San Francisco State University is proud to be the first Guardian Scholars Program in Northern California. Our aim is to create a system of support that will meet the academic, social, emotional and financial needs of college-bound students who are transitioning out of the foster care system.

The program is fully committed to graduating and empowering these youth to become self-supporting community leaders and competent professionals in their fields of interest.
Our Mission
Through advocacy, support and empowerment, the SF State Guardian Scholars Program creates a vibrant community that helps current and former foster youth attain college degrees, stable housing and career-path employment. EOP students can apply for this collaborative program that works with the School of Social Work to provide clinical case management services.

Our Values
Our program encourages students’ development as they learn to value:
► Responsibility
► Community
► The potential the future holds
► The right to succeed
► Individual and collective strengths
► Themselves

How You Can Help
Visit sfsu.edu/~eop/help_support_gsp.html to make a gift.

$40,000 Scholar’s Champion
Five years of student support (tuition, University fees, summer housing and program staff support)

$8,000 Scholar’s Benefactor
One year of student support

$3,500 Scholar’s Defender
Summer room and board fees for a student

$1,600 Scholar’s Advocate
Meals for a student for one semester

$1,000 Scholar’s Mentor
A laptop for a student

$500 Scholar’s Friend
Books for a student for one semester

$350 Scholar’s Supporter
One semester’s transportation for a student

$150 Scholar’s Fan
Residence hall room linens for a student

Our Services
► Priority access to on-campus housing (summer and winter break housing scholarships available)
► Bi-monthly meetings with master’s level case managers
► Access to GSP liaisons with campus departments including Financial Aid, Residential Life, Disability Programs, and Resource Center
► Mental health services and referrals for both on- and off-campus support
► Career development support through career-focused mentorship and internship placements.
► Summer rental stipends for off-campus students
► Paid career-focused internships
► Six full-time Guardian Scholars Program staff

Our Results
► 75% six-year graduation rate
► 89% retention rate of all Guardian Scholars students at year three
► All Guardian Scholars are enrolled full time
► First-time freshmen have an average GPA of 3.0 after their first semester.
► Students report a sense of growing confidence, well-being and belonging.

To learn more about the Guardian Scholars program, please visit sfsu.edu/~gsp or call 415.403.0544.