

The Department of Political Science

Costigan Scholarship

The Costigan Scholarship is a financial scholarship for upper division undergraduates majoring in Political Science who have demonstrated engagement with conservative principles. One winner will be awarded a scholarship in late Spring quarter 2026. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and in residence at UCSB for the 2026-2027 academic year. Additional consideration will be given to students participating in the UCDC program during the 2026-27 academic year.

To apply, please complete the following information.

Name: _____ Perm #: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Overall GPA: _____

Email: _____ GPA in major: _____

Have you applied for University financial aid? YES NO

If yes, may we access your file for verification? YES NO

Are you eligible for a Federal Pell Grant? YES NO

Are you a U.S. citizen?

Statement of financial need: _____

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In an essay of approximately 1,000 words, answer the following question:

Identify a specific school of conservative thought (e.g., Burkean traditionalism, libertarianism, or neoconservatism) that resonates with you. To what extent did a political movement from the last half-century succeed in translating those principles into policy, and where did it fall short?

Application and essay must be submitted by: May 17, 2026.

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