

Educating for Change
Scholarship

2025-26 Impact Summary

Supporting incarceration-impacted
students



FOUNDATION *for* CALIFORNIA
COMMUNITY COLLEGES

By the Numbers

-  12 Total awardees supported in 2025-26
-  \$6K Total scholarships distributed to schools in 2025-26
-  12 Total students who completed the academic term
-  10 California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facilities represented

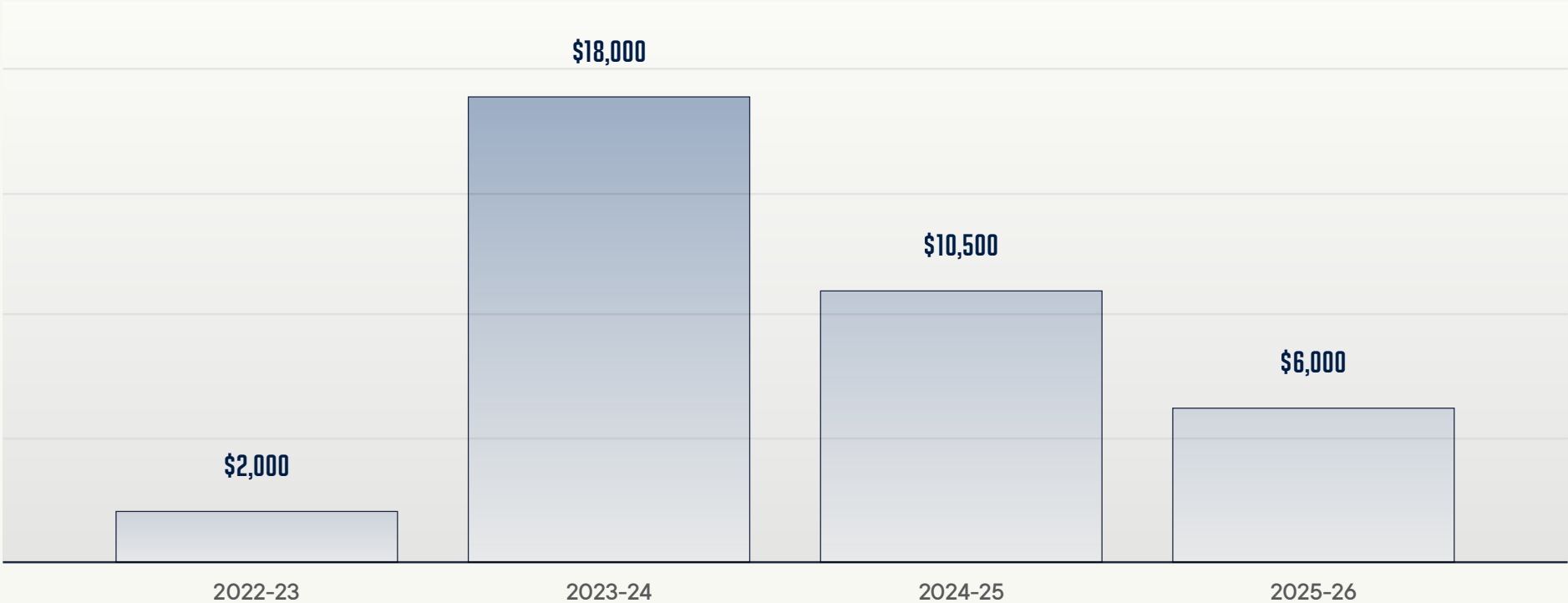
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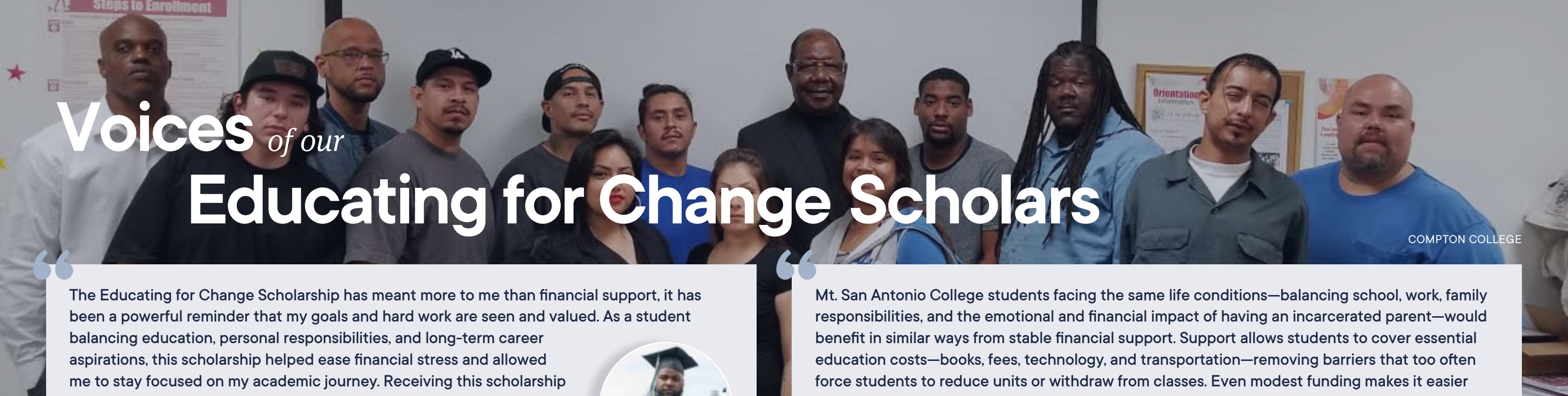
The **Educating for Change Scholarship** provides financial support to California community college students with a parent incarcerated in a prison administered by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

Supporting Justice-Impacted Students

In an effort to support additional students, we invite you to visit and share our [donation page](#) with your staff, faculty, and leadership. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Total funds distributed per fiscal year since inception



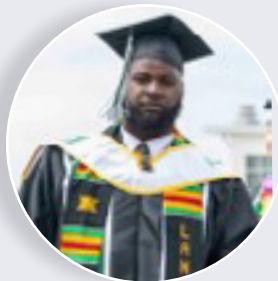


COMPTON COLLEGE

Voices of our Educating for Change Scholars

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The Educating for Change Scholarship has meant more to me than financial support, it has been a powerful reminder that my goals and hard work are seen and valued. As a student balancing education, personal responsibilities, and long-term career aspirations, this scholarship helped ease financial stress and allowed me to stay focused on my academic journey. Receiving this scholarship reinforced my belief in the importance of education as a tool for growth, opportunity, and community impact. It has motivated me to continue pushing forward, not only for myself, but to be an example of what’s possible when students are supported and believed in.”



— Steven Mason Jr., Graduate, Laney College

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The Educating for Change Scholarship provides critical support to students navigating college while coping with the financial and emotional impact of having an incarcerated or system-impacted parent. For many, this \$500 award means they can afford textbooks, transportation, technology, and basic necessities without having to choose between school and supporting their families. Beyond the financial relief, the scholarship sends a powerful message that these students are seen, valued, and worthy of investment in their educational journey. This also helps lead to a new pathway for their family and provides a promising future. ”

— Scholarship Relations Specialist, Cerritos College

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Mt. San Antonio College students facing the same life conditions—balancing school, work, family responsibilities, and the emotional and financial impact of having an incarcerated parent—would benefit in similar ways from stable financial support. Support allows students to cover essential education costs—books, fees, technology, and transportation—removing barriers that too often force students to reduce units or withdraw from classes. Even modest funding makes it easier for students to remain enrolled full-time, focus on coursework, and maintain steady progress toward degrees and certificates, helping them stay on track to graduate. Students impacted by parental incarceration often face food insecurity, housing instability, and childcare needs—and financial support can be put toward these expenses as needed, stabilizing students so they can stay in school. By enabling education for students whose families have experienced incarceration, financial support contributes to long-term economic mobility, stronger families, and healthier communities, both locally and across California.”

— Scholarship Manager, Mt. San Antonio College

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The Educating for Change Scholarship will provide critical financial assistance to students whose parents have been incarcerated, helping to remove economic barriers that often limit their access to higher education. Beyond tuition support, the scholarship will offer stability and encouragement by recognizing both the academic potential and resilience of these students. By easing financial stress, it allows them to focus on their studies, persist through challenges, and pursue long-term educational and career goals, ultimately helping to break cycles of hardship and expand future opportunities.”

— Financial Aid Analyst, Riverside City College

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