The Donald A. Strauss Scholarship
Guidelines for UCSB Applicants
Campus deadline is February 5, 2016

The Strauss Scholarship Foundation will award 10-14, $10,000 scholarships to students to use toward the expenses for a public service project during their senior years. The Strauss Foundation will not accept applications directly from the students but rather requires participating universities to nominate candidates.

Students should send an email to the Scholarships Coordinator at scholarships@ltsc.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.

The Strauss foundation seeks candidates who:
- Have demonstrated an interest in public service.
- Have outstanding leadership potential.
- The desire to “make a difference” in local, regional, national or international communities.
- Have developed and can demonstrate effective communication skills (written and oral).
- Have innovative, original, public service proposals.

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.

Conditions of Eligibility:
- A full-time student, graduating no earlier than April 2017
- 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:
The following items should be sent as hard copies to the address below no later than February 5, 2016:
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, including UCSB and any attended while in high school.
- 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. The recommenders should print letters on letterhead if available, sign their letters, and mail them directly to the address below.

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

The following items should be sent as Word documents or PDFs to scholarships@ltsc.ucsb.edu no later than February 6, 2015:
- A one page résumé that includes current and past community service.
- A one-page personal essay (not a restatement of the résumé).
- A Project Proposal – Each applicant must submit a proposal, no more than 4, double-spaced pages, 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. Sample proposals are available online at www.straussfoundation.org. It is strongly recommended that applicants consult with a faculty member in the preparation of their proposal.