Landlords: Make a Difference, Rent to an SDSU Guardian Scholar

Rent to students participating in San Diego State University’s (SDSU) Guardian Scholars (GS) Program and receive the following benefits:

• Consistent, on-time monthly payments from SDSU
• Payments directly deposited to your bank account
• The right to screen tenants and manage your rental units as you typically would
• Reliable tenancy
• Free rental unit listing with the SDSU Guardian Scholars Program

You’ll also experience the satisfaction of making a positive impact in the lives of SDSU students at-risk of homelessness and help them achieve the goal of a college degree.

For more information about renting to an SDSU Guardian Scholar contact GS Program Coordinator, Simone Hidds at 619-594-5717 or shidds@sdsu.edu

The SDSU Guardian Scholars Program helped Bianca, a former foster youth who experienced homelessness as a teenager, graduate with a double major in criminal justice and interdisciplinary studies.

Bianca now works full time as a counselor to foster youth and is pursuing a master’s degree in education.

“Without the rental assistance, I wouldn’t have been able to reach that goal and really focus on my last semester.”
—Bianca

Partnership Program with the San Diego Housing Commission

The Guardian Scholars Housing Award Program is a first-of-its-kind partnership between a university and the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC), which provides rental assistance for up to 100 students participating in the Guardian Scholars Program.

The program provides housing stability for students who identify as current or former foster youth, ward of the court, under legal guardianship or unaccompanied homeless youth, by lowering their risk of homelessness and allowing them to focus on their education.

The Guardian Scholars Housing Award Program is part of HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, SDHC’s homelessness action plan.

Landlord Requirements

• Complete and return an SDSU Unit Information Form (UIF)
• Agree to a Unit Inspection. A pre-inspection of unit by SDHC staff is required prior to tenant signing a lease and move-in. Any areas that do not meet Federal standards must be corrected prior to signing lease and move-in
• Provide a copy of the signed rental agreement to the student
• Submit direct deposit forms to secure monthly payment from SDSU