



Educating for Change

Scholarship Guidelines 2023–24

The Educating for Change Scholarship, made possible through a generous gift from Dr. Joseph Bick and Ms. Stephanie Koop, provides financial support to California Community College students who have a parent incarcerated in a prison administered by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

AWARD AMOUNTS AND USE OF FUNDS

The scholarship amount per student will be up to \$1,000 per academic term and will be disbursed in Spring 2024. Scholarships may be used to cover education related costs, including but not limited to tuition and fees, books and other instructional materials, computer equipment, internet access, educational tools, and uniforms. Funds will be awarded twice a year based on verification of student enrollment.

Other uses can include food, healthcare, household items, clothing, childcare, housing, and transportation, but any portion of the scholarship used for these costs is considered taxable income under IRS regulations. Scholarship recipients should be aware of this distinction so they can make an informed decision about how they use their scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be either:
 - (1) A high school senior who plans to attend a California Community College
 - OR
 - (2) A student currently enrolled in a California Community College
- At the time of application, applicants must have a parent in a prison administered by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)
 - The definition of parent includes biological or adoptive parent, step-parent, foster parent, or legal guardian
- Prior to disbursement of scholarship funds, the student must provide proof of enrollment in a California Community College for at least 12 units or maintain an alternate full-time equivalent status

APPLICATION, SELECTION, AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Students will submit their application and all supporting documentation directly to FoundationCCC via the secure online platform [Submittable](#). FoundationCCC will verify and confirm that all eligibility requirements are met. All eligible students who submit an application by the deadline will be considered for a scholarship.

FoundationCCC will use a randomized selection process to select the scholarship recipients from the total pool of eligible applicants. The number of scholarships awarded will be based on the amount of funding available for each academic year.

Applicants who are selected to receive an award must provide documentation of enrollment in at least 12 units or an alternate full-time equivalent status prior to release of funds for each academic term. Once a recipient's enrollment status has been verified, FoundationCCC will disburse funds to the appropriate college, which will disburse funds to the student.

TIMELINE

For the 2023-24 academic year, the application deadline is October 9, 2023. Applicants will be notified of award decisions by October 16, 2023.

- To receive payment for the Spring 2024 academic term, scholarship recipients must submit documentation of enrollment in at least 12 units or an alternate full-time equivalent status by February 5, 2024.

RENEWALS

Students who receive a scholarship and remain enrolled may apply for subsequent scholarships if additional funds are available. As noted above, students will need to submit documentation of enrollment for each semester to receive additional funds. If an incarcerated parent has been released since the time of the initial scholarship application, that student will continue to be eligible for renewal of the scholarship.

Applications will be submitted via FoundationCCC's online portal, Submittable. For technical questions about Submittable, you can visit the [help center](#) and/or send a message [here](#).

If you need to change an account's email address, [follow these instructions](#). If you lose access to the email address under which your report was submitted or have other technical issues, you can reach out to Submittable by emailing support@submittable.com. If these issues persist, let FoundationCCC know by emailing advancement@foundationccc.org.