



I. Purpose of This Document

This document outlines the commitments and expectations of the Cal Poly Scholars community and financial aid award. While this is not a binding contract, failure to uphold these expectations *may* lead to additional interventions, or loss of program benefits.

II. About Cal Poly Scholars

The Cal Poly Scholars program is aimed at recruiting and retaining high achieving students from California Partner High Schools. The scholarship program provides annual scholarship funds, workshops and advising, and a living-learning community residence experience. CP Scholars students receive an Apple mobile device to support their 21st century learning. As a university-wide program, the Cal Poly Scholars program is a unique rallying point, bringing together Admissions, Housing, Financial Aid & Scholarships, Student Academic Services, the Mustang Success Center, and the participating academic colleges.

III. Cal Poly Scholars Program Model

The Cal Poly Scholars Program is divided to meet the unique needs of students at different points in their academic studies.

YEAR 1 & 2

- Programs and advising are led by the CP Scholars Coordinator and the Mustang Success Center advisors, who provide advising and workshops designed for CP Scholars.
- Workshops and services focus on building skills for college success, such as course registration, financial aid, study skills, transfer credit, and identifying campus resources.
- Scholars build a community and engagement through the living-learning community and on-campus housing.

YEAR 3 & 4

- Advising and services are led by the academic advisors in the student's college and major, who help the students to identify resources and services on campus to meet their needs.
- The academic colleges may offer additional programming that focuses on career and industry experiences, such as workshops, networking, site-visits, and Learn by Doing opportunities.
- Scholars continue to participate in the program through social events, mentorship to newer scholars, and participation in outreach and recruitment efforts.

BEYOND YEAR 4

- All students who join and participate in the CP Scholars community will continue to receive program services, advising, and access to events for as long as they are enrolled at Cal Poly, until graduation.
- The maximum limit of a student's Financial Aid funding is unique depending on the donor and funding source of each Cal Poly Scholar award. Students should contact the CP Scholars Coordinator, or the Office of Financial Aid, to learn whether funding is available beyond 4 years (or 12 terms) of enrollment.



IV. 2016-17 Expectations for Year 3 & 4 Scholars (COSAM, CAED & CAFES)

Scholars are expected to complete the following requirements during the 2016-17 school year. The Steering Committee will review your efforts in July and make a recommendation to the Office of Financial Aid if your award should be renewed for the next academic year.

Academic Excellence

- Maintain 'Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)' and Financial Aid eligibility. SAP guidelines can be found on the Office of Financial Aid website at <http://finaid.calpoly.edu>.
- Scholars are encouraged to set a personal goal of 2.75 GPA. Students are expected to reach out to advisors and coordinators for resources and academic support.
- Scholars on AP/DQ (Academic Probation) will have additional advising and participation requirements from the University and their academic colleges.

Advising and Support Services

- Attend a minimum of two 1:1 CP Scholars Advising session provided by your College Advising Center. It is strongly recommend you attend one session in the fall term, and one session in winter/spring.

Participation & Engagement

Year 3+ Scholars must complete each of the categories described below. Events calendars will be emailed to all Scholars each quarter, with additional opportunities being shared via email as they emerge.

Category A – Building A CP Scholars Community

- Attend one CP Scholars community event. Suggested events include: The Scholars Welcome Dinner (fall), The Luncheon (winter), or the End of Year Celebration (spring).

Category B – Professional Growth

You must fill out the Online Reflection Form to complete this requirement.

- Attend a career workshop or event provided by the CP Scholars program or Career Services
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> • YEAR 3 Create a resume and schedule a feedback session with Career Services. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YEAR 4 Create a LinkedIn portfolio or a Digital Portfolio and have it reviewed by Career Services or an industry professional. |
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Category C – Leadership & Service

You must fill out the Online Reflection Form to complete this requirement.

- Volunteer at one CP Scholars community event for Year 1 & 2 CP Scholars (*can also count for Category A*)
- OR**
- Participate in outreach and recruitment of future Scholars with the Office of Admissions
- OR**
- Other service or leadership elsewhere on campus, approved by email from your coordinator

Personal Responsibility and Conduct

- CP Scholars follow all university policies. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - The tenants and expectations of the Mustang Way
 - Office of Financial Aid policies and eligibility requirements (i.e. completing FAFSA paperwork by **March 2** in order to be eligible for scholarship renewal)
 - Additional policies or procedures outlined by the respective academic Colleges

My signature affirms that I have received, and had the opportunity to review, these expectations.

_____ Printed Name

X _____ CP Scholars Student Signature