



Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program University of California, Santa Cruz

2015-2016 Application Information

The Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program enables outstanding UC-qualified junior-level community college students to complete their undergraduate studies at UC Santa Cruz. The program provides a \$20,000 scholarship distributed over two years, mentoring and academic support, and assistance finding paid or volunteer summer work experience co-sponsored by private- and public-sector employers. Recipients will be selected by the UCSC chancellor from nominees submitted by the presidents of participating community colleges. One scholarship is available for each college.

Each president may nominate up to three students who meet the following scholarship criteria:

- ◆ Show exceptional achievement through academic and extracurricular accomplishments despite adverse socioeconomic conditions;
- ◆ Demonstrate an involvement in activities that assist and improve the lives of others;
- ◆ Exhibit outstanding leadership qualities that reflect the ideals of the Pister Program;
- ◆ Because of financial need, would not otherwise be able to attend UC Santa Cruz;
- ◆ Are qualified for fall 2015 admission to UCSC as a new junior-level transfer student.
- ◆ Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, an eligible noncitizen, or a student eligible for financial aid through the California Dream Act Application, qualifying under AB130 or AB131. To be considered an eligible non-citizen, one must have an I-551 Alien Registration Receipt, an I-551C, or I-94 Arrival-Departure Record with one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Parole," "Cuban-Haitian Entrant," or a T-Visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.); or a holder of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of "Victim of human trafficking." To be considered an AB130/AB131 student, a student must have attended a California high school for 3 or more years, must have graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent (GED), and if undocumented, must file an affidavit with their school stating they have or will apply for lawful immigration status.

Application Instructions

- ◆ Fill out the application completely. ***Incomplete applications will not be considered.***
- ◆ Apply for fall 2015 admission to UC Santa Cruz by submitting the UC Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarships by November 30, 2014: **www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply**
- ◆ Apply for financial aid by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application by March 2, 2015.
- ◆ Collect two letters of recommendation. At least one letter must be from a faculty member; the other letter should be from an individual who is able to comment on such areas as extracurricular activities, leadership skills, commitment and dedication, etc.
- ◆ Obtain official transcripts from all colleges attended.
- ◆ Keep a copy of your application.
- ◆ Submit the following items in one packet **to your community college:**
 1. scholarship application with personal statement attached (single-sided paper, no staples, please)
 2. two letters of recommendation
 3. all official college transcripts (unopened)

Incomplete application packets will not be considered.

Application deadline: February 2, 2015

Participating Community Colleges

Cabrillo College
Cañada College
College of San Mateo
De Anza College
Evergreen Valley College

Foothill College
Gavilan College
Hartnell College
Mission College

Monterey Peninsula College
San José City College
Skyline College
West Valley College

Please keep this information sheet for your records.



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Personal Information

Full legal name _____

Mailing address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Permanent address (if different from above) _____

Current phone _____ Permanent phone _____

Date of birth _____

E-mail address _____ Fax number _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? yes / no If no, are you an eligible noncitizen? yes / no

Community college currently attending _____

Student's Financial Information

Have you filed the required Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? _____

Date submitted _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Current monthly income from employment \$ _____ Hours worked per week _____

Projected 2014 annual income (applicant) \$ _____ (spouse) \$ _____

List all other sources and amounts of income, including family assistance: _____

List all scholarships/grants that have been applied for or received: _____

List major debts and other expenses you will incur per month during the school year:

Debt	Amount	Debt	Amount
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Total indebtedness (including above) per month \$ _____

List the dependents you will support between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016:

Full name of dependent(s)

Age

Parent/Guardian Information

(To be completed by dependent students only)

Father (or guardian)_____

Address_____

Employer_____ Position held_____

Annual income \$_____ Own or rent residence?_____

Mother (or guardian)_____

Address_____

Employer_____ Position held_____

Annual income \$_____ Own or rent residence?_____

List any other dependents receiving financial support from family:

Name	Age	Relationship to applicant
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Academic Information

What is your intended major, and why have you chosen this field?

Additional Information

Please explain any special circumstances you feel the committee should be aware of when evaluating your application. These may include personal difficulties, disabilities, or low family income. (You may elaborate in your personal statement.)

Extracurricular Information

List any school activities, clubs, or sports you have participated in, including offices held and academic honors earned. Also list non-school clubs and activities in which you have participated.

Personal Statement

Instructions: On separate sheets of paper, please respond to the following five questions. Your response to each question should be limited to 250-500 words. Please type or use black ink, write your name and the words "Personal Statement" at the top right-hand corner of each page, and attach the sheets to this application.

1. This program is intended for students who have demonstrated excellent academic and extracurricular achievement despite adverse socioeconomic conditions. Considering these criteria, please describe your educational and personal history.
2. Students who receive this scholarship have been involved in activities that assist and improve the lives of others. Please describe your commitment in this area.
3. Please describe how you have developed leadership skills through your extracurricular and community activities.
4. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who, because of financial need, would not otherwise be able to attend UC Santa Cruz. Please describe your financial situation.
5. Please add any information you feel the committee should consider when evaluating your application.

Certification

I certify that the information reported on this application, to the best of my knowledge, is true and correct. I authorize my community college, UC Santa Cruz, and the Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program Advisory Committee to release the information in this application to scholarship committees both on and off campus and to review my academic transcripts and financial aid application.

Signature _____ Date _____

If I am selected as a recipient, I authorize my community college and UC Santa Cruz to publicize any relevant scholarship and biographical information and/or publish photographs.

Signature _____ Date _____

The University of California, in accordance with applicable Federal and State law and University policy, prohibits discrimination against or harassment of any person and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer related or genetic characteristics), genetic information (including family medical history), ancestry, marital status, age, citizenship, sexual orientation, or service in the uniformed services as defined by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994. The University also prohibits sexual harassment. Inquiries regarding the University's student-related nondiscrimination policies may be directed to Student Judicial Affairs, (831) 459-1738. Inquiries regarding the UCSC Policy on Sexual Assault, the UC Policy on Sexual Harassment, and Procedures for Reports of Sexual Assault(s) and Sexual Harassment and/or violations of Title IX may be directed to the Title IX Coordinator/Sexual Harassment Officer, (831) 459-5579.