

Guardian Scholars Program

Graduating & Empowering Foster Care Youth Since 2005

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.



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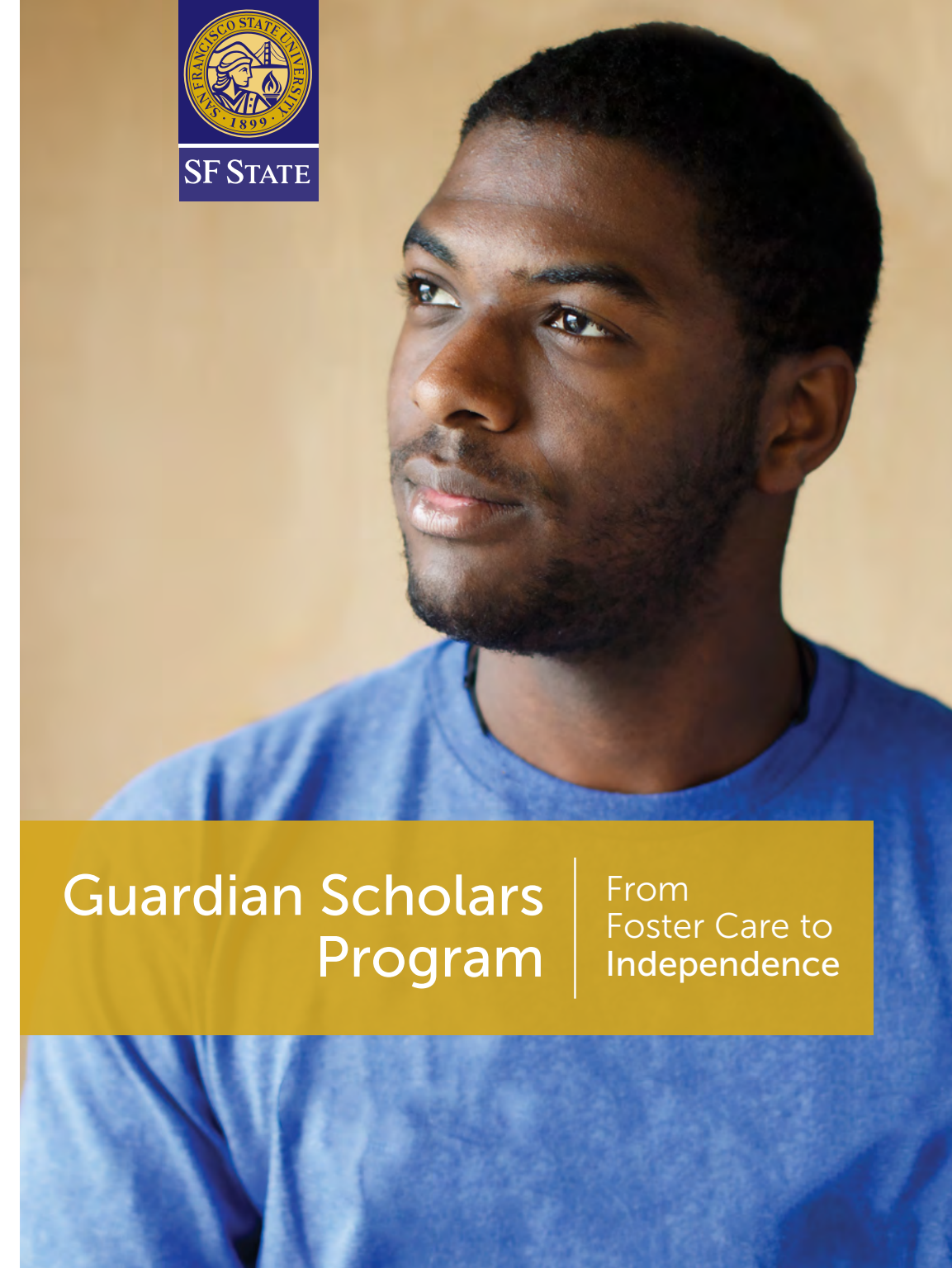
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Ways to Give
tinyurl.com/o6yquqg

The Guardian Scholars Program is a 501(c)(3) organization.

This information is available in alternative formats upon request.



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Program

From
Foster Care to
Independence



Guardian Scholar students are

3X

more likely to stay in school





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

To learn more about the Guardian Scholars program, please visit sfsu.edu/~gsp or call 415.405.0546.



Our Services

- ▶ Priority access to on-campus housing (summer and winter break housing scholarships available)
- ▶ Bi-monthly meetings with masters-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
- ▶ 88% retention rate of all Guardian Scholars students at year three
- ▶ All Guardian Scholars are enrolled full time.
- ▶ First-time freshman have an average GPA of 3.0 after their first semester.
- ▶ Students report a sense of growing confidence, well-being and belonging.



How You Can Help

Visit sfsu.edu/~eop/gsp/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 and 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

