

# Financial Aid Highlights

Financial Aid Highlights is a periodic electronic news update provided by the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships for the benefit of prospective and continuing CSUB students and parents, high school and community college counselors, faculty, and staff. The electronic publication will contain informational items pertaining to financial aid and scholarships of relevance to the CSUB community. Past issues are archived on the Financial Aid & Scholarships homepage at <http://www.csub.edu/finaid>. Additional information regarding any given topic may be obtained by calling the office at (661) 664-3016.

## William Randolph Hearst/CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement - FAH (Vol. 6, No. 30)

Students are advised that the William Randolph Hearst Foundation established an endowed scholarship fund in 1984 to honor William Randolph Hearst, founder of the Hearst newspaper chain. In 1999, the William Randolph Hearst Foundation partnered with the CSU Board of Trustees to create the William Randolph Hearst/CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement. Contributions from CSU Trustees and private donors supplement the endowment. The awards recognize students who have demonstrated financial need and attributes of merit including superior academic performance, community service, personal hardship, and personal achievements.

Twelve (12) Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2005 - 2006 academic year using the stated criterion:

- Applicants must demonstrate superior academic performance with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and be in good academic standing.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need as determined by the campus Financial Aid Office.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled as a full-time equivalent undergraduate or graduate student in any major field at a CSU campus and must remain a CSU full-time equivalent student during the 2005 - 2006 academic year.

Potential applicants from the CSU Bakersfield campus should contact Patti Quijada, Scholarship Coordinator, in the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships at phone (661) 664-3270, for information concerning the scholarship application process.

Financial Aid Offices of each campus will review applications to ensure that they meet all stated requirements and will forward one nomination to the CSU Foundation. Nominations will include the following:

- A nomination cover letter from the campus President.
- A one-paragraph biography approved by the campus public affairs department.
- Applicant Information Form.
- A current official college transcript including all undergraduate and graduate coursework completed.
- A brief statement describing personal achievements, goals and community service, which reflect a commitment to education and to the community.
- Two letters of reference from individuals such as teachers/professors, counselors, or community leaders who can attest to the candidate's meritorious performance and personal strengths and assess the candidate's potential for success. One of the letters of reference must be from an academic instructor.
- A speech, approximately three minutes in length, which describes how the student has overcome adversity and the student's goals and aspirations for the future - particularly how they may hope to impact the lives of others. The speech should be submitted in written and video format. One student will be selected among the recipients to speak on behalf of all awardees and present their speech at the July 19, 2005, Board of Trustees meeting.

- All recipients of the Hearst Trustees' Scholarship will be invited to attend the awards presentation at the July 19, 2005, Board of Trustees meeting.

The scholarship review committee will select recipients who best demonstrate need and merit. The final names of the recipients will be forwarded to the campuses in June. Recipients of the scholarship awards will be announced during the July meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees.

The Financial Aid Office at each campus will forward applications to CSU Chancellor's Office for review. Applications must include the application form, statement from the applicant, letter of recommendation, and copy of transcripts.

**The deadline for submission of all scholarship application materials to the CSU Chancellor's Office is Monday, May 2, 2005**

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