

For more information...

Please contact the EOP Resource Specialist, Miguel Cuate, at 661-654-3215 or mcuate@csub.edu.

In order to participate in the Guardian Scholars Program at CSU Bakersfield, students must complete a Guardian Scholars Program application, available in the Educational Opportunity Program office at CSUB or online at www.csub.edu/gsp. Our office can also mail or email an application packet to you.

Please contact our office to find out about application workshops, candidate interviews, and program services.



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Support for
college-bound
foster youth

Mission

The CSUB Guardian Scholars Program supports foster and homeless youth who are college bound by providing a network that increases the access, academic persistence rate, and potential of students to become successful and productive world citizens.

Program Goals

- Assist foster youth, abandoned youth, and homeless youth with admission to the University.
- Address student housing needs and food security
- Encourage active participation in academics and student life on campus
- Prepare students for graduation and beyond
- Provide experiences that enrich students educationally, culturally, and socially.

Program Benefits

- Admission Assistance
- Priority Registration
- Priority Housing on campus
- Peer Support
- Faculty Mentors
- Mid-quarter Progress Evaluations
- Tutoring Services through on-campus tutoring centers
- Assistance with Housing Application Fees and Deposits
- Participation in the EOP Summer Bridge Program
- Cultural Enrichment Activities
- Socials and Study Groups
- Life Skills Workshops
- Graduation and Holiday Celebrations

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a highly motivated current or former foster youth **between the ages of 17 and 24** or an incoming freshman who faced homelessness and displacement during high school.
- Qualify for admission to CSU Bakersfield as a freshman or transfer student. Apply for Admission before November 30th at www.calstate.edu/apply
- Qualify for the Educational Opportunity Program and complete the EOP portions of the undergraduate admission application
- Be a California resident
- Qualify for “Independent Student” status under federal financial aid guidelines
- Apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov by November 30th
- Apply for the Chafee Grant and Cal Grant at www.csac.ca.gov
- Be willing to participate in the EOP Summer Bridge Program if you are a first-time freshman