



University of California, Santa Cruz

Developing California's Leaders

Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program **A prestigious \$20,000 scholarship to attend UC Santa Cruz**

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:

- ◆ Have shown exceptional achievement through academic and extracurricular accomplishments despite adverse socioeconomic conditions;
- ◆ Have demonstrated 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 U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens.



Recent Pister Scholars at a Campus Event. Photo by Amy Hamel.

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. Recipients will be selected by the chancellor of UCSC from candidates submitted by the presidents of participating community colleges.

HOW TO APPLY AT Gavilan College

Visit the Financial Aid Office to pick up an application for the Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program scholarship. Application deadline is February 5, 2010.

Apply for admission to UC Santa Cruz during the filing period, November 1–30, 2009. Visit the Transfer Center for more information.

Apply for financial aid by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2, 2010.



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2010-2011 Guidelines and Procedures

2010-2011 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 2010 admission to UC Santa Cruz by November 30, 2009 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, 2010.
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 5, 2010:**
 - ◆ 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 5 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 2010 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 26, 2010**:

- ◆ 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 2009 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 26 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, 2010.



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2010-2011 Application Information

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Application Instructions

- ◆ Fill out the application completely. ***Incomplete applications will not be considered.***
- ◆ Apply for fall 2010 admission to UC Santa Cruz by filing the UC Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarships by November 30, 2009: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
- ◆ Apply for financial aid by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2, 2010.
- ◆ 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 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
 2. two letters of recommendation
 3. all college transcripts

Incomplete application packets will not be considered.

Application deadline: February 5, 2010

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
University of California, Santa Cruz

2010-2011 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 2009 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, 2010 and June 30, 2011:

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

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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