CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
FINISH LINE
SCHOLARS PROGRAM

2025–26 Impact Summary

2025–26 Overview

$4.6M Total funds distributed to students

2,263 Total students supported

73% Scholarship recipients who completed their educational goal in the 2025–26 academic year

Since 2020

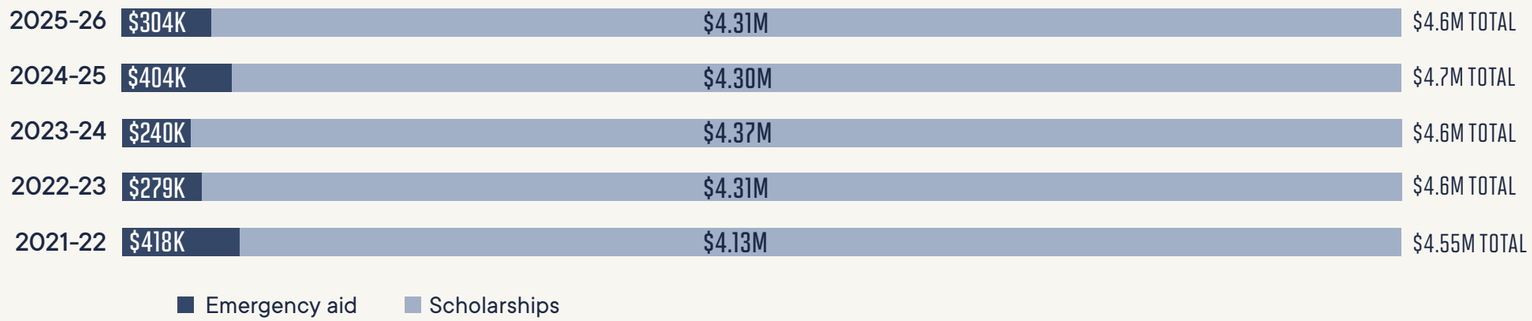
23,025 Total students supported since inception in 2020

$27.5M Total funds distributed since inception in 2020

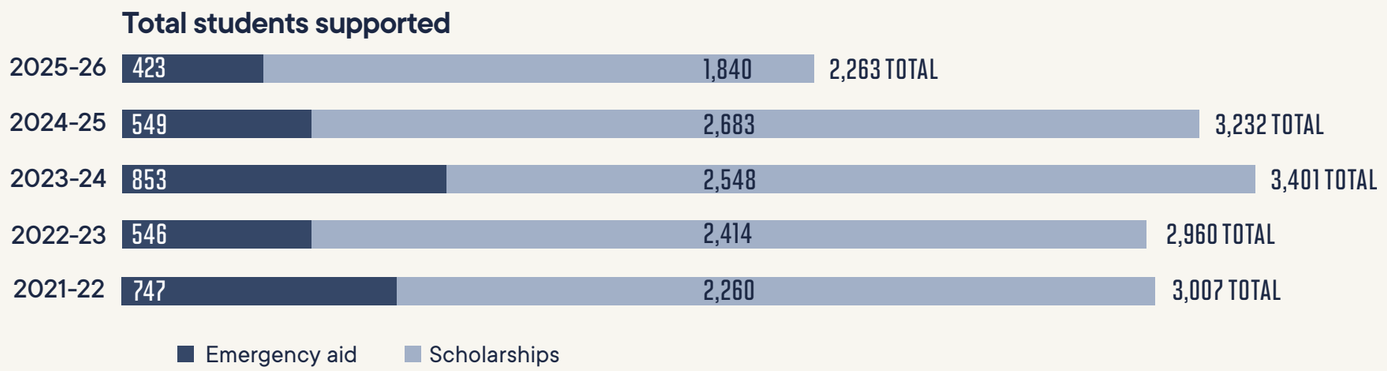
Student Impact

Eliminating regional achievement gaps through scholarships and emergency financial aid

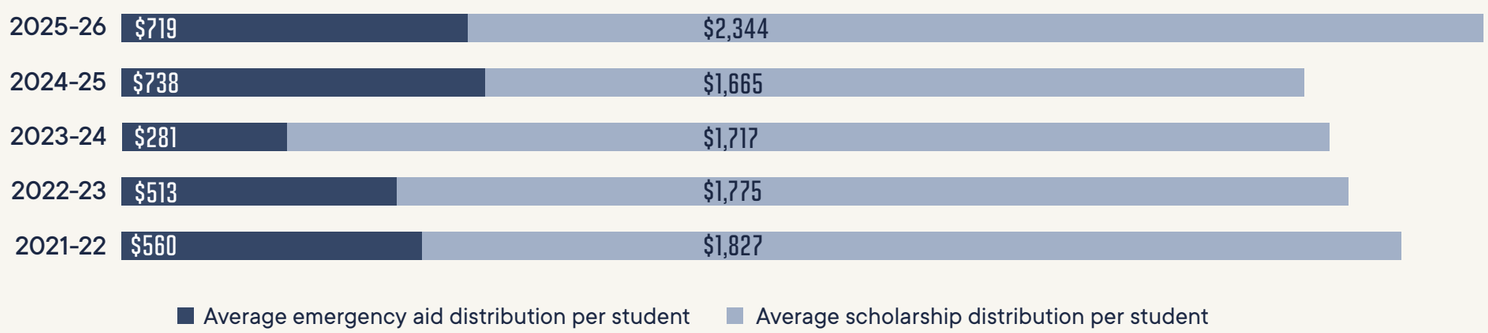
Total funds distributed to students



Total students supported



Average funds distributed to students



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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.

In 2020, the Jay Pritzker Foundation **pledged $100 million over a span of 20 years** to support this program to provide **scholarships and emergency financial aid to eligible 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** or contact **advancement@foundationccc.org.**

Voices *of our* Finish Line Scholars



"The scholarship helped relieve a lot of that stress by allowing me to pay for my remaining school expenses. It also gave me the opportunity to invest in a MacBook, which became an essential tool for completing assignments, staying organized, and keeping up with my coursework. Because of this support, I was able to stay focused, push through my challenges, and successfully work toward completing my program. **I'm truly grateful for the Finish Line Scholarship**. It didn't just help me financially, it gave me the support and motivation I needed to finish strong and move forward toward my future goals."

- Loressa R., Cerro Coso Community College



"I have finally reached the milestone of achieving my associate's degree in business administration. While this feels like a small step to others, I would have never thought I would be in this position. Thanks to your scholarship, I am going to be able to save that money to use towards my books in my endeavors at the University of Redlands. I am on the path of achieving my Bachelor of Arts in Financial Economics, and plan to obtain my master's degree afterward in Counseling...**Thank you for the scholarship**, and I hope future students appreciate it as much as I did."

- Gordon H., Crafton Hills College



"Without that type of support, I definitely wouldn't have been able to lean into school the way I have and **continue on my journey**. I always hope our donors know how much this has actually helped me." **- Jazmyn T., San Bernardino Valley College**

"The Finish Line Scholarship helped me complete my nursing degree when I wasn't sure I could afford to finish. Between working, kids, and paying for school, I was falling behind financially. I had financial aid, but in the full-time Nursing program, it wasn't enough. **The scholarship covered my remaining educational expenses**, so I could focus on my classes instead of worrying about money. Because of this support, I graduated on time without the stress of paying for the remaining school fees."

- Kristy S., Lassen College

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