



The Guardian Scholars Program supports the academic and personal goals of current and former foster youth attending Santa Monica College. Our goal is to support, connect and increase academic awareness and achievement as students embark on their journey within higher education.

Spring 2022

Our office will provide academic support services remotely through Spring 2022. However, we are still available to assist you! So contact us if you have any questions!

Eligibility

A student is eligible for Guardian Scholars if he/she meets the following criteria:

- Current or former foster youth
- Currently enrolled in at least 9 units*
- Between the ages of 18-24 (if over 25, please email Guardianscholars@smc.edu)
- Have not yet attained an AA, AS, or BA

*Not yet enrolled or enrolled in less than 9 units? Please email us!

Program Services

- Academic, Career and Transfer Counseling
- Priority Enrollment

- Assistance with Financial Aid & CHAFEE Applications
- Tutoring
- Community-based referrals and resources
- Independent Living Program (ILP) Referrals
- Meal Assistance
- Transportation Assistance (when back on campus)
- Mental Health Therapy (via Telehealth)
- Student Success Workshops

How to Apply

Please complete the Guardian Scholars Interest Form . You will be contacted by a staff member to complete the application process.

Current Guardian Scholars

Book your appointment by emailing us at guardianscholars@smc.edu or leave a voice message at 310-434-4491. You may also book your appointment online.

To schedule an academic counseling appointment online, complete the following steps:

1. Log in to Corsair Connect.
2. On the main page, scroll down to SMC Quick Links on the left-hand side.
3. Click on Book a Counseling Appointment.

Be sure to select "Guardian Scholars" from the "program information" drop-down menu to obtain a list of available appointments. Continuing students can book an appointment up to one week in advance online.

Once an appointment is booked, you will receive a confirmation sent to your SMC student email address.

Mark your appointment in your personal calendar to remind you to be available during this time.

Ensure your phone number is updated in Corsair Connect by selecting "Enrollment Services" and then "Profile/Preferences".

Contact Us

For general questions regarding the program and services, please contact us!

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Resources for Foster Youth

Need help obtaining your proof of dependency?

Call the Foster Care helpline at (877) 846-1602.

Helpful Foster Youth Websites

Foster Youth Help

CHAFEE Grant

John Burton Advocates for Youth

Together We Rise Foster Youth Resources

Other Resources

SMC Student Resources

LA COUNTY Resources for Domestic Violence Victims

SMC Celebrates Foster Youth Awareness Month – May 2022!

Foster Care Awareness Month Workshops and Activities - Spring 2022

What is Foster Youth Awareness Month?

Foster Youth Awareness Month (FYAM) is an opportunity to display awareness, support, and encouragement to SMC's current and former foster youth.

FYAM is represented by a blue ribbon.

Student Workshop: Adulthood – Relationships, Boundaries, and Networks | Monday, May 2 | 2-3:30 p.m.

Description:

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Learn key ways to maintain healthy relationships, establish safe boundaries, and develop your professional network.

[Register Here](#)

Guardian Scholars Program Information Session | Monday, May 9 | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Students, staff, and faculty are invited to meet the staff and learn about the services and support provided through the Guardian Scholars Program.

Please [Register Here](#) or at <https://tinyurl.com/GSInfo2022>

Guardian Scholars Meet & Greet Activity Table on the Quad | Tuesday, May 17th | 11 a.m. -12 p.m.

Join us on the SMC Main Campus on the Quad for snacks, art activities, and raffle prizes!

No RSVP required! We hope to see you there!

Guardian Scholars Virtual Celebration | Tuesday, May 24th | 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating and transferring students!

Please Register Here!

Guardian Scholars Workshops and Events – Spring 2022 – General

List of Upcoming Events!

Virtual Office

Want to ask questions about the program? Are you a case worker or ILP coordinator trying to connect a student to our program? Need to schedule an appointment with a Guardian Scholars counselor or would simply like to check in?

Email Guardianscholars@smc.edu to request access to our zoom room to meet virtually.

Spring '22 Workshop Recordings

- Food for Thought - Sp 2022 Check out the recording here!
 - Adulting 1: Self-Soothing Techniques - Coming soon!
 - Writing an Effective Personal Statement - Coming Soon!
 - Time Management & Personal Values - Coming Soon!
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EOPS Suite Workshop Listing

Additional workshops can be found on the EOPS/CARE website.

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