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 CSU Trustees’ Award for Outstanding Achievement. Contributions from CSU Trustees and private donors increase the value and number of available awards. Special named scholarships will be awarded by the selection committee based on criteria such as studying in the STEM or Education fields, Veterans, and exemplary community service.

The awards recognize students who have **overcome adversity**, demonstrated financial need, and have **attributes of merit** including superior academic performance, significant personal achievements, and exemplary community service. The recipient who receives the highest score by the selection committee is designated the Trustee Emeritus Ali C. Razi Scholar and will receive a $10,000 scholarship.

Twenty-two (22) scholarships will be awarded in the amount of $6,000 for the 2014-2015 academic year. 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.
- Demonstrate financial need as determined by the campus Financial Aid Office.
- Be currently enrolled as a full-time equivalent undergraduate or graduate student in any major field at a CSU campus and remain a CSU full-time equivalent student during the 2014-2015 academic year.

To be considered, an application MUST include the following:

- A Nomination Cover Letter from the campus President
- A one-paragraph Biography, which must be approved by the campus Public Affairs Department (*see Checklist and Biography Guidelines*). Please note that nominee will have to meet with a Staff Member of the Public Affairs Department.
- A completed Applicant Information form. *Please make sure that the student’s name is properly spelled the way he or she wants it to appear in the public biographies and photos.*
- A current Official College Transcript including all undergraduate and graduate coursework completed
- 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 nominee’s potential for success. **One of the letters of reference must be from an academic instructor.**
- A brief Personal Statement describing the student’s
  1. background
  2. challenges they have encountered
  3. personal achievements
  4. educational pursuits
  5. community service, which should reflect a commitment to education and to the community
  6. goals and aspirations for the future.
• A speech, approximately three minutes in length, which describes how the student has overcome adversity, how education has transformed his or her life, 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 format. Please note that recipient will have their speech filmed by the campus.**

• Photos of the nominee, including a formal headshot to include in the program and individual informal shots of the nominee on campus, at home, at work, or at play.

All recipients of the CSU Trustees’ Award for Outstanding Achievement will be invited to attend the awards presentation on September 9, 2014 at the Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach. Transportation expenses will be covered by the CSU Foundation.

**Applications are due in the Financial Aid Office by Thursday March 20, 2014**