

2022 BEINECKE SCHOLARSHIP CAMPUS APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

The Beinecke Scholarship, a program of the Sperry Fund, provides \$34,000 to juniors planning to pursue graduate study in the arts, humanities, or social sciences. The Sperry Fund will award 20 scholarships in 2022; 135 schools (including UC Berkeley) are each allowed to nominate one applicant. Beinecke Scholars receive \$4,000 prior to entering graduate school, and upon entering graduate school, \$15,000 per year for the first two years of study. For additional information, visit <http://fdnweb.org/beinecke/>

The selection process is extremely competitive. Most of the previous recipients were at the top of their class academically and many planned to pursue careers in college teaching and/or research. However, there is no specific preference given to nominees who plan to pursue doctoral studies as opposed to those who plan to pursue a masters degree. Students in the social sciences who plan to pursue graduate study in neuroscience, clinical psychology or a professional degree (i.e. law, public policy should not apply for a Beinecke Scholarship.

Eligibility requirements:

- demonstrated superior standards of intellectual ability, scholastic achievement and personal promise
- junior expecting to graduate between December 2022 and August 2023
- U.S. citizen or U.S. national from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands
- documented history of receiving need-based financial aid

Application procedure:

Since UC Berkeley may nominate only one student for consideration by the Sperry Fund, applicants must submit all application materials to Scholarship Connection by **the deadline of January 20, 2022**. This early deadline gives the campus selection committee time to carefully review applications and select the campus' nominee before the Sperry Fund's February 10th deadline.

To apply, please submit the following to Keila Diehl, the Beinecke Campus Representative:

Please note that the instructions provided by the Sperry Fund may contradict those on this page. In those cases please follow the instructions below.

- A completed **application form**. (Including a completed Financial Aid Data sheet) - to be submitted if nominated
- A current **resumé**.
- A **personal statement** (1,000 words or less) which describes your background, interests, plans for graduate study, and career aspirations. The statement should include a discussion of some experiences and ideas that have shaped those interests, plans, and aspirations.
- One copy of transcripts from **all** colleges and universities you have attended.
- Candidates who wish to pursue an MFA degree must submit an artist's supplement of up to five pages of original work.
- **Three letters of recommendation** from **faculty members** that assess your intellectual curiosity, character, and potential for advanced graduate study. Letters from graduate students are not deemed acceptable.

Recommenders must submit letters directly to Keila Diehl at ourschol-coordinator@berkeley.edu by the campus deadline of noon January 20, 2022.

DEADLINE: NOON on January 20, 2022

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