

Dave's Scholar Handbook

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**Mammoth Lakes
Foundation**



The Mammoth Lakes Foundation fulfills the vision of Dave and Roma McCoy to support higher education and cultural enrichment in the Eastern Sierra.

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Dear Student,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Mammoth Lakes Foundation's scholarship programs! This guide is designed to offer information on the process, timeline, and expectations of the scholarship programs of the Mammoth Lakes Foundation.

The Foundation was established by Dave McCoy, founder of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, along with his wife Roma and many of their friends in 1989. Our supporters continue to donate thousands of dollars in scholarship funding every year because they believe in you! The scholarship program is possible solely because of their support, and we are grateful for their ongoing commitment.

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation is responsible for bringing a community college to Mammoth Lakes, including donating the land and helping to build the facility. The South Gateway Student Apartments were also built to help grow and sustain student enrollment.

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation is a direct support organization of the Mammoth Campus of Cerro Coso Community College's Eastern Sierra College Center. Donations to the Mammoth Lakes Foundation's Scholarship Fund restrict the use of funds to benefit the scholarship program and its recipients.

The scholarship program was launched in 2003 to encourage Mono County high school graduates to take advantage of local educational opportunities through Cerro Coso Community College's Mammoth Campus. We have awarded more than 800 scholarships since the inception of the program. Support for an individual scholarship ranges from \$800 to \$1,000 each semester and covers tuition, books, and fees.

The cost of higher education presents a major barrier to many children, families, and residents in the Eastern Sierra. A full scholarship from the Mammoth Lakes Foundation allows Mono County residents to pursue two years of college right here at home to help them realize their dreams and fulfill their goals.

We appreciate your interest in our scholarship programs and are here to guide you on your educational journey. Please reach out to us if you need support. Thank you!

Warmly,

Kendra Knight
Executive Director

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Mission Statement

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation and our supporters believe that availability of higher education and cultural enrichment in the Eastern Sierra enhances the quality of life enjoyed by residents, second homeowners, and visitors by balancing the recreational attractions in the community with cultural and educational opportunities. Higher education and the arts promote leadership, stimulate growth, and build a stronger year-round economy and community.

Policy Statement

The Scholarship Program Policy (the "Policy") applies to all recipients of Cerro Coso Community College scholarships ("Recipients") awarded and administered by MAMMOTH LAKES FOUNDATION (MLF). Acceptance of a MLF directly-funded scholarship is strictly governed and controlled by the Policy. MLF reserves the right to limit the number of scholarship awards if funding to support the programs is reduced. The terms of MLF scholarship programs are subject to amendment.

Ethics Statement / Disciplinary Action

All scholarship recipients must represent MLF and CCCC with integrity and behavior conducive to the values of MLF. Fraud, misconduct, and inappropriate activities are not condoned at any level. This includes plagiarism, forgery, use or presentation of other students' work as one's own; fabrication of data; disruptive, threatening, or violent behavior toward self or others; and use of illegal substances. MLF reserves the right to revoke a scholarship as a result of inappropriate behavior.

Scholarship Payments

Tuition costs (in-state student enrollment fees, student representation fees, and required supplemental materials such as art fee) will be paid by MLF directly to Kern Community College District.

Up to a maximum of \$500 allocation for required textbook/material costs will be reimbursed by MLF directly to Cerro Coso College's Official Bookstore, Barnes & Noble. Once you have been awarded a scholarship, you will receive specific instructions for ordering textbooks. Please take note that MLF will not provide textbook reimbursement *for any other transaction* (e.g. Amazon or Chegg). Students will be required to pay for any costs over \$500. The scholarship does not pay for course software, optional materials, computers, pens, notebooks, calculators, etc.

Notification of Changes in Enrollment

It is the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipient to notify MLF immediately of changes in their class schedule or enrollment.

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What does the scholarship provide?

For each applying spring/fall semester: A maximum of \$500 toward required textbooks and materials for enrolled courses (excludes software), in-state enrollment fees (if applicant is not eligible for other aid through FAFSA or EOPS).

- Open to any student graduating from a Mono County High School (or Mono County resident for at least 1 year)
- Register for at least one course through Cerro Coso Community College Mammoth Campus
- Maintain at least 2.5 GPA each semester
- Conduct yourself with integrity and behavior conducive to the values of Mammoth Lakes Foundation.
- Apply for Extended Opportunity Program & Services (EOPS)
- Meet with counseling for assistance in selecting courses and educational planning
- Complete 10 volunteer hours each semester
- Complete a simple online check-in form weekly with the Scholarship Coordinator throughout the semester
- Attend monthly MLF scholarship brunches, typically held the last Friday of each month
- Sign-up for and attend at least two check-ins with MLF staff throughout the semester (a link to Sign-Up Genius will be provided)
- Must reapply each semester – Please note the specified deadline for each semester



- Up to six (6) awards per semester, based on academic achievement, community involvement, demonstration of financial aid needs, and an in-person interview
- Mono/Inyo County High School graduate within last 2 years of application date
- Provides \$300 credit toward rent per month, not to exceed \$2700 per academic year, for use toward a one-bedroom shared apartment (exceptions may be in place of COVID-19 mitigations)
- Enroll and complete at least 12 units per semester on Mammoth ESCC campus (“on the ground”/not online)
- Maintain at least 3.0 GPA each semester
- Demonstrate a need for financial living support by completing the CCPG (BOGW)
- Complete 10 volunteer hours with MLF each semester
- Participate in weekly check-ins at Mammoth ESCC campus Learning Resource Center (LRC)
- Attend monthly MLF scholarship brunches, typically held the last Friday of each month
- Participate in scheduled scholarship check-ins/one-on-one discussions with MLF staff as appropriate (counts toward volunteer hours)
- Must reapply each semester – Please note the specified deadline for each semester.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD COLLEGE STUDENT?

From https://learn.org/articles/What_Makes_a_Good_College_Student.html

Find out how you can succeed in college. Certain academic attributes you should aim for include staying organized and focused. Social attributes for being a good college student include reaching out to classmates and getting out of your comfort zone. Keep reading for more tips about college.

How to Be Academically Successful in College

Academic and social success in college requires hard work, patience, persistence and dedication. Even if you were a straight 'A' student in high school, you may find yourself struggling when facing the academic challenges of college. To help you achieve your full academic potential, here are a few key survival skills.

Get Organized

Getting organized is key to staying on top of a college-level workload. Keep two calendars: one for your class schedule, appointments and other engagements; and one for all of your assignment deadlines. When tackling assignments like term papers or problem sets, make sure to plan well in advance. Break down projects into manageable chunks, setting yourself goals along the way.

Work Hard and Focus

College-level assignments can be difficult, but by challenging yourself and working hard, you may find that you learn more and earn better grades. Always complete your homework and class readings on time. Avoid waiting until the last minute for important deadlines.

It's essential to stay focused on your academic goals. This means attending class regularly and on time, paying attention to your instructors and tracking your academic progress. As you determine your major, you also need to pay attention to specific graduation requirements. Furthermore, as you start to develop career or graduate education aspirations, make sure to consider what courses and activities will best help you achieve your goals after graduation.

Ask for Help

Never be afraid to ask for help when you need it. Make sure you know all of your professors' office hours and take advantage of these opportunities to ask questions if you find yourself falling behind. Many schools also offer tutoring centers for homework help or additional assistance in specific subject areas.

How to Be Socially Successful in College

Your top priority in college is your academic study; however, social interactions are also an important part of your life at a college or university. To make the most of this aspect of your college experience, read the following suggestions.

Reach Out to Your Classmates

If you live in a dorm, take advantage of its built-in social group to make new friends. Participate in dorm activities and spend time studying or hanging out in the common areas.

If you live off-campus, it may take extra effort to meet other students. You can start by striking up conversations before or after class and using social networking websites to reach out to other students.

Get Involved

Get out there and experience campus life. In college, it can be easy for shy students to become just another face in the crowd, particularly at big universities. Making an effort to break out of your comfort zone occasionally may help you meet new people and discover new interests. This may include joining a student club, fraternity or sorority, participating in extracurricular activities, volunteering with community service organizations or simply attending regular campus events like musical performances or film screenings. You may also try checking out parties outside of your usual social group.

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Tips for being a successful online college student:

- Make sure you know where and how to utilize Canvas' features:
 - Check your inbox (located on the left tool bar) this is where your professors will send you updates about deadlines, assignments, grades, etc.
 - Click on dashboard to access your current, registered classes – located on left tool bar.
 - “Calendar” – also located on the left tool bar, lists all important upcoming deadlines.
 - To access your assignments, you can either click on them when you are in “calendar” or you can access them through the course’s home page, by going to dashboard, selecting your desired class, going to assignments, and clicking on the desired assignment.
 - Once you are in the course’s home page, you can access the course syllabus, assignments, grades, and in this case, you’ll see a “Zoom” option. This is where you’ll join your class meetings or find information of the live meeting and/or recorded lectures.
- Zoom
 - It’s best to join live lectures because you can ask questions, participate in class activities, and connect with the professor and other students.
 - When the lecture begins, you can open the chat and move the chat box away where it is not visible, this will decrease your chance of getting distracted.
 - There is a “raise hand,” “yes,” “no” option under participants. You might be asked to answer polls which might either be displayed on your screen or might need to be answered using the previous options.
 - Please make sure you mute your microphones during lecture. Zoom will display your name on everyone’s screen, by default, whenever you are talking. You can unmute yourself when necessary.
 - Although it may be uncomfortable, it is always best to turn your camera on. Your professors would love to see your smiley faces rather than 30 black screens.
- Planners
 - Plan on having at least one planner where you can write your upcoming deadlines, exam dates, and zoom live lecture times and days.
 - Planners are highly beneficial because they give you more freedom to plan, organize and keep track of your work to the best of your abilities and requirements. A planner increases your responsibility to the commitments planned, and it provides you a structure that contributes to your success.
 - <https://lptutoring.com/purpose-academic-planner/>
- Ask for help
 - Do not be scared or ashamed of asking for help. There will be at least one time during the semester where you will need someone else’s assistance, and **that is totally okay.**
 - Email your professors, friends (with whom you share classes with), Learning Resource Center/ Learning Assistance Center staff, counselors, and the Mammoth Lakes Foundation. We are here to support you!

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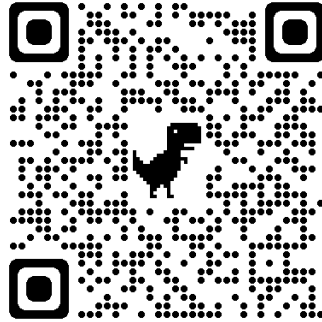
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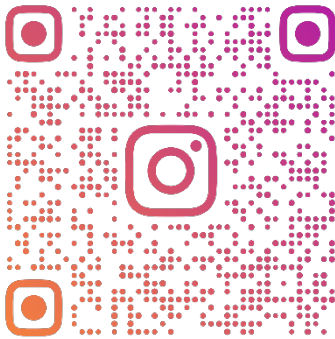
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Resources/Helpful links



MLF Website

<https://www.mammothlakesfoundation.org/scholar-resources>



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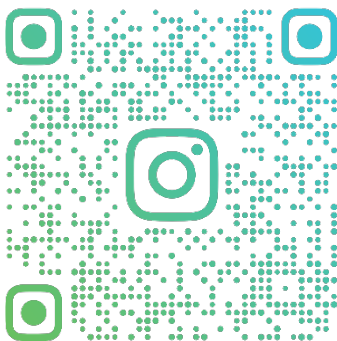
MLF Instagram for Dave's Scholars

<https://www.instagram.com/mlfdavesscholars>



MLF Dave's Scholar Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mlfdavesscholars>



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MLF Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/mammothlakesfoundation>



MLF Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/mammothlakesfoundation>

Cerro Coso/MLF Scholarship Info - <https://www.cerrocoso.edu/escc/mammoth/mammoth-lakes-foundation-scholarship.html>

Other Scholarship Opportunities – <https://www.cerrocoso.edu/enrollment-aid/scholarships/index.html>

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

CA College Promise Grant – <https://home.cccapply.org/money/california-college-promise-grant>

CA Dream Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) - <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>

Access Programs (The programs are Extended Opportunities Program and Services (**EOPS**), Cooperative Agency Resources for Education (**CARE**), Foster Youth (**NextUp**), Disabled Student Program and Services (**DSPS**), and California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (**CalWORKs**)
<https://www.cerrocoso.edu/services-and-resources/access-programs/>

Student Education Plan – <https://www.cerrocoso.edu/enrollment-aid/counseling/student-education-plan.html>