

The Beinecke Scholarship Program

Guidelines for UCSB Applicants

Campus Deadline is January 26, 2007

Eighteen Beinecke Scholarships will be awarded in 2007 nation-wide to encourage and enable highly motivated undergraduate students to pursue graduate school opportunities. Each scholar receives \$2,000 immediately prior to entering graduate school and an additional \$30,000 while attending graduate school. The Scholarship foundation will not accept applications directly from the students, but rather, it requires participating universities to nominate their top candidate. At UCSB, The College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) Office coordinates the campus application and nomination processes. Detailed information regarding the scholarship may be found at: www.BeineckeScholarship.org.

Conditions of Eligibility:

To be eligible for a Beinecke Scholarship, a student must:

- Have demonstrated superior standards of intellectual ability, scholastic achievement and personal promise during his or her undergraduate career. (A cumulative UCSB grade point average of 3.0 or higher required.)
- Be a college junior pursuing a bachelor's degree during the 2006-2007 academic year. "Junior" means a student who plans to continue full-time undergraduate study and who expects to receive a baccalaureate degree between December 2007 and August 2008.
- Plan to enter a master's or doctoral program in the arts, humanities or social sciences. Students in the social sciences who plan to pursue graduate study in neuroscience should not apply for a Beinecke Scholarship.
- Be a United States citizen or a United States national from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- Have a documented history of receiving need-based financial aid during his or her undergraduate years. Primary evidence of meeting this criterion is a student's history of receiving need-based institutional, state or federal grants-in-aid. An institutional financial aid officer will be required to complete a Financial Data Sheet (enclosed) certifying that the student meets this criterion. In the selection process, the amount of financial need will not be a major determining factor, nevertheless, preference is given to candidates for whom the awarding of a scholarship would increase the likelihood of the student's being able to attend graduate school.

Application Procedures:

The following application materials are due in the URCA Office, 2105 North Hall, no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 26, 2007:

- A completed Application Form (available from the URCA Office after December 1, 2006)
- A Financial Data Sheet (available from the URCA Office and completed by a UCSB Financial Aid Official)
- A current resume
- An official UCSB transcript
- A personal statement of 1,000 words or less describing the applicant's background, interests, plans for graduate study and career aspirations. The statement should include a discussion of some experiences and ideas that have shaped those interests, plans and aspirations. It is strongly recommended that applicants consult with a faculty member in the preparation of this statement.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation from faculty members that assess the nominee's intellectual curiosity, character and potential from advanced graduate study.

The correct address for mail sent from outside the campus is:

URCA Office
College of Letters and Science
University of California
Santa Barbara, CA 93106-2085

Applicants should consult with the URCA Coordinator, Nan Anderson, months in advance of the deadline at 893-2319 or at urca@Ltsc.ucsb.edu.