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THE FIRST STAR UCLA BRUIN GUARDIAN SCHOLARS ACADEMY

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We are delighted to invite you to recommend a talented, current 8th and 9th grade Foster Youth to participate in the First Star UCLA Bruin Guardian Scholars Academy

The First Star UCLA Bruin Guardian Scholars Academy (BGSA) is a free, comprehensive four-year college access program for youth in foster care. BGSA offers a 2-4 week residential summer academy where youth receive academic support, enrichment, and encouragement needed to assist them in becoming competitive college applicants. The program engages a cohort students in a variety of fun and active learning opportunities that include academic courses for college credit, independent studies, social and cultural activities, field trips, service learning and recreational activities. In addition to the summer immersion program students will receive individual support and mentoring throughout the academic year through their participation in monthly Saturday Academies.

1. Student Eligibility Requirements:

- A) Los Angeles County Foster youth with an open DCFS Case.
- B) Currently in 8th (*LAUSD schools preferred*)

2. Submit Completed Application by March 1st, 2019

- A) Submit online at <https://www.bgsa.ucla.edu/Join/First-Star-Student-Application>
- B) Mail to listed address (*postmarked by March 20, 2020*)
- C) *Submit via email to fsbgsa@saonet.ucla.edu*

Application Timeline:

Application Due Date: March 20 2020

Notifications Sent: Early April 2020

Mandatory Orientation: Saturday, April 25 2020





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La Academia First Star UCLA Bruin Guardian Scholars (BGSA) es un programa para jóvenes que forma parte del sistema de cuidado del condado de Los Ángeles. El programa es gratuito. Este programa brinda información especializada para cada grado escolar sobre la educación universitaria y ofrece la oportunidad de experimentar como es la vida de un estudiante universitario. El formato básico del programa consiste de una variedad de actividades de aprendizaje, tales como cursos académicos para obtener créditos universitarios, estudios independientes, actividades sociales y culturales, excursiones, servicio comunitario, y actividades recreativas. Los estudiantes que sean aceptados al programa vivirán en las instalaciones de residencia bajo la supervisión de UCLA, lo cual les dará acceso a la experiencia completa de ser un estudiante en esta universidad.

1. Requisitos de elegibilidad del estudiante:

- A) Ser un joven en el sistema de cuidado del condado de Los Angeles con un caso abierto de DCFS
- B) Que sea un joven en el grado 8 en la escuela intermedia o este en el primer año de preparatoria durante el verano de 2020

2. Someter la solicitud completa antes del 1 de Marzo

- A) Someter electronicamente a <https://www.bgsa.ucla.edu/Join/First-Star-Student-Application>
- B) Someter por correo *antes de la fecha*
- C) Someter por correo electronico a fsbgsa@saonet.ucla.edu

Fechas Importantes

Someter Solicitud: March 20, 2020

Notificacioness enviadas los primeros de April

Orientacion Mandatoria: Sabado, 25 de April





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CONTACT INFORMATION

Student Name:		Cell Phone #:		Current Grade Level:	
Caregiver Name:		Cell Phone #:		Home Phone #:	
Primary Language (if other than English):					
Mailing Address:		street address		apartment #	city
				state	zip code
Caregiver Email Address:			Student Email Address:		

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Date of Birth: <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	
Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> African-American/Black		<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicano-a/Mexican-American		<input type="checkbox"/> Latino-a	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-racial/Multi-racial		<input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Asian-American	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Name of Social Worker:		Phone Number:	
Social Worker Email Address:			
Placement: <input type="checkbox"/> Relative Foster Home		<input type="checkbox"/> Non-relative Foster Home	
<input type="checkbox"/> Kin-GAP		<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardianship	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adoption*		<input type="checkbox"/> Reunited With Parent*	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Group Home	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Family Preservation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ * With an open case	

SCHOOL / EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Current Middle/High School:		Fall 2019 High School:	
Current cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale): _____		Do you require any educational accomodations? (i.e., IEP, 504 Plan): Yes _____ No _____	
Please mark the educational programs that you are a member of (if any):			
<input type="checkbox"/> AVID Program <input type="checkbox"/> Upward Bound Program <input type="checkbox"/> United Friends of the Children Scholars Program <input type="checkbox"/> Federal TRiO Programs			
<input type="checkbox"/> UCLA VIP Scholars Program <input type="checkbox"/> Other(s): _____			
List any other programs and extracurricular activities in which you have participated (i.e., sports, clubs, band, volunteer groups, student government, etc.):			
Name of Club or Organization	Role	Years of Involvement (please circle)	Hours Per Month
_____	_____	8th 9th	_____
_____	_____	8th 9th	_____
_____	_____	8th 9th	_____
_____	_____	8th 9th	_____





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Student Questionnaire

Please fill out the following questions about your interests and future goals

What 3 words best describe your personality?

1.

2.

3.

List your 3 favorite subject areas in school

1.

2.

3.

What are your top 3 colleges or universities you would like to attend in the future?

1.

2.

3.

What are 3 careers you are interested in pursuing?

1.

2.

3.

What are your 3 favorite movies?

1.

2.

3.



Select any two of the five questions below to write a response to. Write answers on the available space below or on a separate sheet of paper.

- [illegible]



Signature

Date _____





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Adult Recommendation

(This section to be completed in confidence by the teacher, counselor, social worker, mentor, pastor, attorney, etc.)

Name of Student you are recommending: _____

To the Recommender:

Thank you for taking the time to provide your confidential insight and thoughts regarding this student who is applying for the First Star UCLA Bruin Guardian Scholars Academy. The First Star UCLA Bruin Guardian Scholars Summer Academy is an intense, highly supportive and personalized college access program designed to provide youth in foster care the academic support, encouragement and enrichment needed to assist them in becoming competitive college applicants. Your insight will help us ensure the program is the right fit for your student.

RECOMMENDER'S INFORMATION

Recommender's Name:			Relationship to Student:		
School/Organization & Title:		Phone:		Email:	

I recommend this student for the First Star UCLA Bruin Scholars Academy:

	<i>Not Recommended</i>	<i>Recommend With Reservations</i>	<i>Enthusiastically Recommend</i>
For academic potential	_____	_____	_____
For character and personal promise	_____	_____	_____
For ability to work well with others	_____	_____	_____
Overall recommendation	_____	_____	_____

Please answer the following questions (attach extra pages if necessary):

Why do you believe this student is a good candidate for the First Star UCLA Bruin Guardian Scholars Academy? What behaviors has this student demonstrated to you that show he/she will benefit from this opportunity?

Describe any long-term goals or aspirations that this student has expressed to you.



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Application Checklist:

- Application Forms
- Student Questionnaire
- Two Student Essays
- Recommendation Form
- Other Materials:
 - copy of unofficial middle school or high school transcript
 - (optional) Up to 2 supporting documents: these can be awards/certificates, resumes, art work, poems, class work etc., that uniquely demonstrate the student's achievements or skills.

Application Process:

Who Completes this Application?

We encourage all current 8th and 9th grade students involved with and impacted by the foster care system in Los Angeles to apply.

What happens after submission?

After the deadline, all complete applications will be reviewed by First Star and UCLA staff through a comprehensive selection process. Selected applicants will be contacted for an in-person interview. Notification of acceptance into the program will begin early April. There will be a mandatory caregiver/student orientation on Saturday April 25th 2019, for those accepted into the program.

For additional questions or concerns:

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