

# Application Checklist

*Below is an outline of important items you will need to complete prior to your acceptance to Sacramento State and the Guardian Scholars Program.*

## *Applying to the University*

- Sacramento State Admission Application Form**  
Apply online at: [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
- Register for the ELM and EPT**  
If you would like take these exams at Sacramento State, register online at: <http://www.csus.edu/testing/elmeptindex.stm>
- If applying to EOP at Sacramento State:**  
*\* Participation in EOP is not a requirement of Guardian Scholars.*
  - STEP 1:** Complete the online EOP application also at: [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
  - STEP 2:** Print out 2 copies of the recommendation forms.
  - STEP 3:** Have a teacher/instructor/counselor or community program advisor complete forms.
  - STEP 4:** Mail recommendation forms to:  
EOP at California State University, Sacramento  
6000 J Street, Lassen Hall 2205  
Sacramento, CA 95819-6068

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## *Financing Your Education*

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**  
Apply for financial aid at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- California Chafee Grant**  
This is a MUST for all Guardian Scholars. It is considered the most important source of free money for current or former foster youth to use for vocation school training or college courses. Apply for the Chafee Grant at: [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov)
- Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification Form**  
To be considered for a Cal Grant, a GPA Verification Form must be submitted to the California Student Aid Commission (by a high school counselor). Cal Grant offers free money to undergraduate students pursuing their degree at a college or university. Applicants must be California residents.  
For more information, visit: [https://webapps1.csus.edu/faid\\_general/pr\\_calgrants.asp](https://webapps1.csus.edu/faid_general/pr_calgrants.asp)

# Applying to Guardian Scholars

*\* Students may apply to Sacramento State and Guardian Scholars simultaneously, but must be accepted to the University before they are eligible to receive services from the program.*

- Guardian Scholars Application Form**  
Download from Guardian Scholars website: [www.csus.edu/guardian\\_scholars/apply\\_now.html](http://www.csus.edu/guardian_scholars/apply_now.html)
- Guardian Scholars Student Agreement Form**  
Download from Guardian Scholars website: [www.csus.edu/guardian\\_scholars/apply\\_now.html](http://www.csus.edu/guardian_scholars/apply_now.html)
- Guardian Scholars Consent Form**  
Download from Guardian Scholars website: [www.csus.edu/guardian\\_scholars/apply\\_now.html](http://www.csus.edu/guardian_scholars/apply_now.html)
- Copy of Ward of the Court Documentation/Dependent Documentation**
- ESSAY: In no more than 2 pages total, answer the following questions:**
  - How has being a former foster youth influenced your desire to pursue higher education?
  - What is your motivation?
  - What are your academic and career goals?
- Two Letters of Recommendation**  
From a teacher, counselor, social worker, coach, other
- A Recent Photo of Yourself**
- Apply for Housing (optional)**  
**Students are strongly encouraged to live near campus or on campus.**  
  
Apply to live at Sac State's Upper Eastside Lofts (year-round leasing) at:  
<http://www.myownapartment.com/uppereastside/apply/>  
  
Apply to live in the dorms on campus at:  
[www.csus.edu/housing/oncampus/appprocess/request.stm](http://www.csus.edu/housing/oncampus/appprocess/request.stm)