

The Beinecke Scholarship Program

Guidelines for UCSB Applicants

Campus Deadline is January 15, 2016

The Beinecke Scholarships is awarded to outstanding and highly motivated undergraduate students to pursue graduate school opportunities in the arts, humanities, or social sciences. Each scholar receives \$4,000 prior to entering graduate school and an additional \$30,000 in support while in graduate school. Detailed information and scholarship application materials may be found at: www.beineckescholarship.org/. The Beinecke Foundation does not accept applications directly from the students but rather requires participating universities to nominate their top candidate for the scholarship.

Students should send an email the Scholarships Coordinator at scholarships@lsc.ucsb.edu, indicating their interest in the scholarship. The Scholarship Coordinator in the College of Letters and Science works closely with UCSB undergraduates, regardless of their colleges, who apply for major scholarships, and it is important that students consult with the coordinator well before the campus application deadline.

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 3.7 or higher is required.)
- Be a college junior pursuing a bachelor's degree during the 2015-2016 academic year. "Junior" means a student who plans to continue full-time undergraduate study and who expects to receive a baccalaureate degree between December 2016 and August 2017.
- Plans to enter a master's or doctoral program in the **arts, humanities, or social sciences**.
- 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.

Campus Application Procedures:

Application deadline: **January 15, 2016** (no exceptions)

The following application materials should be submitted in hard copy to

College of Letters and Science
Division of Undergraduate Education
c/o Scholarships Coordinator
1117 Cheadle Hall
University of California
Santa Barbara, CA 93106-2085

- A completed Application Form (downloadable at the Beinecke website)
- A Financial Data Sheet (downloadable at the Beinecke website) completed by a UCSB Financial Aid Official
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education you have attended including UCSB
- Three, signed, letters of recommendation from faculty members, written on department letterhead, assessing the nominee's intellectual curiosity, character, and potential for advanced graduate study.
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The following application materials should be submitted as Word documents or PDFs to scholarships@lsc.ucsb.edu:

- A current résumé.
- 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.
- Other material considered directly relevant to the nominee's application: see the Beinecke website for details.