EOP Renaissance Scholars Program  
California State University, San Bernardino

Cal State San Bernardino’s EOP Renaissance Scholars Program was established in 2003. The Program is committed to providing comprehensive support services to EOP-eligible, current or former foster youth as they transition to the university and through to graduation. The success of the EOP Renaissance Scholars Program is a result of services provided through the collaborative efforts of faculty, staff and various campus departments at Cal State San Bernardino, as well as dedicated community partners.

Program Goals

- Assist current and former foster youth with admission to the university
- Provide comprehensive support that promotes academic and personal success
- Encourage active participation in university life
- Prepare students for graduation and beyond
- Provide experiences that enrich students educationally, culturally and socially

Program Benefits

- Admissions Assistance
- EOP Summer Bridge Program
- Financial assistance and guidance
- Priority Registration
- Mentoring
- Tutoring Services through the Learning Center
- Cultural Enrichment and Recreational Activities
- Networking and Leadership Opportunities
- Orientation
- Academic Advising
- Eligible for additional Scholarship & Grant Awards
- On-campus Housing Assistance
- Mid-quarter Evaluations
- Personal Counseling
- Life Skills and Academic Workshops
- Post-graduate Career Planning and Assistance

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a highly motivated current or former foster youth, between the ages of 17 and 25, who demonstrates academic potential
- Qualify for admission to Cal State San Bernardino as a freshman or transfer student. For CSUSB eligibility information and to access the application for admissions, go to: www.csumentor.edu
- Qualify for EOP (Educational Opportunity Program). For eligibility information and to access the EOP application, go to: https://csumentor.edu/planning/eop/
- Qualify for “Independent Student” status under federal financial aid guidelines
- Apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov, or the California Dream Act application at www.caldreamact.org, by the priority filing date, March 2nd
- As a first time freshman, be available to participate in the EOP Summer Bridge Program
- Apply for Cal Grant by completing the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form at http://www.csac.ca.gov/ by March 2nd
- If in foster care between the ages of 16-18, apply for the Chaffey Grant at https://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov/

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Submit Application to:
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EOP Renaissance Scholars Program
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San Bernardino, CA 92407
Or Fax: (909) 537-7084
2017-2018 EOP Renaissance Scholars Program Application

All eligible applicants will be invited to participate in an interview with the EOP Renaissance Scholars Program Coordinator

Application Form

First Name ______________________ Middle Name ______________________ Last Name ______________________

Address ______________________________________________________________________________________

City ______________________ State __________ Zip ______________________

Phone ______________________ Alternate Phone ______________________ Email ______________________

Date of Birth ______________________ Age ______________________

School currently attending (name, city and state): ______________________________________________________

CSUSB Admission application submitted:  □ Yes  □ No  Date ______________________

Class level at time of planned enrollment:  □ Incoming Freshman  □ Transfer Student

Current SAT score: ______________________ Date taken or to be taken: ______________________

Current ACT score: ______________________ Date taken or to be taken: ______________________

County where your dependency was established:  □ San Bernardino  □ Riverside  □ Los Angeles  □ Other__________________

County you emancipated from (if applicable):  □ San Bernardino  □ Riverside  □ Los Angeles  □ Other__________________

Total years spent in foster care: ______________________ Are you AB12 Eligible:  □ Yes  □ No

Social Worker Name: ______________________ Phone: ______________________

ILP Social Worker Name: ______________________ Phone: ______________________

Current type of placement:  □ Foster Home  □ Group Home  □ Relative Home  □ Residential Facility  □ Other__________________

Plan for housing while attending Cal State San Bernardino:  □ On-campus  □ Off-campus  □ Foster Home  □ With Friend/ Relative

Current source of financial support (check all that apply):  □ Foster Family/Group Home  □ Employment  □ Other__________________

Average hours worked per week in 2015/2016 (enter zero if unemployed): ______________________

How did you learn about this program? (check all that apply):  □ ILP  □ Foster Family  □ Counselor  □ Social Worker  □ Other__________________

Application Requirements

Submit a complete application packet including:

☑ This completed application form
☑ Personal Statement – Please submit a 2-4 paged, double-spaced, typed statement that addresses the following:
  • Please provide an introduction of yourself
  • Please describe your educational/career goals
  • Please describe any obstacles you overcame in your pursuit of an education
  • Please describe any special interests, group memberships, honors and awards
  • Please describe your family situation, how you came to enter foster care
  • Please describe your current support system

☑ Copy of your Dependency Verification Letter from your Social Worker or ILP Coordinator

Application Checklist

CSUSB Application for Admissions
http://www.csumentor.edu/

EOP Application
http://www.csumentor.edu/

EOP Renaissance Scholars Program Application Packet

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Apply online at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov

California Dream Act application (if applicable)
Apply online at www.caldreamact.org

Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification form
http://www.csac.ca.gov/

CSUSB Housing Application
See http://housing.csusb.edu/

Item Due Date

October 1, 2016 – November 30, 2016

October 1, 2016 – November 30, 2016

October 1, 2016 – open until filled

Priority filing: October 1, 2016 – March 2, 2017

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January 2, 2017 – March 2, 2017

No deadline: First come, first served