California State University Channel Islands (CI) is a special learning community that welcomes students as active partners in a distinctive educational experience. CI seeks students who enjoy a campus environment where their voices and beliefs are embraced, valued, and respected. CI students learn to think critically from professors who become mentors and sources of inspiration.

The CI President’s Scholars Program provides scholarships that include financial assistance to entering students whose outstanding academic achievement and character will be enhanced and enriched in a nurturing environment that emphasizes commitment, success, and service.

CI President’s Scholars are encouraged to explore their talents, achieve their aspirations, and to strive to make a difference in society. They learn about the world and they learn about themselves. On campus, they become part of a diverse and close-knit community of students, faculty, and staff. CI President’s Scholars are given the tools to prepare for lives of scholarship, leadership, and service.

High school students who have distinguished themselves academically are encouraged to become a CI President’s Scholar by applying for this scholarship established through a generous scholarship from the Gaiser family.

In addition to covering the full cost of in-state California State University tuition and student fees, this scholarship provides a $600 credit at the University bookstore (per semester), use of a laptop computer and priority registration. If tuition is covered by other financial resources (i.e. grants, scholarships, third party, etc.), this scholarship may be used for other enrollment-related expenses. The scholarship is renewable for four years. In addition, on campus room and board will be provided for a student who is classified as a National Merit finalist or semifinalist.

**CRITERIA:** Must be a first time freshman, resident of California with a minimum 3.75 GPA (as calculated for CSU admission) and a Business major. Admissions must have record of all academic transcripts at time of scholarship application submission. Two letters of recommendation must be uploaded online by author no later than March 2, 2016. The scholarship is renewable for four years.

**REQUIREMENTS:** CI President’s Scholars must continue to demonstrate academic excellence, exhibit leadership, serve as a positive example to their peers and provide at least 15 hours per semester of University and community service, which may include active participation with the President in campus and community events, as well as meeting and interacting with local high school students. Scholars must also continue as a Business major and maintain a 3.5 GPA to remain eligible for renewal of the scholarship.

**APPLICATION:** The President’s Scholars Program applications are accepted for the 2016–2017 academic year from January 1 to March 2 for the subsequent academic year. The online application instructions are available at www.csuci.edu/financialaid/scholarships. An interview with the Selection Committee is required for finalists. All applicants will be notified by April 18, 2016.

For more information, contact the Financial Aid & Scholarships office at 805-437-8499 or email financial.aid@csuci.edu.

**UNIVERSITY MISSION:** Placing students at the center of the educational experience, California State University Channel Islands provides undergraduate and graduate education that facilitates learning within and across disciplines through integrative approaches, emphasizes experiential and service learning, and graduates students with multicultural and international perspectives.