GUARDIAN SCHOLARS
The SJSU Guardian Scholars Program (GSP), part of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), is committed to helping students exiting the foster care system, wards of the court, under legal guardianship or unaccompanied homeless youth.

Our mission is to guide determined and ambitious Guardian Scholars through their academic and personal journeys by providing comprehensive support.

The Guardian Scholars program offers opportunities to:

- Make connections with other Guardian Scholars
- Introduce you to the network of available campus resources
- Connect with community support and service allies
- Understand the positive and negative impact of decisions
- Build meaningful interpersonal relationships
- Enhance your financial independence

The Guardian Scholars team is here to help you on your path to success at San Jose State University. We work in collaboration with many of the student support programs on campus, and community services off campus. We have been successful in supporting Guardian Scholar students through ongoing coaching and mentoring, building a social community, and helping students chart a course toward graduation. We will help you to connect and build relationships with other students with similar backgrounds and life experiences.

See more at bit.ly/videogs

Did you know...

All 23 of the California State University (CSU) campuses have a program for foster youth support.
Did you know...

30 Guardian Scholars were enrolled for the 2015-2016 academic year and...

- 20% Male
- 80% Female
Year round on-campus housing options
Explore alternative housing options in the surrounding area

Priority registration at the university
Guidance in building both your personal and professional network
Assistance in developing university level time management skills to attain academic and personal goals

Deepen connections with other Guardian Scholars through purposeful learning and social activities
Maintain meaningful relationships with personal counseling
Stress management strategies

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Tuition assistance through scholarships specifically for Guardian Scholars
Book voucher to offset textbook cost
Create a budget plan
Emergency financial funding
Apply to SJSU when using CSU application (www.csumentor.edu)

Mark “YES” when asked if you are interested in applying to EOP on Section 11 of the CSUMentor Online application. Because the box is marked, the EOP application link will be included in the confirmation after completion of the CSU application. Application and acceptance to EOP is required prior to the GS application process.

Students who do not mark this box can return to the CSU Mentor website to the EOP application section and to complete the EOP online application. Complete all parts of the EOP application and submit by the deadline of 12/15 for Fall admission or 10/1 for Spring admission.

On the EOP application mark “YES” to question 26, section (f) which asks if you are or were a former fosteryouth.

EOP will email you the SJSU Guardian Scholar Application in May for Fall admission and November for Spring admission.

Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online.

Did you know...
All Guardian Scholars are also EOP students.

Qualification Criteria
- US citizen or permanent resident
- California Resident
- Incoming freshmen or transfer students who meet SJSU’s eligibility criteria for admission
- Admitted to the SJSU Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- FAFSA financial aid application completed by the EOP priority processing deadline of 2/1 for Fall admission and 10/1 for Spring admission
- Considered “Independent” under federal financial aid guidelines
- Highly motivated students who have recently emancipated from foster care, Wards of the Court, or certified homeless by the Financial Aid Office
- Under the age of 27
- Complete the SJSU EOP Guardian Scholars Supplemental Application by the deadline stated on the application

Ethnicity
- 17% Asian/Pacific Islander
- 27% Black/African American
- 23% Hispanic/Latino
- 13% White
- 20% Other

Average GPA
2.67 (2015)