

Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program

University of California, Santa Cruz

2020-2021 Guidelines and Procedures for Community Colleges

2020-2021 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 scholarship of up to \$20,000 distributed over two years, mentoring and academic support, and assistance in finding paid or volunteer summer work experience.

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 Undergraduate 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. Obtain an application from the scholarship coordinator designated by your community college.
2. Apply for fall 2020 admission to UC Santa Cruz by November 30, 2019 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, 2020. Students on a non-immigrant visa (F-1, J-1, etc.) are not eligible for this award.
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 (unofficial copies are acceptable).
6. Submit these items in one packet to the scholarship coordinator at the community college by

February 7, 2020:

- ◆ Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program application (with personal statement attached – single-sided paper, no staples, please)
- ◆ two letters of recommendation
- ◆ all college transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable)

Community College Nominee Selection Process

The college selects Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program nominees by following these steps:

1. After the February 7 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 2020 admission to UCSC as a new junior transfer student.

2. The president writes a letter of support for each of the three nominees. The following items for each nominee must be submitted electronically to UCSC by **5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2020**. Please combine the items below into a single PDF for each nominee:

- ◆ 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 2019 term – unofficial copies accepted)

3. To securely submit the nominee PDF packets:

- ◆ UCSC will send a Filelocker upload request email to each community college liaison.
- ◆ Place all three nominee PDFs into a single folder.
- ◆ Click the link in the email from Filelocker to upload your folder.

Complete nomination PDF packets must be postmarked by the February 28 deadline to be considered.

UCSC Selection Process

Select students will be invited to an interview at UC Santa Cruz on March 20, 2020. All forwarded applicants may or may not be invited for an interview. The committee then makes recommendations to the chancellor, who will make the final selections.

Award winners will be announced by April 30, 2020.

Questions?

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