

2017 STRAUSS SCHOLARSHIP CAMPUS APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants must be nominated by UCLA's Strauss Scholarship Committee to be considered as a candidate for the Strauss Scholarship. UCLA may nominate up to three project proposals.

The Donald A. Strauss Scholarship provides a \$15,000 scholarship to sophomores and juniors who will pursue a self-initiated public service project during their senior year. The award is divided between an \$8000 grant to support the project and a \$7000 scholarship for the student.

The project may be a new undertaking or an extension of an existing project. The Strauss Foundation annually awards at least fourteen scholarships to students from fifteen eligible California institutions. Each participating institution (including UCLA) can nominate three students for the award.

The February 2, 2018 campus deadline allows the campus committee to review applications carefully and select the nominee who is most competitive before the Strauss Foundation's March deadline.

The UCLA Scholarship Resource Center provides individual advising to help students prepare competitive applications. You are encouraged to make an advising appointment with a member of the staff at the Scholarship Resource Center to prepare your campus application. You can make this appointment by calling 310-206-2875.

Eligibility requirements

- Full-time sophomore or junior
- In the upper third of class
- Plan to devote significant part of life to public service

The Strauss Foundation defines public service as work, whether paid or as a volunteer, in government at any level; organizations serving the public interest; national, regional, or local health organizations; and service-oriented, nonprofit organizations such as those whose primary purposes are to help disadvantaged persons or protect the environment.

Fields of study that can lead to public service careers include (but are not limited to) the biological and physical sciences, engineering, agriculture, environmental management, economics, political science and other social sciences, English, history and the other liberal arts and humanities, public health, public administration, government, and education.

Selection criteria

The public service project proposal is a major focus of the selection process. The project must be realistic in scope, and the foundation prefers projects that are designed to continue after initial implementation. Selectors look for candidates who are passionate about their project and who have a

demonstrated interest in public service, outstanding leadership potential, effective communication skills, and who "wish to make a difference" in local, regional, or national communities.

To be considered for the UCLA Strauss nomination, please submit the following materials to The UCLA Scholarship Resource Center at 233 Covell Commons by February 2:

- Completed application summary form
- One---page resume that includes current and past community service experience
- One---page personal statement
- Proposal for a community service project (establishing the need for the program and outlining a specific plan) – limited to four pages double-spaced. See Strauss Foundation website for guidelines and sample application: <http://www.straussfoundation.org>
- One to two letters of recommendation from individuals who are well-acquainted with the student's academic and/or service work (note: three letters will be required if selected as a UCLA Strauss Foundation nominee). Your LORs can be emailed to Dr. Rebecca Blustein (rblustein@college.ucla.edu)
- Unofficial copies of all college transcripts

DEADLINE: February 2, 2018 at 233 Covell Commons. Questions? Email Dr. Rebecca Blustein (rblustein@college.ucla.edu)