

# GUARDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The El Camino College Guardian Scholars Program creates a welcoming and supportive environment for current and former foster youth. Our goal is to empower you to reach your full potential and achieve your academic, personal, and career goals. Guardian Scholars promotes self-advocacy by establishing meaningful connections and a support network within the El Camino College campus community.

We serve as a resource by assisting in the development and equipping students' educational and interpersonal skills necessary to become community leaders, role models, and competent professionals in their selected fields. The Guardian Scholars Program provides the opportunity to change individual lives and turn goals into reality.

## **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

- ☐ Complete the El Camino College– *Steps to Enrollment*:  
[www.elcamino.edu/admissions/steps](http://www.elcamino.edu/admissions/steps)
- ☐ Meet with an academic counselor to develop an Educational Plan
- ☐ Submit a Guardian Scholars Program application. *Please include a Dependency Verification/ Ward of Court Letter from the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) or your Social/Community Worker.*
- ☐ Submit the Free Application for [Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) or [California Dream Act Application \(CADAA\)](#) in order to apply for federal and state-based financial aid.  
\*\*You may be eligible for additional financial support through the [Chafee Grant](#)\*\*

## **Requirements to Maintain Eligibility**

- ✓ Enroll in at least six units at El Camino College during the Fall and Spring semester
- ✓ Attend Guardian Scholars Program events each semester
- ✓ Meet with Guardian Scholars Program personnel at least 2 times per semester
- ✓ Submit a progress report each semester or term
- ✓ Maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA)
- ✓ Maintain a 50% pace of unit completion



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Collected by:

Date Turned In:



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ECC ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*City State Zip*

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Method to Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month/Day/Year*

1. Have you attended another college or university? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, please list all colleges and universities previously attended below)  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Class Level at time of planned enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ New Student to El Camino College  
☐ Continuing Student at El Camino College  
☐ Reentry Student to El Camino College

4. Age entered into the foster care system: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Total number of placements: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Extended Foster Care (AB 12): ☐ Participating ☐ Opting Out ☐ Not Eligible  
Month/Year of emancipation: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

7. Case County of Origin: ☐ Los Angeles ☐ Orange ☐ Riverside ☐ San Bernardino ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Worker: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Are you eligible for Independent Living Skills Program (ILP)? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
11. Current Living Arrangement: ☐ Foster Home ☐ Group Home ☐ Relative ☐ Transitional (THP) ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
12. Have you applied or currently enrolled in EOPS at El Camino College: ☐ Yes ☐ No

13. Are you a military veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces: ☐ Yes ☐ No

14. How did you hear about the El Camino College Guardian Scholars Program?  
☐ Social Worker ☐ HS Counselor ☐ Relative ☐ Foster Family ☐ DCFS ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that I have read the entire document. I authorize the Guardian Scholars Program at El Camino College the right to access any and all of my student records to assist with program eligibility and delivery of services. My signature confirms that I understand terms and provisions associated with this document.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_