

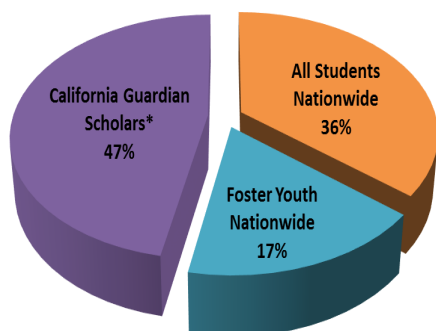
# How to Help

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.

