

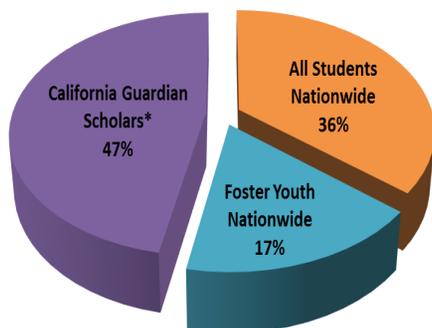
How to Help

Guardian Scholars is a completely grant and donation-funded program made possible by the generosity of people just like you.

Your 100% tax-deductible donation of any amount can help change the life of a foster youth.

In addition to financial assistance, our Guardian Scholars benefit greatly from in-kind goods and services.

Average Persistence Rates:
Guardian Scholars (1998-2012)



*California College Pathways: Survey of 14 UC, CSU, and community college campuses.

Lend a Hand

- Do you have the time to mentor?
- Do you have a spare room to rent?
- Do you have a skill-set to share?
- Do you have extra home goods ?
- Do you have the ability to tutor?
- Do you have a shoulder to lean on?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you can be a Guardian Scholars Champion.

Please get in touch and let us know how you want to help. Together we can make a difference.

Use your smartphone to scan the QR code below for more information!



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Fostering Educational Success





Independence is only the beginning...

Turning 18 and becoming an adult should be a joyous occasion, but many young people in foster care emancipate into less-than-ideal circumstances:

- Only 54% of foster youth complete high school.
- Only 10% of former foster youth attempt higher education; less than 3% actually obtain a degree.
- 51% of emancipated foster youth are unemployed.
- 40% of foster youth are homeless within a year of emancipation.

UC Merced is dedicated to reversing these statistics and ensuring the success of every foster youth that passes through our halls.

All Guardian Scholars receive the following services:

- Orientation
- Priority Registration
- Priority Housing
- Tutoring
- Textbooks
- Personal Counseling
- Mentoring
- Field Trips
- Workshops
- Academic Advising
- Liaison Services
- Internships
- Scholarships
- Emergency Assistance



"What I love most about Guardian Scholars is that I don't have to face my problems alone. They've helped me realize I have every tool I need to succeed in life. Sometimes that reminder is all you need."

-Jonathon H.

