a case-by-case basis
- Must qualify as an "Independent" student under federal financial aid guidelines
- Must be a California resident or an AB 540/2000 nonresident tuition exemption student
- Application deadline 1/15/22

CONTACT

- Makeda Bostic
- mdbostic@cpp.edu
- 909 869 3169
- <https://www.cpp.edu/ssep/renaissance-scholars/index.shtml>
- Financial Aid:
finaid@cpp.edu
- (909) 869-3700

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Psychology (Freshmen & Transfer)
- Sociology (Transfer Only)
- Impaction Website :
<https://www.cpp.edu/admissions/campus-impaction.shtml>

Cal State University Long Beach- Guardian Scholars Program

REQUIREMENTS

- Current or Former FY
- Currently enrolled in CSULB
- Separate application is required for FY program
- A Completed FAFSA or CADAA
- Complete Separate Guardian Scholar Application

CONTACT

- Oneida Santana
- oneida.santana@csulb.edu
- (562) 985-2639
- https://web.csulb.edu/divisions/students/guardian_scholars/index.html
- Eduardo Leyva
- eduardo.leyva@csulb.edu
- <https://www.sjsu.edu/eop/guardian-scholars/index.php>

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications
- Foster Youth Program Applications
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing Applications;Resources;

Sonoma State University - Seawolf Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Qualify for admission to Sonoma State University as a freshman or transfer undergraduate student
- Must be a current or former Foster Youth, based on the definition above
- Complete the Seawolf Scholars Application
- Meet with the Seawolf Scholars Program Coordinator
- Provide Foster Youth or Unaccompanied Homeless Youth documentation

CONTACT

- Khou Yang-Vigil
- yangvigi@sonoma.edu
- 707-664-2427
- <https://seawolfsscholars.sonoma.edu/>
- Financial Aid:
vasquedu@sonoma.edu
- 707-664-2389

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Refer to SSU Admissions website for impacted majors information and criteria for first-time, first-year students (freshmen)
<https://admissions.sonoma.edu/how-apply/impacted-majors>

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing Applications

San Francisco State University - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Ward of the Court letter
- Must have spent at least one day in out-of-home placement
- A separate FY Program Application is required
- Due date for the application is 5/1/22

CONTACT

- Xochitl Sanchez
- gsp@sfsu.edu
- 415-405-0546
- <https://eop.sfsu.edu/gsp>
- Financial Aid: Khushboo Shah
- Kshah@sfsu.edu
- 415-338-6091

ASSIST WITH...

- Housing Applications

California State University, Stanislaus - Promise Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Both current and former foster youth are eligible for Promise Scholars. Also accepted under the Foster Youth definition is: Guardianship Care/Kinship Care
- Ward of the Court
- Emancipated Minor
- Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
- Independent by Appeal (must be updated yearly)
- Scholars Applicants should meet the following eligibility criteria:
- Former foster youth between the ages of 17-23
- Must be a California resident
- Qualify for admission to Stan State
- Complete the Promise Scholars Application (see below)
- Complete the FASFA
- Provide Foster Youth or Unaccompanied Homeless Youth documentation
- Meet with Promise Scholar Program Lead

CONTACT

- Libby Pata
- lpata@csustan.edu
- 209-664-6943
- <https://www.csustan.edu/promise-scholars>
- Financial Aid: Yolanda Alcaraz
- yalcaraz@csustan.edu
- 707-664-6584

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Nursing (3.0)

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;Housing Applications;

San Jose State University - Guardian Scholars Program

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be admitted to SJSU
- Must be accepted to SJSU EOP
- Submit an application to Guardian Scholars Program with document(s) verifying foster care, ward of the court, legal guardianship, or unaccompanied/homeless status
- Must participate in SJSU EOP Summer Bridge (freshmen only)

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Visit SJSU Impaction webpage
<https://www.sjsu.edu/admissions/impaction/index.php>

ASSIST WITH...

- FAFSA/CADAA;
- Housing Applications;

CONTACT

- Schye Bell
- chandellschye.bell@sjsu.edu
- guardianscholars@sjsu.edu
- 408.924.1098
- <https://www.sjsu.edu/eop/guardian-scholars/index.php>

REQUIREMENTS

- Apply to Cal State LA
- Apply to EOP
- Must be a current or former foster youth
- A separate application is required for GSP (<https://www.calstatela.edu/guardianscholars/how-apply#GSPApply>)
- No deadline to submit an application.
- No Age limit to apply.
- Be able to participate in Summer Bridge (Freshmen only)
- Submit Verification of Foster Care Dependency letter

CONTACT

- Martha Contreras
- GSP@calstatela.edu
- (323)343-3211
- <https://www.calstatela.edu/guardianscholars>
- Financial Aid: Janet Gonzalez
- jgonzal31@calstatela.edu
- (323) 343-6260

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications
- Foster Youth Program Applications
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing Applications

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Please see here: <https://www.calstatela.edu/admissions/major-specific-criteria-fall-2023>

REQUIREMENTS

- Separate application located at www.csub.edu/gsp/guardian-scholars-program-application
- Must be between the ages of 17 & 24
- Qualify for undergraduate admission to CSU Bakersfield as a freshman or transfer student
- Apply to the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- Be a California Resident
- Qualify for "Independent Student" status under federal financial aid guidelines
- Apply for financial aid by completing either the FAFSA or CADAA.
- Apply for the Chafee Grant by March 2nd
- Be able to participate in EOP Summer Bridge Program, if a first-time freshman

CONTACT

- Miguel Cuate
- mcuate@csub.edu
- (661)654-3215
- Steve Walsh
- swalsh@csub.edu
- (661)654-3218

ASSIST WITH...

- Admission to the university
- Transitional program and support
- Priority registration
- Hierarchy needs
- Emergency funds
- Experiences that enrich students educationally, culturally, and socially
- Preparation for graduation and beyond

IMPACTED MAJORS

- Nursing

REQUIREMENTS

You are eligible for Dolphin Guardian Scholars resources if you meet one of the following criteria:

- Currently or were in a foster care placement any time since birth
- Currently or previously in guardianship between the ages of 0-18
- Currently or previously living with a relative or friend of the family that was not your biological parent between the ages of 0-18
- Having been adopted
- Currently or previously experienced homelessness between the ages of 0-18 for more than 30 days

CONTACT

- guardianscholars@csuci.edu
- 805-437-3923
- www.csuci.edu/basicneeds/path

ASSIST WITH...

- Academic assistance
- Career exploration
- Financial literacy education
- Coaching and student leadership development
- Graduate school preparation
- Job and internship preparation and search assistance
- Guidance with housing, scholarships, and community resources
- Mentoring



FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAMS-UC



UC Los Angeles - First Star Bruin Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Los Angeles County foster youth with an open DCFS case
- Currently in 8th, 9th, and 10th grade (LAUSD schools preferred)
- Able and willing to participate in a 2-4 week residential component at the university, and monthly Saturday sessions during the school year
- At least a 2.0 GPA and 90% attendance in current and previous school year, unless there is a reasonable explanation for participation
- Demonstrates maturity and potential to thrive in a college-prep setting
- encouraged to apply online at <https://bgsa.ucla.edu/join/first-start-student-application> by December 3rd, 2022

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA

CONTACT

- Tomipe Kukoyi
- FSBGSA@saonet.ucla.edu
- (310) 825-5415
- Financial Aid:
- 310-206-0400

UC Los Angeles - Bruin Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- In order to be eligible for the BGS program you must be an admitted UCLA undergrad or graduate student that has experienced:
- foster care,
- houselessness,
- juvenile probation,
- or identify as an unaccompanied minor.

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing Applications

CONTACT

- Teaira Nelson
- Tnelson@saonet.ucla.edu
- (310) 206-6995
- <https://bgsa.ucla.edu/>
- Financial Aid: 310-206-0400

University of California, Santa Cruz - Renaissance Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Students initiate enrollment in the program by completing an interest form.
- There are no requirements or documentation required to participate.

CONTACT

- Elizabeth Moya
- 831-459-4819
- renschol@ucsc.edu
- <https://renaissancescholars.ucsc.edu/index.html>
- Financial Aid: Celeste Lopez
- finaid@ucsc.edu
- 831-459-2963

ASSIST WITH...

- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing application

UC Berkley - Berkeley Hope Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Verification of former child welfare status at any time before 18
- Undergraduate or graduate student
- Any age
- Adopted and orphaned

CONTACT

- Charly King Beavers
- charlykb@berkeley.edu
- 510 664-7 187
- <https://hope.berkeley.edu/>

ASSIST WITH...

- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing application

UC Santa Barbara - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Undergraduate or graduate student
- Any age
- Former Child Welfare status before 18, emancipated youth, current ward of the court or Kinship care

CONTACT

- Stephany Rubio, program director
- stephany.rubio@sa.ucsb.edu
- 805-314-9090
- Sophia Jeffe, coordinator
- (805) 451-1407
- sophia.jeffe@sa.ucsb.edu
- Financial Aid: Ariana Flores
- a_flores@ucsb.edu
- (805) 893-2386
- <https://www.sa.ucsb.edu/guardianscholars/home>

ASSIST WITH...

- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA
- Housing application

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a UC Merced Student or have submitted a SIR to UC Merced
- Must identify with at least one of the following:
- Foster youth - someone who has been in foster care, no matter the length of time or age at the time of care.
- Emancipated Minor (arranged formally and informally) -someone who is a minor (under age 18 in CA) and is no longer under parental control and/or is financially independent.
- Homeless (or at risk of being homeless) - someone who is living in a shelter, on the street, or “couch hopping”.
- Living with Kin (arranged formally or informally) - someone whose care is provided by relatives, extended family member(s), friends, loved ones, etc. due to any number of reasons.
- Dependent or ward of the court - someone who has received protection from the court and may have had a legal guardian appointed either by the court or by parental consent.
- Orphaned-someone whose parents or legal guardians are deceased, unknown, or absent.
- * If you feel you may qualify but don't meet any of the criteria above email guardianscholars@ucmerced.edu
- The deadline for the Guardian Scholar application is always the day that the semester begins.

CONTACT

- Edith Ramirez
- eramirez226@ucmerced.edu
- 209-228-4235
- <https://www.sa.ucsb.edu/guardianscholars/home>
- Financial Aid: Lisa Silveira
- lsilveira@ucmerced.edu
- 209-228-2470



FOSTER YOUTH PROGRAMS- COMMUNITY COLLEGES



Cerritos College - L.I.N.C. Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- In foster care placement on or after 13th birthday
- Enroll in at least 3 units
- Be over the age of 16

HOUSING

- housing available (*via 3rd party referral*)
- housing available during summer and winter break

ASSIST WITH..

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- Housing Applications;
- EOP&S

CONTACT

- Laura Delgado
- linc@cerritos.edu;
- ldelgado@cerritos.edu
- 562-860-2451 xt2398
- <https://www.cerritos.edu/linc/default.htm>
- Financial Aid: Leo Lopez
- llopez@cerritos.edu
- (562) 860-2451 ext. 2390
- EOPS: Patricia Robbins Smith
- 562-860-2451 xt2525
- probbinssmith@cerritos.edu

LA Southwest College - Next Up and Guardian Scholars

NEXT UP REQUIREMENTS

- NextUp Program Requirements:
- Be enrolled in at least 9 units
- Current or former foster youth in California whose dependency was established or continued on or after their 13th birthday
- Provide a court of verification letter
- Be under the age of 26

GUARDIAN SCHOLARS REQUIREMENTS

- Guardian Scholars Program:
- Current or former foster youth with proof of a Foster Care Verification Form
- Currently enrolled in at least 3 units
- Maintain a GPA of a minimum of 2.0

CONTACT

- Angelica Arauza
- arauzaa@lasc.edu;
- <https://www.lasc.edu/services/nextup>
- Naomi Hobayan
- hobayan@lasc.edu
- <https://www.lasc.edu/services/guardian-scholars>
- 213-241-5203

LA Harbor College - Next Up (CAFYES)

NEXT UP REQUIREMENTS

- Enrolled in 9 units (with DSPS letter),
- under the age of 26 at the start of the semester,
- CA resident,
- in care at the age of 16 (Ward Of Court verified)

ASSIST WITH..

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- Housing Applications;
- EOP&S

CONTACT

- Tracye Jones
- JONESTL3@LAHC.EDU
- https://effectiveness.lahc.edu/student_services/eops/SitePages/Next-Up%20Home.aspx
- 310-233-4265

HOUSING

- housing referrals available through Housing Navigator
- housing not available during summer and winter break

Pasadena City College - Next Up

NEXT UP REQUIREMENTS

- Apply and be admitted to the EOP&S program
- Be enrolled in at least 9 units
- Have dependency established or continued by the court on or after your 13th birthday
- No older than 25 years of age at the beginning of the academic year

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- Housing Applications;
- EOP&S; CAL FRESH, SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, CHILD CARE

CONTACT

- David Sigala Gomez (NextUp and CAFYES)
- dsigalagomez@pasadena.edu
- <https://pasadena.edu/academics/support/eops-foster-youth/nextup.php>
- 626.658.8075
- Financial Aid: Geyene Chechyan
- Financial Aid #: 626.585.7987

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION...

Students eligible to receive these additional services will benefit from extra “over and above” services exclusive only to EOP&S NextUp students.

- EOP&S NextUp Counselor
- Financial Assistance
- Additional funds for books, school supplies, meals, transportation, housing
- Need-based grant
- Tutoring Services
- Specialized Workshops
- College Tours and Student Conferences
- Study Abroad opportunities
- Vendor cards (Target, Walmart, grocery stores, Uber, gas cards, and fast-food chain cards)

HOUSING

- housing referrals available through Housing Navigator
- housing available during summer and winter break

GUARDIAN SCHOLARS REQUIREMENTS

- Separate application needed for this program
- A student who has been in foster care at any point in their life
- Ward of court letter.
- Once admitted, students need to complete 3 program requirements each semester:
 - One 30-minute appointment with an academic counselor,
 - Complete one progress check,
 - Attend one workshop/ event during the semester.

HOUSING

- housing available during summer and winter break

CONTACT

- Kevin Dimatulac
- kdimatulac@glendale.edu
- www.glendale.edu/communities
- 818-240-1000 x 3520
- Financial Aid: Linda Carrasco
- Financial Aid #: 626.585.7987
- Financial Aid: lindac@glendale.edu
- eopsdesk@glendale.edu
- EOPS Voicemail line: (818) 240-1000 ex. 6900

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- Housing Applications;
- EOP&S;
- MSW interns who support student with a wide range of items

Mt. San Antonio College - REACH Guardian Scholars

REACH GUARDIAN SCHOLARS REQUIREMENTS

- Be 25 years or younger when joining the program
- Must have been part of the Foster Care system at least 1 day after their 13th birthday

CONTACT

- Jeze Lopez
- jlopez164@mtsac.edu
- 909-274-6556
- Financial Aid: Marlene Sandoval
- Financial Aid #: 909-274-5685
- Financial Aid: msandoval@mtsac.edu
- EOPS: Kaitlyn Yrineo
- EOPS: kyrineo@mtsac.edu
- EOPS: 909-274-5981

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- Housing Applications;
- EOP&S

HOUSING

- housing available during summer and winter break

INSPIRE SCHOLARS REQUIREMENTS

- Ward of the Court letter
- Separate Application needed for Inspire Scholars Program
- Priority Application Due Date 1/31/23

ASSIST WITH...

- Academic counseling
- University transfer applications
- FAFSA/CADAA
- EOPS
- Connect with contacts to help with Medi-Cal, CalFRESH applications

CONTACT

- Dora Lozano
- dora.lozano@canyons.edu
- 661-362-3676
- www.canyons.edu/inspirescholars
- Financial Aid: Carmen Gonzalez
- Financial Aid #: 661-362-5242
- Financial Aid:
financialaid@canyons.edu
- EOPS: Lein Smith
- EOPS: eops@canyons.edu
- EOPS: 661-362-3759

REQUIREMENTS

- Current or former foster youth
- Currently enrolled in at least 9 units*
- Between the ages of 18-24 (if over 25, please email Guardianscholars@smc.edu)
- Have not yet attained an AA, AS, or BA
- *Not yet enrolled or enrolled in less than 9 units? Please email us!

ASSIST WITH...

- Academic, Career and Transfer Counseling
- Priority Enrollment
- Assistance with Financial Aid & CHAFEE Applications
- Tutoring
- Community-based referrals and resources
- Independent Living Program (ILP) Referrals
- Food Security
- Transportation Assistance (bus fee and gas cards)
- Mental Health Therapy (via Telehealth)
- Student Success Workshops

CONTACT

- Debra Joseph-Locke, Ed. D. - Guardian Scholars Coordinator, EOPS Supervisor, and CARE Coordinator
- Locke_Debra@smc.edu
- Ma'isha Reid (EOPS/Foster Support Services Specialist)
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- Email: GuardianScholars@smc.edu
- Phone: 310-434-4519
- Program Website:
www.smc.edu/guardianscholars
- Financial Aid:
- Phone: 310-434-4343
- Fax: 310-434-3650
- Email: financialaid@smc.edu
- Interest Form:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpDNmCXVIsZYIWspZIzDO6LezjMIMzs8FnGZVwEgPIOEM2dg/viewform>

El Camino College - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Apply to ECC.
- Must be a current or former foster youth. [Documentation can include a Dependency Verification/ Ward of Court Letter from the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) or your Social/Community Worker.]
- Submission of FAFSA or CADAA.
- Note, we have a separate application to apply but there's no due date as we accept students on a rolling basis.

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;EOP&S;
- Housing Applications;

CONTACT

- Helen Kang - counselor for Guardian Scholars Program.
- guardian@elcamino.edu for general questions
- hkang@elcamino.edu for specific questions
- 310-660-3593 ext. 7355 [general line]
- 657-204-0455 [direct line to Helen]
- <https://www.elcamino.edu/support/resources/guardian-scholars/index.aspx>
- Financial Aid contact - Sharonda Barksdale
- sbarksdale@elcamino.edu
- (310) 660-3593 ext. 6350
- EOPS - Edith Gutierrez
- egutierrez@elcamino.edu
- (310) 660-3593 ext. 3470

LA Pierce College - Next UP and Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Be enrolled in one unit
- Been in foster care since age 13 and/or up.

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;EOP&S;
- Housing Applications;

CONTACT

- Guardianscholars@Piercecollege.edu
- Lizette Carbajal, NextUp & Guardian Scholars Coordinator
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LA City College - Guardian Scholars & Next Up

REQUIREMENTS

- Guardian Scholars- current/former foster youth, at least one enrolled class
- NextUp- in foster care of age 13 or over, 25 years old or under at start of the semester, 9 units minimum, CA resident

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;EOP&S;
- Housing Applications;

CONTACT

- Alvaro Aguila
- aguilaam2@lacitycollege.edu
- <https://www.lacitycollege.edu/Resources/Guardian-Scholars/Department-Home>
- Financial Aid - Carrie Apolonio
- apolonci@lacitycollege.edu
- 323-953-4000 ext 2007
- EOPS - Sanda Novoa
- novoasg@lacitycollege.edu
- 323-953-4000 ext 2306

West Los Angeles College - Next Up Program

REQUIREMENTS

- Qualify for EOPS
[wlaac-eops@wlaac.edu](mailto:wlac-eops@wlaac.edu)
- Be enrolled in at least 9 units
guardscho@laccd.edu
- Current or former foster youth in California whose
- 310 287-4317
- dependency was established or continued on or after
- their 13th birthday
- Provide a court of verification letter
- Be under the age of 26

CONTACT

- Angeles Abraham, EOPS
- 310-287-4317
- wlaac-eops@laccd.edu
- Maria Mancina
- manciam@wlaac.edu
- guardianscholars@wlaac.edu
- 310-287-4530

West Los Angeles College - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Current or former foster youth with proof of a Foster Care Verification Form

CONTACT

- Maria Mancina
- manciamm@laccd.edu
- guardscho@laccd.edu
- 310 287 4530

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications;
- Foster Youth Program Applications;
- FAFSA/CADAA;
- Housing Applications
- CAL FRESH, SCHOLARSHIPS,
- GRANTS, CHILD CARE
- Housing and community services referrals

LA Trade Technical College - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Current or former foster youth in California whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the youth's 13th birthday
- Not older than 26 years of age at the commencement of any academic year in which he/she participates in Next Up.
- Students who enroll in the Next Up program prior to age 26, disenroll and subsequently return to the same or another institution after turning 26 may be readmitted to the program.
- Registered in at least 1 units and working towards 9 units with an educational plan (*DSPS students may be enrolled in less if approved*).

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Reasey Estrada, Next Up Counselor
Estradr3@laccd.edu
- Donny Senachai, EOPS Counselor
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- Maggie Cordero, Dean
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ASSIST WITH AND PROVIDE

- Over and above specialized counseling
- Next Up workshops/activities
- Book and supply grant
- Welcome Kit upon entry into the program
- Access to Next Up Lounge with free snacks, printing, WIFI, clothing, personal, hygiene items, access to laptops.
- Monthly meal tickets
- Cash Grant every Fall and Spring semesters
- Basic needs support, housing resources
- Access to Lift Career Services and Program Mentorship support
- Next Up English and Math Tutors
- Counseling 20 course
- Field trips

This information was provided directly by the foster youth programs from each college/ university. This information was obtained for the 22/23 school year. If a school is not listed, please contact the school directly.

Compton College - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- enrolled in at least one unit
- ages 16 to 26

CONTACT

- Tosin Williams
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- www.compton.edu
- (310) 900-1600 ext. 2025
- EOPS - (310) 900-1600 ext. 2912

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications
- Foster Youth Program Applications
- FAFSA/CADAA;EOP&S
- Formerly Incarcerated Students in Transition Program

Citrus College - Guardian Scholars

REQUIREMENTS

- Current or Former Foster Youth

CONTACT

- Jorge Razo
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- www.compton.edu
- 626-857-4028
- <https://www.citruscollege.edu/fkce/Pages/GuardianScholars.aspx>
- Financial Aid-Denise Luna
- dluna@citruscollege.edu
- 626-963-6323
- EOPS - Sara Gonzales-Tapia
- eopands@citruscollege.edu
- (626) 914-8555

ASSIST WITH...

- College Applications
- Foster Youth Program Applications
- FAFSA/CADAA
- EOP&S