

# The Donald A. Strauss Scholarship

## Guidelines for UCSB Applicants

**Campus deadline is February 6, 2008**

The Strauss Scholarship Foundation will award up to fifteen \$10,000 scholarships to **junior class level students** which will be used to pay for tuition, fees, books, room, board, and costs connected with a public service project. Recipients are eligible for one year of scholarship support to be used during their senior year. UCSB has been invited to nominate three students for one of these scholarships. The Strauss Foundation will not accept applications directly from the students, but rather, requires the participating universities to nominate its top candidates. At UCSB, the College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) Office coordinates the campus application and nomination processes. The UCSB candidates will be selected by open competition as outlined in the Application Procedures of the Donald Strauss application, which can be found on their web site at: [www.straussfoundation.org](http://www.straussfoundation.org). In keeping with the vision of the foundation, we will be seeking candidates who:

- Have demonstrated an interest in public service
- Have outstanding leadership potential
- Have developed and can demonstrate effective communication skills (written and oral)
- Wish to “make a difference” in local, regional, or national communities.

These qualities must be clearly demonstrated in the **public service project proposal that is an essential part of the application.**

The foundation defines public service as work, whether paid or as a volunteer, in government at any level; in organizations serving the public interest; in national, regional or local health organizations; and in service-oriented nonprofit organizations such as those whose primary purposes are to help disadvantaged persons or protect the environment. Fields of study which can lead to public service careers include (but are not limited to) the sciences, both biological and physical; engineering; environmental management; economics, political science, and the other social sciences; English, history, and the other liberal arts and humanities, fine arts, public health, public administration; government; and education.

### Conditions of Eligibility:

- A full-time student with junior class standing
- Expecting that a significant part of his/her life will be devoted to public service as defined above
- In the upper 1/3 of his/her class (cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher)

### Application Procedures:

- A current official UCSB transcript
- At least two, but no more than three letters of recommendation from individuals who are well acquainted with your work (academic or service). These can be from representatives of current academic institutions, employers, community representatives, or community or public services organizations. Letters should be mailed directly to the URCA Office by recommenders at the address listed below
- The Nomination Summary Form (Available online @ [www.straussfoundation.org](http://www.straussfoundation.org))
- A one page resume that includes current and past community service
- A one-page autobiography
- A Project Proposal – Each applicant must submit a proposal for a community or public service project that would be carried out between the end of this academic year and the spring of the senior year. The proposal must not exceed 4 typed pages, double-spaced. The proposal shall be a major focus of the selection process, and will be evaluated for content as well as writing quality (grammar, punctuation, completeness, etc.) Sample proposals are available online @ [www.straussfoundation.org](http://www.straussfoundation.org). It is strongly recommended that applicants consult with a faculty member in the preparation of their proposal.

Application materials are due in the URCA Office, 2105 North Hall 2105, no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 6, 2008.

**No part of the application may be submitted by fax or by electronic mail.**

Where to submit via U.S. Mail:                   URCA Office  
  College of Letters and Science  
  University of California  
  Santa Barbara, CA 93106-2085

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  College of Letters and Science  
  Mail Code 2085

**Applicants should consult with the URCA Coordinator, 893-2319 or [Scholarships@Ltsucsb.edu](mailto:Scholarships@Ltsucsb.edu), months in advance of the campus deadline.**