

2020–21 Impact Survey

Scholarships supporting California
Community College students every
year in perpetuity

An Unprecedented Year

The 2020-21 California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment (CCCSE) scholarship cycle occurred during an unprecedented year, as the COVID-19 global pandemic continued to create challenges for California Community Colleges and students. As the system negotiated online learning, hybrid education, vaccination policies, and ever-changing circumstances, the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FoundationCCC) and our college partners worked proactively to support students to help them stay enrolled and on the path toward their educational goals. In this unprecedented year, colleges remained nimble to adapt in ways that best served their students, and students remained committed to pursuing their education by showing remarkable resilience and determination.

By the Numbers



4,139

Total scholars supported
in 2020–2021



6,657

Total scholarships distributed
in 2020–21



\$38.10M

Total scholarships distributed
since inception in 2008



\$3.86M

Total scholarships distributed
to schools in 2020–21



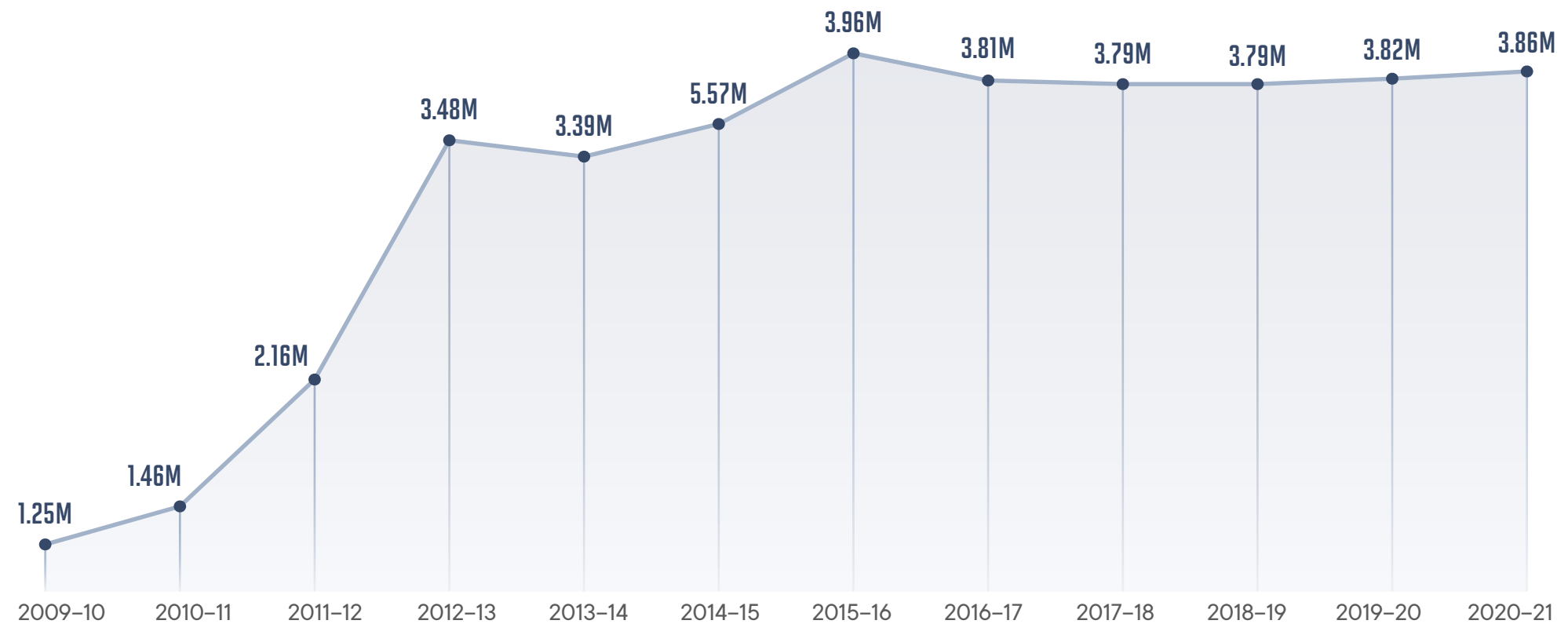
\$89.96M

Endowment balance as
of June 30, 2021

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I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your act of generosity and would like to state how crucial this scholarship is in helping me further pursue my educational goals. Coming from a war-torn country like Afghanistan I have been faced with many vicissitudes and difficulties of life. Ever since I was a young child I had the dream of pursuing a career in science and medicine. Through my career, I want to help those in need. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to my goals... Your generosity has invigorated me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals as you have helped me.”

— Marwa M., Osher Scholar



Total funds distributed per fiscal year since inception



IMAGE: RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE

About

The goal of the CCCSE is to support student success and opportunity by distributing scholarships from a permanent fund every year. The CCCSE and corresponding three-year fundraising campaign were made possible thanks to the generosity of The Bernard Osher Foundation. In May 2008, The Bernard Osher Foundation made a historic pledge to the California Community Colleges, giving an unprecedented lead gift of \$25 million to establish the endowment, and committing additional match dollars for amounts raised by the system. Over the course of three years, a permanent scholarship fund totaling approximately \$70 million was established to support students who struggle to afford the ever-rising cost of an education. To maximize returns, all funds contributed to the CCCSE are invested in a pooled investment fund held by the Foundation for California Community Colleges.

Contact

If you have questions or new or updated contact information for CCCSE Osher Scholarships, contact: endowment@foundationccc.org.

From Keetha Mills

“In a year of ongoing uncertainty and fluctuations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are extraordinarily grateful to The Bernard Osher Foundation for providing enduring support through the CCCSE program. These scholarships serve as a bright light for students facing unexpected challenges and changes throughout the year. FoundationCCC is honored to partner with The Bernard Osher Foundation and to support students pursuing a better life for themselves, their families, and their communities.”

— Keetha Mills
President and Chief Executive Officer
Foundation for California Community Colleges

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I, along with many students, will forever be thankful for the opportunity that you have given to us... During scary times of COVID-19, I was impacted financially and had to be put into a situation where I was furloughed from my part time job and rent became difficult. I will not take this for granted and cannot express how grateful I am that you have given me this opportunity. This has helped me in ways that I could never imagine and will make a huge difference in my life.”

— Steven P., Osher Scholar

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This scholarship will be very beneficial in my education progression because I plan to attend physician assistant school. Medicine is an ultimate passion of mine. I want to continue further education in medicine because of one of my biggest role models, my grandfather. He was in med school and gave it up for his family and for them to move to America. I have the opportunity to continue in his footsteps and I choose to with gratefulness.”

— Victoria S., Osher Scholar

