

## What are the opportunities to support **Guardian Teacher Scholarships**?

**Gifts to support Guardian Teacher Scholarships are accepted at any amount;** however, the opportunities listed below also provide the named recognition of your choosing – for you or your business, or in memory or in honor of someone.

**\$25,000:** *Named Scholarship provides tuition and fees for one or more student(s) during the course of their Teaching Credential/ Master of Arts studies. (Teaching Credential year one: \$15,000; Master of Arts year two: \$10,000).*

**\$15,000:** *Named Scholarship provides tuition and fees for one or more student(s) during their Teaching Credential year of studies.*

**\$10,000:** *Named Scholarship provides tuition and fees for one or more student(s) during their Master of Arts year of studies.*

The student(s) you support will carry your named scholarship during the duration of the funding period.



Eden Haven  
Guardian Teacher Scholarship Recipient (2014-15)

## Flexibility to Create Your **Guardian Teacher Scholarship**

The ways of giving are as diverse as the opportunities to join us in supporting former foster care youth in pursuit of a career in teaching. The best way to give depends on your life circumstances and your financial goals.

Gifts to create a Guardian Teacher Scholarship qualify for a charitable tax deduction and may also offer other specific tax advantages to you or your business. We are dedicated to helping you find the gift method that best suits your needs and goals.

Methods of giving include cash, check, credit card, and/or matching gifts. The scholarship opportunities listed here also include flexibility to make multiple payments over the year or over two years, depending on the scholarship.

### **For more information about supporting a Guardian Teacher Scholarship, please contact:**

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## The **Guardian Teacher Scholarship**



*Help encourage former **FOSTER YOUTH** to be leaders in the classroom*



## What is the **Guardian Teacher Scholarship?**

It is an opportunity for you, your business, or your civic group to **encourage and support former foster care youth to pursue careers in teaching in California.** Scholarships will help UC Davis prepare qualified students to be the knowledgeable, thoughtful teacher leaders of tomorrow. Funds will specifically support student tuition and fees associated with studying and preparing to be teachers through the UC Davis School of Education Teaching Credential/Master of Arts Program.

**The Guardian Teacher Scholarship** is a partnership of the UC Davis School of Education and the Guardian Scholars Program at UC Davis, with seed funding from the Stuart Foundation. The Guardian Scholars Program serves the needs of former foster youth by providing support and services during their undergraduate careers. Together, we are working to encourage students to continue their post-graduate education and **pursue teaching careers.**



## Why support **Guardian Teacher Scholarships?**

At any given time, there are roughly **60,000 children in the foster care system in California.** Though 70 percent of foster youth express an interest in college, only 50 percent graduate from high school, 10 percent enroll in college, and just 2 percent graduate from college.\*

Youth formerly in foster care face many challenges that impede their opportunities for higher education. For those who want to pursue a graduate degree, the challenges are often insurmountable without financial



support. **Receiving scholarship funds gives these students a stronger chance at completing their education and becoming teachers in our community.**

\* Statistics from the National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections and the California Foster Youth Education Task Force.

### The First **Guardian Teacher Scholar**

**Lynn** grew up on the streets of Chicago and spent the first six years of her life enduring abuse and neglect from her drug-addicted parents. Every day was a new struggle against hunger, anger, and loneliness. Although this was a dark time, it was through these experiences that she learned how to be a responsible leader.



All through high school and her undergraduate career, Lynn worked hard to be the best student she could be. She always knew she wanted to teach, and she knew education was the only way to reach her goal. When she became a teacher, she wanted her students to understand how education can positively impact their lives – Lynn wants to always be that teacher who makes a positive impact in a student's life.

Former foster youth, like Lynn, often worry about money because most do not receive any financial support from family or friends. Because of the Guard-

ian Teacher Scholarship, Lynn was able to put all her efforts into her education rather than being concerned about how she would afford it. **"I have worked very hard to get to where I am today, and this scholarship made me truly proud of what I've achieved,"** said Lynn. "I have never felt so special and honored in my life."

Lynn is the first Guardian Teacher Scholar made possible with the funds and the vision of the Stuart Foundation, which is dedicated to the protection, education and development of children and youth in California and Washington. In the fall of 2011, the Stuart Foundation provided support for both Lynn's scholarship and to help UC Davis build a model to encourage students to pursue careers in teaching. We invite you to join the Stuart Foundation in making graduate education possible for a greater number of students like Lynn through the Guardian Teacher Scholarship.

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