2009-2010 Guidelines and Procedures

2009-2010 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, individually tailored 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 2009 admission to UC Santa Cruz by November 30, 2008 by filing the UC Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarships.

3. Apply for financial aid by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2, 2009.

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 transcripts from all colleges attended.

6. Submit these items in one packet to the scholarship coordinator at the community college by February 6, 2009:

   - Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program application (with personal statement attached)
   - two letters of recommendation
   - all college transcripts
Community College Nominee Selection Process
The college selects Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program nominees by following these steps:

1. After the February 6 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;
   • Are eligible for fall 2009 admission to UCSC as a new junior transfer student.
   • Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen with an Alien Registration Number. 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," or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant."

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, 2009:

   • president's letter of support
   • Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program application (with personal statement attached)
   • two letters of recommendation
   • complete college transcripts from all colleges attended (through fall 2008 term)

3. Send nomination packets to:

   Office of the Chancellor
   c/o Marlene Robinson
   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, 2009.