

2021-22

Impact Summary

An Overview



3,007

Total scholars supported



1,012

Scholarship recipients who completed their educational goal



\$4.55M

Total funds distributed to students

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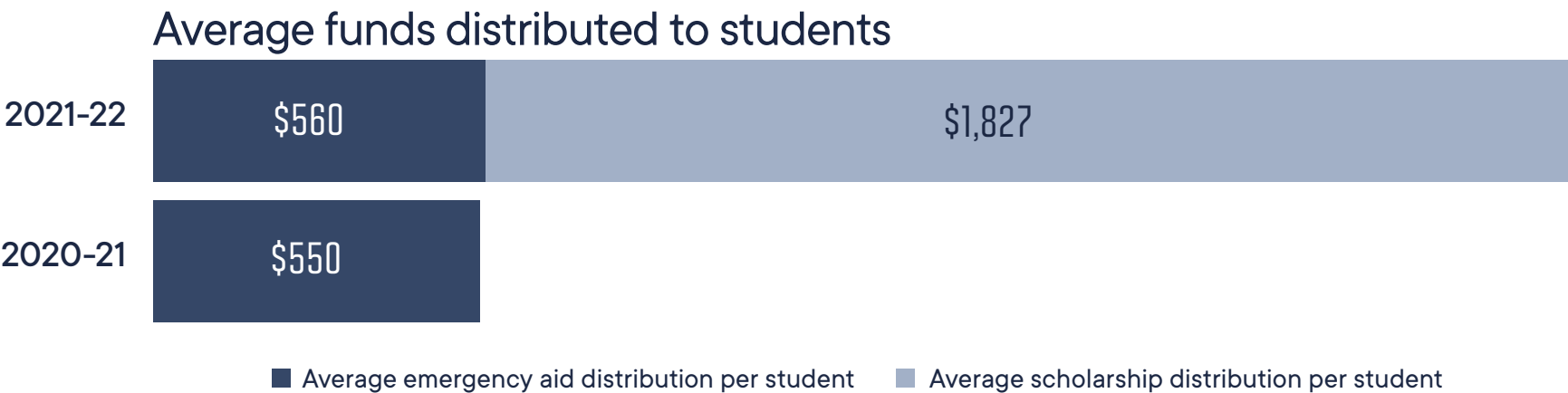
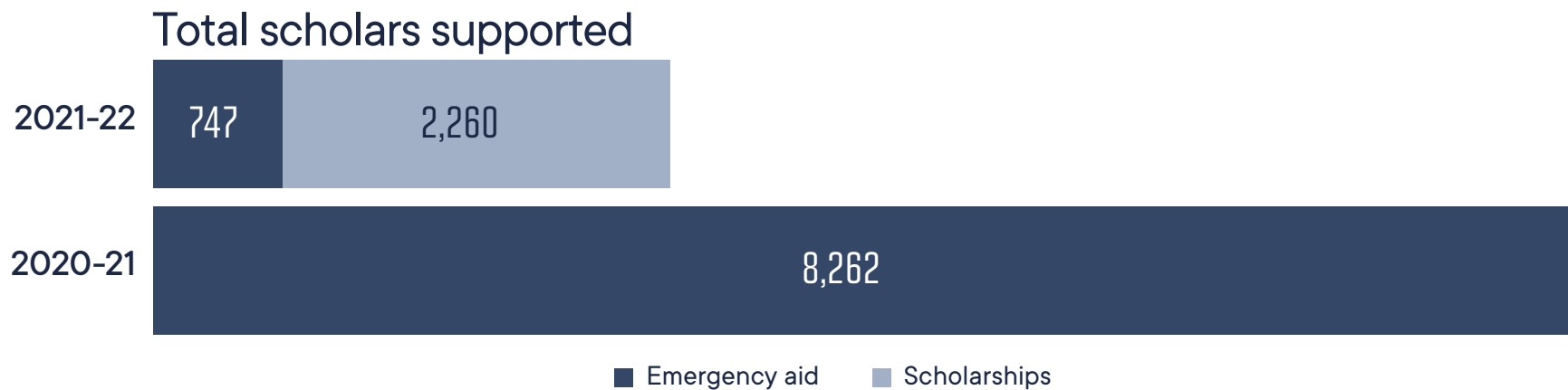
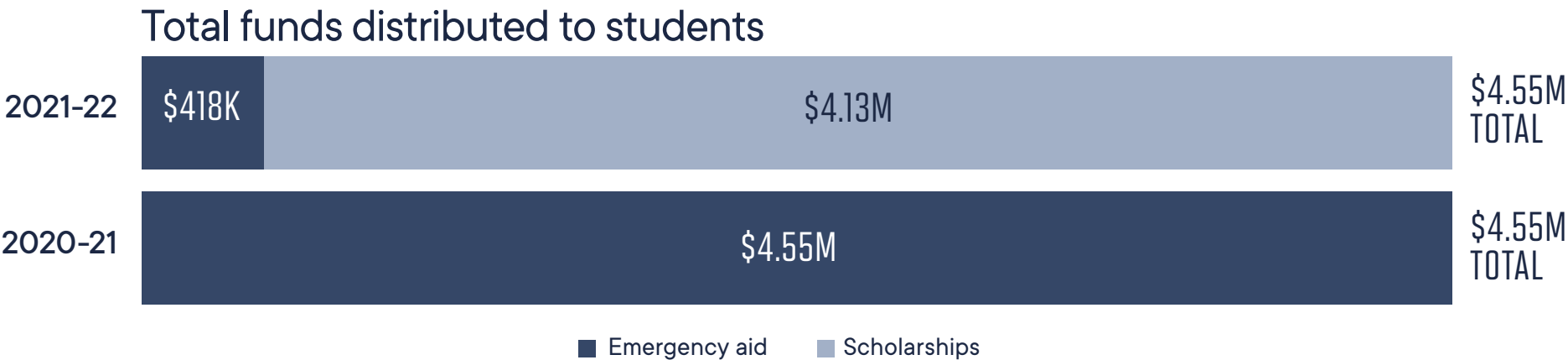


\$9.09M

Total funds distributed since inception in 2020

Student Impact

Eliminating regional achievement gaps through scholarships and emergency financial aid.



About the Program

The California Community Colleges Finish Line Scholars Program supports students to ensure they stay on track with their education and complete a degree, certificate, or transfer to a four year college or university. The program is intended to **help eliminate regional and educational gaps** through distribution of emergency financial aid to students facing unexpected hardships. The program also provides scholarships to students who are well on their way toward a finish line goal of transferring to a college or university or completing a certificate or degree.

The Jay Pritzker Foundation has **pledged \$100 million, over a span of 20 years**, to support this program. For the first five years, starting in 2020, scholarships and emergency financial aid will be **distributed to students at 34 colleges in three regions of California**: the Inland Empire, the Central Valley, and the Far North.

Focusing on these regions aligns with a key goal of the California Community College system's strategic plan, *Vision for Success*: to eliminate regional gaps in higher education achievement. These three regions have the lowest rates of educational attainment of adults and also have a high percentage of students without access to broadband, students living below the poverty line, high school students who receive free or reduced price lunch, and other factors that make them a priority. Increasing the number of people who have a college education in these regions will **help decrease poverty and increase local opportunities**.

Contact

For additional information, visit the Finish Line Scholars Program webpage at foundationccc.org or contact advancement@foundationccc.org.

Voices *of our* Scholars

The funding provided me with progress and completing my academic goals. **Without this scholarship I would have NEVER finished and gotten my degree; I am so grateful for this program and its donors because it changed my life.**

— Linda A., Mt. San Jacinto College



Scholarships like the Finish Line Scholarship give students such as me a chance to prove their academic success, determination, and drive! But most of all it gives students like me the support to continue going forward to completing initial goals and those made along the way.

— Kayla W., Crafton Hills College

I am currently in my last semester before I graduate with a CSU GE Breadth Certificate of Achievement, Psychology Associate of Arts Degree and an Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer Degree. I have had a very fulfilling and inspirational education at Mendocino College as a returning and older student. **As a single mother and sole provider of my household, returning to school was a luxury and privilege that I did not believe I had. My decision not to give up on this dream was made possible because of the generous financial support of Mendocino College and the Finish Line Scholarship.**

— Lucienne D., Mendocino College



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