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 $12,000 scholarship.

Twenty-two (22) scholarships will be awarded in the amount of $6,000 for the 2015-2016 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 (as defined in the University Catalog) in any major field at a CSU campus and remain a CSU full-time equivalent student during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Submit the following application materials to the Financial Aid Office located in Welch Hall room B-250:

- A completed Applicant Information form available [here](#) or visit the Financial Aid Office to pick one up
- A one-paragraph Biography
- 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 your meritorious performance and personal strengths and assess your potential for success. **One of the letters of reference must be from an academic instructor.**
- A brief **Personal Statement** describing your
  1. background
  2. challenges you 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 you have overcome adversity, how education has transformed your life, and your goals and aspirations for the future – particularly how you hope to impact the lives of others. **Arrangements will be made for the nominees’ speech to be recorded.**
- Photos of the nominee on campus, at home, at work, or at play. The informal photos can come from the nominee’s own collection. **Arrangements for formal headshot will be made for the nominee.**

**APPLICATION DUE DATE: Thursday, MARCH 12, 2015**

All recipients of the CSU Trustees’ Award for Outstanding Achievement will be invited to attend the awards presentation on September 8, 2015 at the Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach. Transportation expenses will be covered by the CSU Foundation.