2015-2016 Guidelines and Procedures

2015-2016 Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program scholarship recipients will be selected by the chancellor of UCSC from nominees submitted by the presidents of participating community colleges. The program provides a $20,000 scholarship distributed over two years, mentoring and academic support, and assistance in finding paid or volunteer summer work experience co-sponsored by private- and public-sector employers.

General Procedures
Each participating community college designates a scholarship coordinator who oversees the application process at the college, serves as liaison with UCSC, and provides information to interested students.

The UCSC Office of Admissions sends application packets to the scholarship coordinator. Informational materials are provided to assist in publicizing the scholarship.

Student Application Process
Students may apply for a Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program scholarship by following these steps:

1. Pick up an application at the community college location designated by the scholarship coordinator. The application must be filled out completely.

2. Apply for fall 2015 admission to UC Santa Cruz by November 30, 2014 by submitting the UC Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarships.

3. Apply for financial aid by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application by March 2, 2015.

4. 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.

5. Obtain official transcripts from all colleges attended.

6. Submit these items in one packet to the scholarship coordinator at the community college by February 2, 2015:

- Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program application (with personal statement attached – single-sided paper, no staples, please)
- two letters of recommendation
- all official college transcripts (unopened)
Community College Nominee Selection Process
The college selects Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program nominees by following these steps:

1. After the February 2 application deadline, the president nominates 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 Leadership Opportunity Program;
   - Because of financial need, would not otherwise be able to attend UC Santa Cruz;
   - Qualify for fall 2015 admission to UCSC as a new junior 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 noncitizen, 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.

2. The president writes a letter of support for each of the three nominees. The following items for each nominee must be submitted to UCSC in one packet by February 27, 2015:
   - president’s letter of support
   - Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program application (with personal statement attached)
   - two letters of recommendation
   - complete official college transcripts from all colleges attended (through fall 2014 term)

3. Send nomination packets to:
   Office of Undergraduate Honors
   c/o Marlene Robinson
   200 Kerr Hall
   University of California, Santa Cruz
   1156 High Street
   Santa Cruz, CA 95064

Complete nomination packets must be postmarked by the February 27 deadline to be considered.

UCSC Selection Process
The Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program Advisory Committee invites the three nominees from each college to an interview at UC Santa Cruz. The committee then makes recommendations to the chancellor, who will make the final selections.

Award winners will be announced by April 30, 2015.
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 noncitizen, 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](http://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.
Karl S. Pister
Leadership Opportunity Program

2015-2016 Application

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:_______________________________

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

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

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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
__________________________________________________________________________________________
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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_______________________

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Prestigious $20,000 scholarship to attend UCSC. The University of California, Santa Cruz, has a strong commitment to the future of California. The Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program has been established to enable community college transfer students to complete their undergraduate studies at UC Santa Cruz. The scholarship is for junior-level UC transfer-eligible students who:

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- Have demonstrated an involvement in activities that assist and improve the lives of others;
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How to Apply at Cabrillo College

Visit the Financial Aid Office to pick up an application for the Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program scholarship. The application deadline is February 2, 2015.

Apply for admission to UC Santa Cruz during the filing period, November 1–30, 2014. Visit the Transfer Center for more information.

Apply for financial aid by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application by March 2, 2015.