

2024–25

Impact Summary

2024–25 Overview



\$4.7M

Total funds distributed to students



3,132

Total students supported



57%

Scholarship recipients who completed their educational goal in the 2024–25 academic year

Since 2020



20,762

Total students supported since inception in 2020



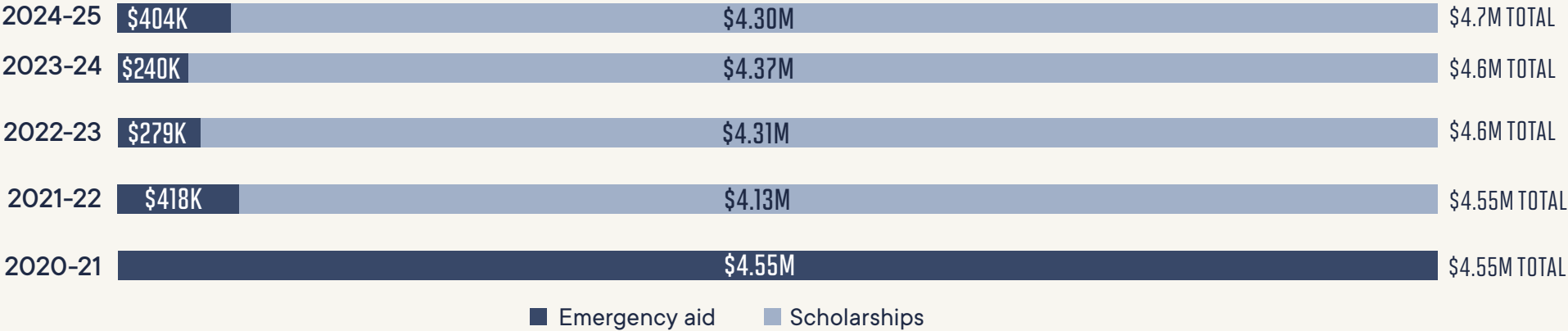
\$22.9M

Total funds distributed since inception in 2020

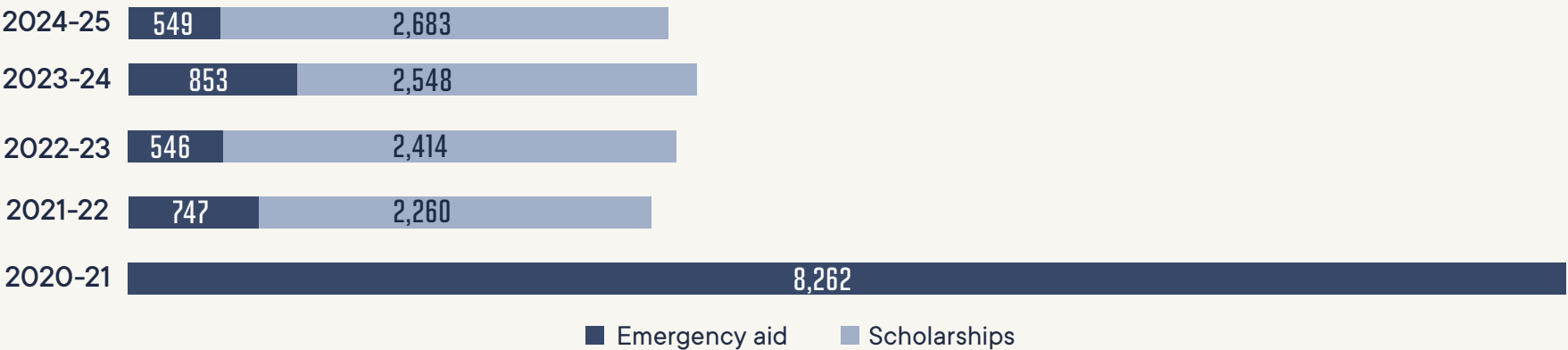
Student Impact

Eliminating regional achievement gaps through scholarships and emergency financial aid.

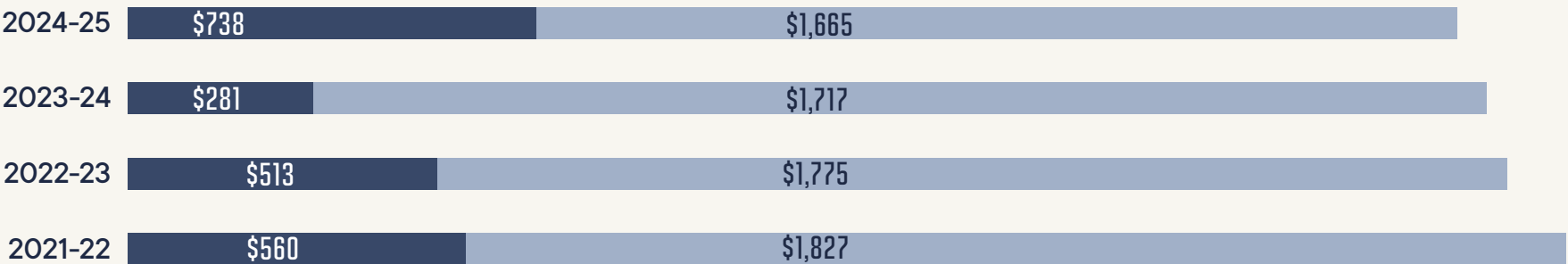
Total funds distributed to students



Total students supported



Average funds distributed to students



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 educational gaps through distribution of emergency financial aid to students facing unexpected hardships and 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 are being distributed to students at 34 colleges in three regions of California:** the Inland Empire, the Central Valley, and the Far North.

These three regions have the lowest rates of educational attainment of adults. They 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 [website](https://www.foundationforcalifornia.org/finish-line-scholars-program) or contact advancement@foundationccc.org.

Voices *of our* Students

As a **non-traditional student** balancing part time work with a full course load, having reliable financial support means I can focus instead of worrying about tuition payments and textbooks. Being a Finish Line Scholar not only **lightens my financial burden** but also **motivates me to excel academically** and pay this generosity forward someday... I began my educational journey at Barstow Community College after serving in the Army Reserve. [A]s a military spouse, the supportive community here has helped me regain my confidence and rediscover my passion for learning. **My goal is to complete my bachelor's degree in business administration** with a major in Business Management and then **pursue a career in nonprofit leadership**, where I hope to help other **veterans access educational opportunities.**

- Jamila F., Barstow College, Associates of Science in Business (Summa Cum Laude)

As a **former foster youth**, I really appreciate how this helps support those who can benefit from this grant, like me and others. I'm nearing the end of my path here at College of the Redwoods this upcoming Spring of 2025. I am grateful for all the help, care, and support this college, Cal Grants, Professors and community has given me. **I will be successfully accomplishing my goals here and beyond into a 4 year University.** Thank you so much.

- Neil J., College of the Redwoods

I cannot express the gratitude I feel for this scholarship, and feel very accomplished and happy that I was chosen to be one of the recipients. **I am a nursing major and plan to become a registered nurse.** I want to transfer to a university (preferably Sacramento state) and **obtain my BSN...** I plan to transfer after Fall 2025. Thanks to this scholarship, **I have more funds to allocate to my education.**

- Saltiel A., Chaffey College



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