2015-2016 CSU Systemwide Scholarship Opportunities

William Randolph Hearst / CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement

Complete application packet due to the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office

April 17, 2015

Student will work in conjunction with Michele Ojeda, Scholarship Coordinator within the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office. Email her immediately at mojeda@csusm.edu or no later than March 23, 2015 in order to be considered.

Application packet requires the following information:
* Nomination Cover Letter (Financial Aid Office will take care of)
* Application Check list (Financial Aid office will take care of)
* A one-paragraph Personal Biography
* Completed Applicant Information Form
* A current Official Academic Transcript
* A brief Personal Statement (see attached for description)
* Two letter of recommendation/reference (see attached for description)
* A videotaped speech, which the Financial Aid Office will assist you with (see attached for description)
* Photos of applicant which the Financial Aid Office will assist you with (see attached for description)

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CSU TRUSTEES' AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation established an endowed scholarship fund in 1984 to honor William Randolph Hearst, founder of the Hearst newspaper chain. In 1999, the William Randolph Hearst Foundation partnered with the CSU Board of Trustees to create the CSU Trustees’ Award for Outstanding Achievement. Contributions from CSU Trustees and private donors increase the value and number of available awards. Special named scholarships will be awarded by the selection committee based on criteria such as studying in the STEM or Education fields, Veterans, and exemplary community service.

The awards recognize students who have overcome adversity, demonstrated financial need, and have attributes of merit including superior academic performance, significant personal achievements, and exemplary community service. The recipient who receives the highest score by the selection committee is designated the Trustee Emeritus Ali C. Razi Scholar and will receive a $12,000 scholarship.

Twenty-two (22) scholarships will be awarded in the amount of $6,000 for the 2015-2016 academic year. Applicants must:

- Demonstrate superior academic performance with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and be in good academic standing.
- Demonstrate financial need as determined by the campus Financial Aid Office.
- Be currently enrolled as a full-time equivalent undergraduate or graduate student in any major field at a CSU campus and remain a CSU full-time equivalent student during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Applications are available through the campus Financial Aid Office.

Financial Aid Offices on each campus will review the applications to ensure that they meet all requirements and, in consultation with the campus President, will select and forward one to two nominations with one candidate studying in the STEM fields. It is especially important that at least one student nominee be a computer science or information technology major.

Completed nominations submitted by the campus Financial Aid Office to the CSU Foundation will include the following:

- A Nomination Cover Letter from the campus President
- A completed Applicant Checklist
- A one-paragraph Biography, which must be approved by the campus Public Affairs Department (see Checklist and Biography Guidelines)
- A completed Applicant Information form. Please make sure that the student's name is properly spelled the way he or she wants it to appear in the public biographies and photos.
- Calculation of Unmet Financial Need (found at the bottom of the Applicant Information form)
- Calculation of Grade Point Average (found at the bottom of the Applicant Information form)
- A current Official College Transcript including all undergraduate and graduate coursework completed
- Two letters of reference from individuals, such as teachers/professors, counselors, or community leaders, who can attest to the candidate's meritorious performance and personal strengths and
assess the nominee's potential for success. **One of the letters of reference must be from an academic instructor.**

- A brief **Personal Statement** describing the student's
  1. background
  2. challenges they have encountered
  3. personal achievements
  4. educational pursuits
  5. community service, which should reflect a commitment to education and to the community
  6. goals and aspirations for the future.

- A speech, approximately three minutes in length, which describes how the student has overcome adversity, how education has transformed his or her life, and the student's goals and aspirations for the future -- particularly how they may hope to impact the lives of others. **The speech should be submitted in written and video format.** The video, preferably filmed by the campus, should also include background B-Roll of the student on campus in his or her environment (the lab, the classroom, athletic field, doing volunteer work, etc.) as well as show the student near or in front of campus landmarks. The video needs no scoring and should be submitted in a digital format via a video site (e.g. YouTube) or through a file sharing site (e.g. Dropbox). **DVD format will also be accepted but is not preferred.** (The video may be submitted after the application packet, but no later than May 11th.) The speech will help the Award Selection Committee determine the Razi and Galinson scholars.

- Photos of the nominee, including a formal headshot to include in the program and individual informal shots of the nominee on campus, at home, at work, or at play. The informal photos can come from the nominee's own collection, but must be submitted on **CD or via email.** If the nominee does not have a formal headshot, then the campus Public Affairs department needs to assist before the student leaves the campus for the summer. These photos may be submitted after the application packet, but no later than May 11th.

- Stories and the photos of the Trustees' Awards recipients are publicized widely, thus requiring a **Biographical Statement Copy Release Form** and **Visual/Audio Image Release Form**, which will also be sent in January.

- A completed **Application Checklist.**

Nominations for the 2015-2016 academic year are due **May 4, 2015.**

All recipients of the CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement will be invited to attend the awards presentation on September 8, 2015 at the Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach. Transportation expenses will be covered by the CSU Foundation.

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All Applications need to be completely filled out. Do not leave any line blank. If there is no information to provide, "N/A" should be used.

Each item submitted with the application packet (i.e. "Academic Profile," "Personal Statement," "Biography," etc) should be clearly labeled.
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN MARCOS
CSU SYSTEMWIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2015-2016

APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Please type or print carefully in capital letters)

SCHOLARSHIP TITLE: __________________________

Name: ___________________________ Student Identification Number: __________________________

Current Address: __________________________

City: __________________________ State: _____ Zip: ___________

Permanent Address: __________________________

City: __________________________ State: _____ Zip: ___________

Preferred Mailing Address: □ Current □ Permanent

Telephone Number: ___________ Alt. Telephone Number: ___________

E-mail Address: __________________________

Campus you are attending in 2015-2016: __________________________

Number of class units you anticipate taking:

first quarter/semester: _____ second quarter/semester: _____ third quarter: _____ summer session: _____

Major: __________________________ Anticipated Graduation Date: __________________________

Graduate Student GPA: ___________ Undergraduate Student GPA: ___________ Cumulative GPA: ___________

ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOLARSHIP TERMS

I agree to adhere to all scholarship terms and guidelines as set forth by the California State University Foundation in the 2015-2016 scholarship criterion which includes the requirement that I remain a student in good standing during the entire academic year.

I further agree to repay any scholarship funds as requested by the California State University Foundation on behalf of the scholarship fund donor in the event that I am unable to fulfill my academic commitment for any reason and to notify the Foundation in writing.

I further agree to have my name and personal achievements publicized in recognition of receiving a prestigious systemwide scholarship.

Scholarship Applicant

Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

For Financial Aid Office Completion:

Unmet Financial Need: __________________________ Cumulative GPA Verification: ___________

Printed Name/Title: __________________________ Signature: __________________________

Financial Aid Office Contact Number: (_____) __________-___________
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Biography Guidelines

STUDENT NAME:
Enter the student’s name exactly the way they want it used on all CSU Trustees’ Award documents, including the program, poster, website and award certificate.

WORD COUNT:
140-160 words

BIOGRAPHY PARAGRAPH FORMAT:

• 1-3 Sentences: Challenges the student had to overcome

• 1 Sentence: University attending, current major and any honors

• 1-3 Sentences: Current work and volunteer work as well as any organizations involved in

• 1 Sentence: Future plans/aspirations

NOTE:
The information the student provides in the biography will be printed in the CSU Trustees’ Award program, website and press releases announcing the CSU Trustees’ Award winners. DO NOT include any personal information the student does not want publicly released. (The personal statement is the appropriate place for private information and will be viewed only by the selection review committee.)

SAMPLE BIOGRAPHY #1:

1-3 Sentences: Challenges the student had to overcome
As a Mexican-American from a single-parent household, Mary Garcia never expected to attend a university. She and her three brothers grew up in poverty while her mother held the family together by working two jobs and managing to keep the children out of childcare.

1 Sentence: University attending, current major and any honors
Today, Mary is a sophomore at CSU Monterey Bay majoring in earth systems science and policy with an emphasis in science and social justice.

1-3 Sentences: Current work and volunteer work as well as any organizations involved in
Her interest in the environment led her to participate in a variety of volunteer activities during her first year in college, and she has served at sustainability fairs and beach cleanups, conducted lighting studies, and planned Earth Week events. This year, Mary took a leadership role on campus by serving as environmental senator and chairing the CSU Monterey Bay Associated Students Environmental Committee. She also organized community service activities, all while maintaining at 3.2 GPA.

1 Sentence: Future plans/aspirations
Mary plans to put her degree and experiences to use by working as an environmental scientist.

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SAMPLE BIOGRAPHY #2:

1-3 Sentences: Challenges the student had to overcome
Gina Jones was in her thirties when she decided to pursue higher education. A lifetime of struggle, including disability, homelessness and extreme poverty had taken its toll, and she doubted whether she would be very successful.

1 Sentence: University attending, current major and any honors
In 2006, however, she graduated magna cum laude from UCLA and entered the master’s program in English composition at CSU San Bernardino, maintaining since then a 4.0 GPA.

1-3 Sentences: Current work and volunteer work as well as any organizations involved in
Gina volunteers countless hours to work for various animal charities and spent time rescuing animals in New Orleans shortly after Hurricane Katrina. She offers free tutoring to children in her community and works at CSUSB’s Writing Center, providing consultations to students. She also is a lifetime member of Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Tau Delta.

1 Sentence: Future plans/aspirations
After completion of her master’s degree program, Gina plans to pursue a PhD or MFA to teach English at the university level and help underprivileged students like her achieve their educational goals.

Photo Guidelines

The head shot photo will be printed in the CSU Trustees’ Awards program and website, and the casual photo will be printed on a poster board of the awardees that will be displayed in the lobby of the Chancellor’s Office during the September Board of Trustees meeting.

The photos need to meet the following requirements and be approved by the Public Affairs department:

- Full-color photo
- 1 head shot of student required; a second “casual” photo of the student on campus, at work or at home can also be sent BUT student needs to be the main subject in photo (see attached sample photos)
- At least 3 1/2x5 size; 5x7 size preferred
- At least 8 megapixel or higher
- Standard high resolution (300 dpi)
- Digital format (jpg) preferred on disk or sent via e-mail
- Outdoor photos preferred for casual shots
- No camera phone photos
- No group photos
- If you do not have access to a digital camera, use a store bought disposable camera
- The more options you can provide the better

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Sample Photos

HEAD SHOTS

CASUAL SHOTS

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CSU Trustees’ Award for Outstanding Achievement Biographical Statement Copy Release Form

I grant permission to California State University, its employees and agents, to take and use the written biographical statement I submitted for the CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement.
I agree that CSU owns this biographical statement and all rights related to it. The biographical statement, or any portion of it, may be used in any manner or media without notifying me, such as university-sponsored websites, publications, promotions, broadcasts, advertisements, posters and theater slides. I waive any right to inspect or approve the university’s use of my biographical statement or any printed or electronic matter that may be used with it, and to be compensated for it.

I release CSU and its employees and agents, including any firm authorized to publish, boardcase and/or distribute a finished product containing my biographical statement, from any claims, damages or liability which I may ever have in connection with the use of my biographical statement. I am at least 18 years of age and competent to sign this release. I have read this release before signing, I understand its contents, meaning and impact, and I freely accept the terms.

Name (please print) ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Signature ____________________________ Telephone or E-mail address ____________________________

Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 years of age ____________________________ Address (optional) ____________________________

Project Name
(Photographer Name/Contact Information/Location/Notes/Photo Caption)

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Visual/Audio Image Release Form

I grant permission to ____________________, its employees and agents, to take and use visual/audio images of me. Visual/audio images are any type of recording, including but not limited to photographs, digital images, drawings, renderings, voices, sounds, video recordings, audio clips or accompanying written descriptions. ____________________ will not materially alter the original images. I agree that ____________________ owns the images and all rights related to them. The images may be used in any manner or media without notifying me, such as university-sponsored websites, publications, promotions, broadcasts, advertisements, posters and theater slides, as well as for non-university uses. I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished images or any printed or electronic matter that may be used with them, or to be compensated for them.

I release ____________________ and its employees and agents, including any firm authorized to publish, broadcast and/or distribute a finished product containing the images, from any claims, damages or liability which I may ever have in connection with the taking or use of the images or printed material used with the images. I am at least 18 years of age and competent to sign this release. I have read this release before signing. I understand its contents, meaning and impact, and I freely accept the terms.

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Signature ________________________________ Telephone or E-mail address ________________

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* Keep on file at your campus or organization.

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