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The El Camino College Foundation Book Fund *Honor Loan Program*

“Despite all the technology we now have, there is no substitute for books when it comes to learning. Please join me in supporting the El Camino College Book Fund Honor Loan Program so that every student will have the books they need.”

Don Knabe
Supervisor, Los Angeles County

The mission of the
El Camino College Foundation
is to **support student success** by
raising funds and developing
community relationships.

The El Camino Community College District is committed to providing equal opportunity in which no person is subjected to discrimination on the basis of ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, age, sex, race, color, ancestry, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability or retaliation.



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BOOK FUND PROGRAM

The Book Fund was established in 2002 in response to a growing need for assistance with the rising cost of textbooks. Since then, over \$220,000 in book vouchers have been distributed to eligible students with financial needs.

The Foundation is embarking on an exciting new initiative to enhance the Book Fund program. This new component will empower our students and add an additional dimension to their education—The Honor Loan Program.

“Thank you so much for all of your help with my registration and books.

I am so thankful. This is a huge blessing to me and an answer to my prayers.”

Heather Gates, El Camino College Student

A recent survey of U.S. college faculty confirms the conventional wisdom that next to the professor, the text is the most critical tool students have to ensure academic success.

Students nationally now spend an average of \$900 per year on textbooks—or about half the average cost of tuition at 2-year colleges nationwide and 150 percent of the cost of community college enrollment fees in California.

Recent studies report that textbook costs have been increasing at four times the rate of inflation.

The Book Fund Honor Loan Program

TEACHING STUDENTS HOW TO GIVE BACK

Educating students goes beyond providing access and financial resources—it can also include empowering the students of our communities to help others as they have been helped. The Foundation Book Fund Honor Loan program provides textbook vouchers for students AND the opportunity to “give it back” within five years from the date of the voucher. This is completely voluntary and is not a contractual obligation. Rather it is a challenge to our students that helps educate them about philanthropy and the importance of helping others as they were helped.

The criterion for receiving a book voucher will remain the same but when the voucher is issued, students will receive a pledge card providing them with information about how to “give back.” We will maintain a connection with the students, sending them campus updates and network opportunities after graduation.

*“We make a living
by what we get;
we make a life
by what we give.”*

Sir Winston Churchill

Success is Built on Everyone's Contributions

Education is critical to an individual's success and provides a variety of benefits to students including enhanced social skills, greater awareness of human achievement, and an appreciation for cultural diversity. Education provides a student with skills that are valued by employers and increases lifetime earnings capacity—thus helping students become productive members of our communities—our future leaders.

Your contributions to the Foundation Book Fund provide direct benefits to our students and help ensure their educational success. Thank you for your support of this vital program.

“Thank you for helping me through my toughest times. Without help with my books, I wouldn't have been able to stay in school.”

Ana Cedano, El Camino College Student