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

About the Cal Poly Scholars Program
The Cal Poly Scholars program seeks to support and retain high-achieving students from California schools, who come from low-income backgrounds by providing financial, academic, and community resources.

As a university-wide program, the Cal Poly Scholars program brings together a network of services including the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships, Mustang Success Center, all six academic colleges, Career Services, University Housing, Student Academic Services and other campus collaborators.

Financial Assistance
Cal Poly Scholars receive a renewable annual scholarship fund. Scholarship renewal is dependent on financial eligibility, academic standing/status and completion of program requirements. Additionally, there is a one-time $900 credit at the Cal Poly University Store that may be applied towards the purchase of a laptop or tablet during the first year enrolled at Cal Poly (beginning fall 2019 for incoming cohorts).

A Scholar’s financial award is unique and may contain a funding source with additional parameters, opportunities and benefits. Therefore, Scholars should contact a Cal Poly Scholars program coordinator and the Office of Financial Aid if considering changing majors, taking a Leave of Absence or needing to stay at the university beyond three years (or 9 terms) of enrollment to learn more about how these actions may affect their financial award.

Academic Support
Working closely with all academic colleges, proactive and intentional academic advising is provided to all Cal Poly Scholars. New Transfer Scholars are required to meet with their respective college academic advisor or retention specialist.

Community Engagement
Supplemental social gatherings will be offered throughout the program to encourage meaningful interactions among all Scholar cohorts. New Transfer Scholars are welcome to reside on campus in the Transfer & Graduate residential learning community (though not required).

Personal & Professional Development
Developmental workshops, signature events, and socials are offered throughout the academic year to strengthen the Scholars community, build connections with campus resources, and develop personal and professional skills for a lifetime of success. It is required that Scholars participate in workshops or events offered by the Cal Poly Scholars program each academic year.

Additionally, it is highly recommended that Cal Poly Scholars meet with a career counselor in Career Services and/or attend a Career Services’ workshop or panel every year.
Requirements & Expectations of Cal Poly Scholars, 2020-21: New Transfer Scholars

By accepting the Cal Poly Scholars’ scholarship award, you agree to the following requirements and expectations for the 2020-21 academic year. Successfully fulfilling the expectations will result in continued program support and a renewable scholarship award while an undergraduate at Cal Poly. Not meeting the expectations may result in additional / make-up requirements or the loss of program affiliation, support and scholarship award.

Program Participation

- Attend three (min.) workshops / events hosted by the Cal Poly Scholars program* in the following categories:
  - Participate in two (min.) workshops / events hosted by the Cal Poly Scholars program
  - Engage in one (min.) 1:1 meeting or mentee group gathering with your Scholar Mentor

*Note: approved workshops, events and other engagement opportunities are indicated in publicity as to how they count toward participation requirements

Academic Advising

- Engage in one (min.) academic advising meeting with assigned college retention specialist or academic advisor
- Key reasons to meet with academic advisors include:
  - Planning for registration, including reviewing flowcharts and course sequences
  - Exploring academic support and planning resources including tutoring, study tips, etc.
  - Discussing impacts of withdrawals, Leave of Absences, CR/NC, etc.
  - Checking academic requirements for graduation
  - Interpreting academic policies and procedures

Academic Achievement

- Maintain ‘Satisfactory Academic Progress’ (SAP) for financial aid eligibility
  - SAP guidelines can be found on the Office of Financial Aid website
- Maintain ‘Expected Academic Progress’ (EAP) for appropriate degree progress
  - EAP guidelines can be found on the Cal Poly Catalog website
- Set a personal goal of 2.75 GPA or higher, and maintain a 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA
  - Scholars are expected to reach out to advisors for resources and academic support
  - Scholars with a cumulative GPA of ≤ 2.5 and/or on AP/DQ (Academic Probation/Disqualification) will have additional advising and/or participation requirements from the program, University and/or academic colleges

Personal Responsibility & Conduct

- Abide by all University Policies and expectations, and demonstrate personal responsibility and conduct consistent with the ideals of a Scholar; including, but not limited to:
  - Cal Poly's commitment to Diversity & Inclusion including the Commitment to Community
  - The tenants and expectations of the Mustang Way
  - University Housing Resident Handbook and Community Standards Guidelines
  - Office of Financial Aid policies and eligibility requirements (i.e. completing FAFSA/CA Dream Act paperwork by March 2, in order to assess eligibility status for scholarship renewal)
  - Additional policies or procedures outlined by the respective academic colleges