2021-2022 Student Application

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 scholarship of up to $20,000 distributed over two years, mentoring and academic support, and assistance finding paid or volunteer summer work experience. 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:
- 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 2021 admission to UCSC as a new junior-level transfer student.

Application Instructions
- Fill out the application completely. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Apply for fall 2021 admission to UC Santa Cruz by submitting the UC Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarships by the extended deadline of December 4, 2020: apply.universityofcalifornia.edu
- Apply for financial aid by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application by March 2, 2021. Students on a non-immigrant visa (e.g., F-1, J-1, etc.) are not eligible for this award.
- 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 (unofficial copies are acceptable).
- Keep a copy of your application.
- Submit the following items in one packet to your community college:
  1. scholarship application with personal statement included
  2. two letters of recommendation
  3. all college transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable)

Application deadline: February 5, 2021

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.
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Personal Information

Full legal name_________________________________________________________________________________

Any other names that you go by ___________________________________________________________________

Mailing address______________________________________ City_________________ State_____ Zip_________

Permanent address (if different from above)_________________________________________________________

Primary phone number (select: ☐ cell ☐ mobile ☐ home ☐ other)_____________________________________

Alternate phone number (select: ☐ cell ☐ mobile ☐ home ☐ other)___________________________________

Email address______________________________

What community college are you currently attending?________________________________________________

Have you applied for fall 2021 admission to UC Santa Cruz? (you must have applied for admission during the filing period to be eligible) ☐yes ☐no  UCSC Student ID Number (obtained after you apply)__________________________

Student’s Financial Information

Have you filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? (you must file a FAFSA or Dream Act Application to be eligible) ☐yes ☐no  Date submitted_________________________

Occupation_________________________________    Employer_____________________________________

Current monthly income from employment $_____________________  Hours worked per week____________

Projected 2020 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, 2021 and June 30, 2022:

Full names of dependent(s)       Age

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Parent/Guardian Information
(To be completed by dependent students only)
Parent 1/Legal Guardian
Address
Employer ____________________________ Position held ___________________________
Annual income $ ____________________ Own or rent residence? _______________________
Parent 2/Legal 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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Personal Statement
Instructions: In a separate document, please respond to the following five questions. Your response to each question should be limited to 250-500 typed words. Include your name and the words “Personal Statement” at the top right-hand corner of each page, and submit your responses with this application.

1. What is your intended major, and why have you chosen this field?

2. 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.

3. 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, as well as your involvement in any extra-curricular activities that have developed your leadership skills.

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 explain any special circumstances you feel the committee should be aware of 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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