

Nomination Form for the *Paul DeRuosi Memorial Community Service Scholarship*

Proudly sponsored by the Paul DeRuosi Memorial Community Service Scholarship in memory of Paul DeRuosi, who along with Marc and Marjorie Radin and Dr. John D. Welty shared a dedication for engaging students in service and making our region a better place to live.

Each year, the *Paul DeRuosi Memorial Community Service Scholarship* will provide a single \$1,000 scholarship to an eligible student who exemplifies the commitment to service that Paul championed during his distinguished 31-year career at California State University, Fresno.

In reviewing nominations and selecting a recipient, committee members will use the following criteria.

- 1) Applicants must be a freshman or sophomore, currently enrolled and in good academic standing with the university. ^{[[1]]}_{SEP}
- 2) Candidates should demonstrate a regular commitment to service over the last two or more years. Service efforts should show some consistency with respect to any or all of the following: type of service (ie. tutoring/mentoring/youth services, health services, poverty alleviation, etc.); agency where service was provided, outcome of service (ie. benefiting unemployed persons, or leading others to service) (2x weighted factor). ^{[[1]]}_{SEP}
- 3) In order to qualify for the \$1,000 scholarship that accompanies this award, the recipient must have completed a minimum of 150 hours of service over the previous 12 months (approximately December 2024-December 2025). They must also have completed an *accredited course* that recognizes this service, or take such a course within the next 12 months. This may include credit for the service from a service-learning course, Community Service 1 or 101, internship or any other relevant, credit bearing coursework. (The Richter Center can assist students in identifying appropriate courses that can be taken to fulfill this requirement.)
- 4) The service provided must meet significant need(s) in the community that goes above and beyond any standard internship, scholarship or degree requirements. (2x weighted factor). ^{[[1]]}_{SEP}
- 5) Service to the Fresno State campus community will not be considered for this award. ^{[[1]]}_{SEP}

Nominations may come from any person, including self-nominations. Nominations must clearly and concisely address the nomination criteria and questions. One nomination per student will be accepted. A selection committee will review nominations and determine the award recipient.

- The deadline for nominations February 13, 2026. To apply, go to <https://bit.ly/DeRuosi26>

(The online application will include the following.)

Please provide the following information regarding the nominee. With respect to the service activities.

Nominee Name:

Student ID number:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Year in School (Must be Freshman or Sophomore):

Major:

Nominator's Name: (if applicable)

Nominator's Phone Number:

Nominator's Email Address:

Please provide an overall description of the nominee's community service. This description should include the total number of service hours provided since their freshman year *in high school* and the service work performed. (500 words maximum. 2x weighted scoring.)

How many hours has the nominee completed in the last 12 months? In order to be eligible for the scholarship, the recipient must have completed a minimum of 150 hours of service over the previous 12 months (approximately December 2024-December 2025). Please enter a specific number, not a range.

Please describe the specific community need(s) addressed by the nominee's service and/or impacts resulting from his/her service activities as detailed in above. (300 words maximum. 2x weighted scoring.)

In addition to completing a minimum of 150 hours of service over the previous 12 months (approximately December 2024-December 2025), the nominee must have completed an

***accredited course* that recognizes this service, or take such a course within the next 12 months. This may include credit for the service from a service-learning course, Community Service 1 or 101, internship or any other relevant, credit bearing coursework. Or, if such a course has not been taken, please indicate the nominee's commitment to take such a course within 12 months after receiving the scholarship. Please describe the course(s) taken that meets this requirement or make a statement agreeing to take such a course in the next 12 months.**

The Paul DeRuosi Award recognizes students whose service meets significant need(s) in the community that goes above and beyond standard degree requirements. Please describe how the nominee's service meets this standard. (250 words maximum, 2x weighted scoring)

Are there factors regarding this nominee that makes his/her service even more exceptional? This may include personal background, exceptional academic achievement or other factors you believe the committee should know about. (200 words maximum)

Please indicate a simple "Yes" or "No" to the following question. Was the nominee's service compensated in any form? Compensation includes pay through work study, a stipend earned as a part of the service activities, the service fulfilled requirements of another scholarship earned or any other form of payment for the service.

If yes, how was this nominee compensated for their service?