

# Guardian Scholars Program (GSP)

## Who we are

We help support current and former foster youth at Sacramento State and strive for increased graduation rates. Students have access to academic advising, career advising, mentoring, priority registration, emergency funding, internship opportunities, and community building.

## Students Served Over the Years

Number of students during 2016-2017 academic year was 80.  
Number of students during 2017-2018 academic year was 85.  
Number of students during 2018-2019 academic year was 92.  
Number of students during 2019-2020 academic year was 119.

## Demographics for 2018-2019 Academic Year

### Gender

74% of them are females.  
26% of them are males.

### Ethnicity

37% of them are Black/African American.  
22% of them are Hispanic/Latino.  
21% of them are White.  
15% of them are identified as "Other."  
5% of them are Asian.

### Class Level

26% of them were freshmen.  
12% of them were sophomores.  
30% of them were juniors.  
24% of them were seniors.  
8% of them were graduate students.

## Key Performance Indicators

### Fall 2018

Average Unit Load was 12.70.

84% of students were in good academic standing.

78% of students persisted to fall 2019.

### Spring 2019

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## Services

1. **Supplemental Instruction Courses** – Active learning community where students develop strong and healthy connections with others, as well as assist in the navigation of the university and provide student development opportunities.
2. **Academic Advising** - Offers clarity on students' educational plans in order to achieve their goals.
3. **General Counseling** – Offers a “safe space” and refers students who are experiencing crisis for more appropriate help.
4. **Monthly Gathering** – Also known as “Socials,” helps keep students connected and helps build a strong sense of community.
5. **Mentoring** – Provides emotional and instructional support to help students achieve academic success.

## Additional Assistance

1. **GSP Emergency Fund** – Assists students in dire financial need when unforeseen events occur. Amounts vary from \$200 to \$600.
2. **Scholarships** – Help pay down school loans, or help with the purchase of textbooks, food, rent, transportation, parking fees. Seven various scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$3500 were given to students in 2018-2019 (out of 61 students who applied). Only 11% of GSP students received a scholarship.
3. **Stable Housing Assistance** – Helps pay for the rising costs of housing in the Sacramento Area. Eight students with housing insecurity received grants.
4. **Textbook Funding/Voucher** - \$200 book voucher per academic year. 50% of students received the voucher (20 awardees out of 40 applied).

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