The Strauss Scholarship allows college juniors to pursue a public service project during their senior year by providing $15,000 consisting of a $7,000 scholarship and $8,000 project grant. As many as fifteen scholarships will be awarded in 2018. For more information, visit http://scholarships.berkeley.edu/strauss. Carefully review the Strauss Foundation website (http://www.straussfoundation.org). Prospective applicants should make an advising appointment with Alicia Hayes, on 2410 Dwinelle Hall, ourscholarships@berkeley.edu.

Eligibility requirements:
• full-time sophomore or junior-level student
• in upper third of class (typically a minimum 3.3 GPA)
• Outstanding leadership potential
• Passion for public service and making a difference

Applicants must be nominated by UC Berkeley’s Strauss Scholarship Committee to be considered by the Strauss Foundation. UC Berkeley may nominate three students. The February 16th deadline allows the campus committee (3-4 faculty) to carefully review applications and select nominees before the foundation’s March 2018 deadline.

• A completed (TYPED) 2017 Nomination Summary form.
• A one-page resume that includes your work history as well as your current and past community service.
• An autobiographical statement (one page, typed and double-spaced) which discusses your most significant current and past community service activities.
• A project proposal (three to four pages, typed and double-spaced) that describes your plan for a community or public service project to be carried out between the end of your junior year and the spring of your senior year. This project may be a completely new undertaking or an extension of your current activities. This proposal will be a MAJOR focus of the selection process.
• A completed 2018 Acceptance Agreement form.
• One copy of official transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended. To ensure that your transcripts arrive by the deadline date, do not have them sent to the Scholarship Connection. Submit them in their original sealed envelopes with the rest of your application materials.
• Letters of recommendation (2-3) from people who are well acquainted with your academic and/or service work. They can be from instructors, employers, community representatives, etc. (It is helpful if they can attest to the potential success of your proposed project.) Letters can be submitted via email or on paper. Emailed letters MUST be on letterhead and signed. The should be sent to Alicia Hayes at ourscholarships@berkeley.edu. If having a physical letter sent, please ask your recommender to give or send YOU the letter in a sealed envelope with the his/her signature across the seal and submit the sealed envelope with the rest of your application materials.

DEADLINE: NOON on February 16, 2018 in 2410 Dwinelle Hall