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50TH CHICANO MORATORIUM COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP FUND (\$500)

Growth and transformation of students encompasses education derived from real life experiences as well as academics. Students who participate in civic and/or community activities are a plus when giving consideration for these scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- A brief description of the student's educational and life goals and either:
- A 500-word essay about a leader in the Chicano/a and Latino/a community who has positively impacted our quality of life by raising consciousness in our community, for example:
 - A. Rudolfo Acuna, noted professor, Cal State Northridge, author, "Occupied America"
 - B. Soledad (Chole) Alatorre, community and labor union activist for immigrant rights, co-founder of La Hermandad Nacional Mexicana
 - C. Richard Alatorre, long-time political activist and L.A. City Councilmember
 - D. Gloria Arrellanes, community activist, founder of Las Adelitas, founder El Barrio Free Clinic, Tongva Nation Elder, and leader
 - E. Father Greg Boyle, Founder, Homeboy Industries
 - F. Sal Castro, teacher and community activist, leader of student walkouts in 1968 East LA
 - G. Cesar Chavez, CSO organizer, founder United Farm Workers Union
 - H. Humberto "Bert" Corona; labor leader, political and social activist, founder of CASA-HGT and co-founder Hermandad Mexicana Nacional
 - I. Rev. Richard Estrada (Epiphany Church, Los Angeles), activist, founder Jovenes Youth Organization
 - J. Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzalez; political activist, founder of Crusade for Justice-Denver, Colorado, and La Raza Unida Party, author/poet of "I AM JOAQUIN"
 - K. Jose Angele Guitierrez, political activist in Texas, co-founder La Raza Unida Party, author
 - L. Dolores Huerta, co-founder United Farm Workers Union
 - M. Nativo Vigil Lopez; Chicano activist & Community leader, CASA-HGT/Sin Fronteras, Director Hermandad Mexicana Nacional Orange County/So. California
 - N. Gloria Molina, Long-time political activist, LA County Supervisor
 - O. Edward Roybal; 1 st Mexican American elected L.A. City Council & U.S. Congressman

P. Ruben Salazar, Los Angeles Times journalist/editor, killed 8/29, 1970 at the Chicano Moratorium protest of the Vietnam War

Q. Reis Lopez Tijerina, founder of La Alianza Federal de Mercedes

R. Armando "El Profe" Vasquez-Ramos; CSULB student leader, political activist, founder of La Escuelita in Long Beach, leader of Catolicos Por La Raza, founder & Director of California Mexican Studies Center, Inc.

○ or A 500-word essay covering an historical or present-day event that shaped the political, economic and/or civic advancement of our community. This may include the following:

S. The U.S Repatriation Act (1929-39), or Zoot Suit Riots/Sleepy Lagoon Trial (1930s)

T. Mendez vs Westminster School District lawsuit, (1947) re: desegregation of public schools

U. La Alianza Federal de Mercedes, the struggle to stop theft-of-land grants in New Mexico 1960s to 1970s

V. The UFW national grape boycott, agricultural labor contract rights (1965-69)

W. East Los Angeles High School walkouts (1968) and Southern California walkouts (1970)

X. The August 29, 1970, Chicano Moratorium anti-Vietnam War protest, East L.A.

Y. Fight against forced sterilizations of Latinas/Indigenous women in the U.S. (1970s)

Z. Fight to defeat anti-immigrant legislation, i.e., Rodino Bill (Federal, 1970s), Proposition 187 (state of Calif. 1990s), Sensenbrenner Bill (Federal, 2005-2006)

AAUW ALHAMBRA- SAN GABRIEL BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

About Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch of AAUW was founded in 1944. Our Vision is Simple: We bring people together for the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.

Our Mission is Sound: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

Access Important Resources: \$3.7 million annually in fellowships, grants, and awards that encourage educational and professional development, as well as resources for members facing employment challenges; networking and mentoring opportunities for professional and personal growth, in person and online; relevant and timely information on issues impacting women and girls through our research, magazine, and action briefings, all available with exclusive member benefits and discounts; and the chance to build lifelong relationships with like minded women.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Student/students enrolled in Science, Engineering, Technology, and Math as these students will be full-time ELAC students having already completed 24 credits, focusing on Female student/students
- GPA OF 2.0 OR HIGHER
- 500-WORD Essay on the Subject: How My Education Will Enable me to Give Back to My Community
- Graduates of the following high schools only- Alhambra, Gabrielino, Mark Keppel, Ramona Convent Secondary School, Schurr, Montebello, San Gabriel, San Gabriel Mission, South Pasadena.

ACE IN THE DECK SCHOLARSHIP (\$250)

This scholarship exists to support students pursuing accounting degrees who are balancing financial pressures alongside academic demands. Accounting offers a path to stability and opportunity, but the journey is not easy without support. This scholarship is intended to ease financial strain and encourage students to continue investing in their education and future.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- ELAC as home school
- Minimum 6 units enrollment at ELAC
- Enroll in Accounting courses at East Los Angeles College during the scholarship application term.
- With a minimum of overall GPA of 2.50 or higher
- Demonstrate financial need by submitting a FAFSA or Dream Act application
- Submit a short essay: What obstacles have you faced in pursuing your accounting education and how do you see accounting shaping your futures? (300-500 words)

ANNA KILEDJIAN SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)

This Scholarship recognizes and awards \$1,000 for a student that is involved in cutting-edge research into cancer research and has shown an excellent academic record and potential for a future in cancer research, education, and outreach to the public. Anna Kiledjian was diagnosed with colon cancer at the age of 36 and passed away only three years later after aggressive treatment strategies and a clinical trial in the latest immunotherapy failed. She had no prior symptoms and no family history of cancer. This Scholarship is intended to award students who do research in the latest advancements in the field, including immunotherapy and methods of detecting cancers early before they turn aggressive.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Open to all ELAC students regardless of residency status
- The student must be interested in cancer research either in a hospital setting or research university, ELAC, or private university.
- GPA Minimum 3.0 or higher
- ELAC fulltime student (taking 12 or more units at ELAC)
- Completed 30 units or more
- Transfer to a four-year institution
- Essay
 - Have you been or plan to be involved in some kind of cancer research either in a hospital setting or research university, ELAC, or private university?
 - Describe your interest OR research experience in the field of cancer.

ARTHUR FORCIER JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$250 FOR TRANSFER & \$200 FOR CONTINUING STUDENTS)

Arthur Forcier Jr. will be remembered as a long-time professor of Political Science, political activist, loveable colleague, generous and spirited friend, irreplaceable member of the East Los Angeles college family. He always made it a point to befriend and mentor new instructors in the Social Science department. So many of us who were blessed to work with him compose our syllabi with his advice always in mind.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- 3.0 GPA
- Social Science Major (especially Political Science Major)
- Applicants must submit a personal essay to demonstrate why they are worthy of this prestigious award. This personal essay should be at least 200 words and no longer than 500 words.

BETTY MORIN SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

The Betty Morin Scholarship is intended to assist an outstanding student majoring in Child, Family & Education Studies. This scholarship is solely supported by the generosity and continued commitment of Betty Oorin.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- 2.7 GPA.
- Child, Family, and Education Studies Department

BLANCA FLANAGAN RIOS SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)

Blanca Flanagan Rios Scholarship Endowment was established to help full-time students with financial need and have knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Mexican culture and history.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Successfully completed one or more of the following courses:
- Chicano Studies 7: The Mexican-American in the History of the United States I
- Chicano Studies 19: History of Mexico
- Chicano Studies 42: Contemporary Mexican Literature
- Chicano Studies 44: Mexican Civilization
- Chicano Studies 51: Mexican Art-Pre-Columbian and Colonial
- Chicano Studies 52: Mexican Art-Modern
- Dance Techniques 421 and 422: Mexican Folklorico I and II
- Music 132: Music of Mexico
- Spanish 12: Contemporary Mexican Literature
- Spanish 16: Mexican Civilization
- Minimum 3.0 GPA or higher
- ELAC Fulltime student (taking 12 or more units at ELAC)
- Financial Need: Student must be receiving the California College Promise Grant (Formerly known as the Board of Governors Fee Waiver B.O.G.)

BOYLE/O'BOYLE ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP - VETERANS (\$500)

Created by Dean Gayle Brosseau as an opportunity to support outstanding veterans attending ELAC in the C.T.E. programs. The ELAC Foundation provided matching funds to support this endowment.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- All majors
- Minimum 3.0 GPA or higher
- Proof of Veteran's Status (Military ID or DD214)
- Open to all ELAC students regardless of residency status

BOYLE/O'BOYLE SCHOLARSHIP - C.T.E. MAJORS (\$500)

Developed by Dean Gayle Brosseau to honor the Boyle/O'Boyle name at ELAC and to provide scholarships for outstanding students in any program that offers career-technical AA/AS degrees or certificates. The ELAC Foundation provided matching funds to support this endowment.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Career Technical Education Major
- Must be eligible for financial aid
- Minimum 3.0 GPA or higher

C & H INGALLS SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

C & H Ingalls Scholarship is designed to encourage and support ELAC students who are involved with extra-curricular activities including community service, and will transfer to a four-year institution.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Leadership and/or community service
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA or higher
- ELAC student transferring to a four-year university in the Fall 2023.
- Documentation of leadership and/or community service
- A copy of Transcripts
- A letter of recommendation
- Essay regarding leadership and/or community service involvement
- Essay regarding educational and career goals
- Essay - Autobiography
- Open to all ELAC Students regardless of resident status"

CCCSE PART OF OSHER INITIATIVE (\$600)

Thanks to the generosity of The Bernard Osher Foundation, thousands of California Community College students, like you, may receive an Osher Scholarship as part of the California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment. Mr. Osher's vision is to "not only benefit the community college students of today but countless more for years to come."

East Los Angeles College Foundation participated in the FCCC/Osher matching fund Initiative and currently has over 1.8 million dollars in an endowment fund that is designated for East Los Angeles College students. That was accomplished through the diligent fundraising efforts of the ELAC Foundation staff and Board of Directors.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- All majors
- 2.8 or higher G.P.A.
- Students attending the Spring 2022 semester must have completed 24 or more degree-applicable semester units at the time of the initial scholarship disbursement.
- Student must be enrolled in ELAC during all terms in which the award remains active.
- Student must have received a CCPG California College Promise Grant.

CHRISTIAN CONTRERAS SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Available to all students regardless of housing status and residency status
- Minimum of 2.0 GPA or better
- Students must be enrolled in at least six units
- Scholarship is open to all majors, but preference given to ELAC students studying in any of the following majors: Law, Political Science, History, Psychology or have an Interest in law
- Complete application
- Attach a recent copy of transcripts (unofficial accepted) for all your college work, including operative course
- Complete essay. Essay prompt:
Please describe any life experiences which have shaped you as a person. Please also explain how any life experiences have influenced your chosen study area and career path. Finally, please explain how you plan on helping others in your career.

COUNSELING DEPT (\$500)

Developed as a scholarship opportunity for part-time and full-time students alike. Unit completion/enrollment and G.P.A. requirements lower to promote greater eligibility for scholarship award in light of pandemic and remote-learning induced challenges.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- G.P.A.: 2.0 Cumulative G.P.A. Minimum
- Units Completed: 6 units minimum by Fall '20
- Current Spring '21 Enrollment: 6 units minimum
- Essay: How have you utilized ELAC's Counseling services to create a better future for yourself and your community? Describe your academic/career goals and what/who motivates you to pursue these goals. Also discuss any employment or volunteer experiences you've participated in during your time at ELAC.

CPL. GUY GABALDON VFW POST 1013 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In the memory of CPL. Guy Gabaldon

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

- A current full or part time ELAC veteran student, having completed at least 12 units or more, with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better for all course work.
- Member of the ELAC Veterans Club.
- US citizen or permanent resident.
- A US Veteran.

DAVID MORIN MATHEMATICS SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

Founded by former Mathematics professor and Administrator, David Morin, the scholarship is available to Mathematics majors who completed at least 4 semesters with 12 units/semester at ELAC. This scholarship is solely supported through the generosity and long-term commitment of David Morin.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Mathematics major
- 3.0 or higher GPA
- Completed 4 semesters at ELAC (at least 12 units each)
- Open to all ELAC students regardless of residency status

DELTA SIGMA SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

Alumni, former members of the Delta Sigma Sorority raise funds to provide scholarships to ELAC students. The ELAC Foundation supports this Scholarship, matching funds.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Education major
- 3.5 or higher G.P.A.
- Transfer to a four-year institution
- Open to all ELAC students regardless of residency status

DR. RICHARD ZAPANTA LEGACY FUND SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

Established in the memory of philanthropist, civic leader, and East Los Angeles College (ELAC) Alumnus Dr. Richard Zapanta, the Dr. Richard Zapanta Legacy Fund Scholarship is designed for current ELAC students pursuing education and a career in the field of healthcare and medicine.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- A current ELAC student and must have completed at least 12 units or more at East Los Angeles College with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0 or better
- Open to all ELAC students regardless of residency status
- Currently enrolled in the Allied Health, Kinesiology, Life Science or Nursing programs;

ELAC ADMINISTRATORS (DAVID FISHER) SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

Upon his retirement, ELAC Administrator Dave Fisher requested that donations be made to the East Los Angeles College Foundation to establish a scholarship fund. Through payroll deduction, other administrators have participated in order to institutionalize the ELAC Administrators' Scholarship Award.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- All majors
- 3.5 or higher G.P.A.
- Transfer to four-year institution
- Essay regarding career/ educational goals
- Open to all ELAC students regardless of residency status

ELAC MATH DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

The Mathematics Scholarship is designed to encourage and support an ELAC student who has encountered struggles in taking and completing his/her mathematics requirement(s). Through perseverance and hard work, the candidate succeeded in passing his or her math classes and plans to further his or her education at a four-year institution.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Open to all ELAC students regardless of their major
- A current ELAC student who will be transferring to a four-year institution in the Fall 2026
- Completed at least 8 units of ELAC mathematics courses
- Upload a copy of transcript(s), including spring 2026 courses
- One letter of recommendation, preferably from a math faculty (faculty will have 1 week after student deadline to submit letter of recommendation directly to NextGen)
- Write an essay regarding educational and career goals
- Write an essay regarding financial need, past achievements, and/or extra-curricular involvement
- Open to all ELAC Students regardless of resident status

ELAC MATHEMATICS MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

The ELAC Mathematics Major Scholarship is designed to encourage and support an ELAC student who has demonstrated academic excellence in the field of mathematics, will be enrolled at ELAC in fall 2026, and plans to further his/her education at four-year institution in the field of mathematics.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Math or Statistics major who will be enrolled at ELAC in fall 2026
- Completed at least 9 units of ELAC mathematics courses
- Upload: Write the contact information of the math instructor (name, email address, college affiliated), who will be submitting your letter of recommendation on your behalf.
- Upload a copy of transcript(s), including spring 2026 courses
- One letter of recommendation from a math faculty (faculty will have 1 week after student deadline to submit letter of recommendation directly to NextGen)
- Write an essay regarding educational and career goals
- Write an essay regarding financial need, past achievements, and/or extra-curricular involvement
- Open to all ELAC students regardless of resident status

ELAC MATHEMATICS MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS (\$500)

The ELAC Mathematics Major Scholarship is designed to encourage and support an ELAC student who has demonstrated academic excellence in the field of mathematics and will be transferring to a four-year institution in the field of mathematics in the fall 2026.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Math or Statistics major transferring to a four-year institution in fall 2026
- Completed at least 18 units of ELAC mathematics courses
- One letter of recommendation from a math faculty (faculty will have 1 week after student deadline to submit letter of recommendation directly to NextGen)
- Upload a copy of transcript(s), including spring 2026 courses
- Upload documentation that states the student has applied/accepted to a four-year institution
- Write an essay regarding educational and career goals
- Write an essay regarding financial need, past achievements, and/or extra-curricular involvement
- Open to all ELAC students regardless of resident status

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT - OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

Faculty members of the English department have contributed funds to honor an outstanding student who has excelled in developmental English courses. This Scholarship is open to all students regardless of their legal residency status.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Successful completion of English 101 AND English 72 taken in the same semester at ELAC within the last year; OR successful completion of English 100 at ELAC within the last year
- Write a brief essay (200-300 words) describing your educational and career goals along with any challenges overcome to pursue a higher education

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT - OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

Faculty members of the English department have contributed funds to honor an outstanding student who has excelled in transfer-level English courses. This Scholarship is open to all students regardless of their legal residency status.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Completion of at least one of the following courses at ELAC within the last year with a grade of B or higher: English 101, English 102, English 103
- Write a brief essay (200-300 words) describing your educational and career goals along with any challenges overcome to pursue a higher education

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT - OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN E.S.L. SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

Faculty members of the English department have contributed funds to honor an outstanding student who has excelled in E.S.L. courses. This Scholarship is open to all students regardless of their legal residency status.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Successful completion of at least one of the following courses at ELAC within the last year: E.S.L. 6A, E.S.L. 8, E.S.L. 10; AND successful completion of at least one of the following courses at ELAC within the previous year: E.S.L. 6B, E.S.L. 6C, E.S.L. 7B, E.S.L. 32, E.S.L. 94
- Write a brief essay (200-300 words) describing your educational and career goals along with any challenges overcome to pursue a higher education

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT - OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN READING SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

Faculty members of the English department have contributed funds to honor an outstanding student who has excelled in Reading courses. This Scholarship is open to all students regardless of their legal residency status.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Successful completion of at least one of the following courses at ELAC within the last year: Reading 98, Reading 101
- Write a brief essay (200-300 words) describing what skills you learned in your Reading course(s) that you would use in the remainder of your college career

EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

Founded on June 10, 2008, the Scholarship supports low-income AB 540 ELAC students. Assembly Bill 540 was signed into law in October 2001 and allows eligible undocumented, legal permanent resident, and U.S. citizen students to pay in-state tuition at public colleges and universities.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- All majors
- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Transfer to a four-year university
- Open to all ELAC students regardless of residency status

GENICE EVERHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

A memorial to Genice Everhart, a beloved English/E.S.L. instructor who passed away suddenly, was established in 2011. The long-term commitment to this Scholarship stems from the dedicated fundraising of English faculty, augmented by contributions of friends and family of Genice Everhart.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Successful completion of at least one of the following courses at ELAC within the last year: E.S.L. 3A, E.S.L. 4A, E.S.L. 5A; AND successful completion of at least one of the following courses at ELAC within the last year: E.S.L. 3B, E.S.L. 3C, E.S.L. 4B, E.S.L. 4C, E.S.L. 5B, E.S.L. 5C
- Write a brief essay (200-300 words) describing your educational and career goals along with any challenges overcome to pursue a higher education

GILBERT “GIL” GERAKOS “MAYOR OF EAST LA” LEGACY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

Community leader and friend to so many, Gil Gerakos, also known as the “Mayor of East LA” lived a life of community service and volunteerism.

For thirty years, Gill worked in the community as a representative for the United Way as a corporate liaison and local elected officials at both the City and County levels. He assisted organizations with their fundraising and scholarship campaigns.

Gil always said how fortunate he was to work for highly respected officials that have always responded to the needs of their constituents. He was assigned to several community groups and advisory boards as a field representative for the elected officials. His impressive resume included the following positions:

Chief of Staff to Councilman Richard Alatorre, City of Los Angeles (1995-1997), Assistant Chief Deputy to Supervisor Ed Edelman, County of Los Angeles (1978-1994), Development Associate for United Way (1973-1978) and Director of Latin American Affairs Department: City of Los Angeles (1965-1973)

A Husky for Life, Gill received his Associate of Arts from East Los Angeles College in 1961 and his undergraduate degree in Liberal Arts Studies from Cal-State Dominguez Hills in 1966.

His community services and activities included: Board of Directors of East Los Angeles Boy's and Girl's Club, Founder of East Los Angeles Big Brothers, Founder of California Highway Patrol, East Los Angeles Advisory Council, Member of Knights of Columbus, Founding Member of U. S. C. Mexican American Alumni Association, Director and Member of East Los Angeles Jaycee's and Board Member of San Gabriel Mission High School -- Development Board.

Gil Gerakos will always be remembered as the honorary “Mayor of East LA”

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

To be considered for a scholarship, you must:

- Be a current ELAC student and must have completed at least 12 units or more at East Los Angeles College with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Have demonstrated a significant pattern of volunteer service to East Los Angeles College and its surrounding communities
- Be actively involved and engaged as volunteer leaders in initiatives and programs that positively impact both ELAC and the communities it serves. Examples include college student clubs, community initiatives, and programs, the ELAC Alumni Association, etc.



SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants Must:

- Demonstrate the need for financial assistance;
- Minimum GPA of 2.0 or higher;
- Completed application, together with all required documents, must be postmarked no later than the published deadline.

REQUIREMENTS:

Complete Online Application

- Attach a recent copy of transcripts (unofficial accepted) for all your college work, including Spring 2021 courses;
- Complete the supplemental Question (details noted below)

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION (500 WORDS TOTAL)

Answer any or all of the following:

- How do you think your volunteerism has impacted ELAC students and the communities ELAC serves?
- What significant challenge or setback have you faced, and how has it impacted you?
- What would you do if you were the "Mayor of East LA"?

GLADYS GERMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

The Gladys German Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarships to ELAC students who are Lincoln High School graduates. Funds are provided through funds distributed from the California Community Foundation.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- All majors
- 3.0 or higher G.P.A.
- Lincoln High School Graduate
- Essay
- Two letters of recommendation from college faculty

GRACIELA P. VALENZUELA LEGACY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

Graciela (“Chela”) P. Valenzuela held a lifelong commitment to the power of education—for herself, her children, and her community. Born in Mexico, she commuted across the U.S. border into El Paso, TX, for elementary school every day until she was 13 and her family immigrated to Los Angeles. At 18 she married her husband, Abel Valenzuela, and ten years later, with three young children, she earned her Associate of Arts degree at East Los Angeles Community College. She went on to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Mexican–American Studies at Cal State L.A. along with her teaching credential.

For nearly 30 years, Chela taught preschool and parent education in the Montebello Unified School District. She empowered Latino parents in her community by teaching them political advocacy skills and learning and development strategies for their kids, centering the immigrant experience in her curriculum. Long after Chela’s retirement in 2009, former students often embraced her in public, calling out “Teacher!” and sharing fond memories of her class and her lasting impact as an educator.

Chela devoted her life to education, thanks in no small part to local educational opportunities at ELAC. In her honor, The Graciela P. Valenzuela Legacy Endowed Scholarship will provide support to students pursuing their associate degrees at ELAC.

Please join Chela and her family in carrying forward her legacy by supporting the educational aspirations of the next generation. Thank you for your contributions – any amount will mean the world to these promising students who are determined to give back to their communities through education, just like Chela did.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Must have completed at least 12 units or more at ELAC with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher.
- Must demonstrate need for financial assistance
- Open to all majors but particularly interested in students deciding to pursue a career in education
- Available to all students regardless of residency status

Application Components:

- Academic Transcript
- Essay questions: Please pick one of the following to answer in a brief essay (200–300 words):
 1. What do you think is the importance of being culturally informed as a teacher/educator? How has your culture or identity influenced your goals and strategies for teaching?



2. Please describe any extracurricular activities that you are involved in outside of the classroom. How have these activities shaped your academic interests?
3. Tell us about your educational and career goals. What challenges have you faced on your path to higher education, and how have you worked to overcome them?

○ Creative Submission or Portfolio:
Inspired by Graciela's love of painting, we invite you to share a creative work of your own—such as a piece of visual art, music, writing, or another form of personal expression.

HELEN MILLER BAILEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$100-\$1000)

In partnership with the ELAC Foundation, the Social Sciences Department sponsors the Helen Miller Bailey Scholarship. The

selection of scholarship recipients and the distribution of funds will be performed by a committee selected by the Social Sciences Department. Award amounts range from \$100 to 1,000.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Must be a current ELAC student who will continue at ELAC or transfer to a 4-year university in 2022–23
- Must be majoring in a Social Science discipline, e.g., History, Political Science, Sociology, or Economics;
- Must have completed at least one semester at East Los Angeles College with a 3.0 GPA or better
- Must have career plans that follow the model set by Dr. Bailey, preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate they plan to return to the community and help others;
- Must submit a brief essay about yourself, including your background, your financial needs, your career interests, your present service to the college and/or community, and how you plan to help others in your choice of career. Emphasize your interest in a specific social science major and what you hope to give back to the community;
- Must submit 2 letters of recommendation, preferably from ELAC faculty members and at least one member of the Social Sciences Department;
- Completed application form;
- Attach a recent copy of your transcripts for all your college work, including Spring 2022 courses;
- Any additional evidence that you have selected a social science as an academic major is encouraged but not mandatory. This may be a notation in an official transcript or a letter on official letterhead from a college where you are applying for transfer. Preference is given for social science majors.

HONORS SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

The ELAC Honors Program Scholarship is designed to financially support ELAC Honors Program students who plan on eventually transferring from East Los Angeles College to a four-year college or university.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Student must be currently in the Honors Program at East Los Angeles College.
- Student must have completed a minimum of two Honors courses at ELAC with a minimum grade of B in each course.
- Student must have a minimum 3.25 GPA.
- Student must be planning on transferring to a four-year college or university.
- Applicants must submit the following items:
 - The completed scholarship application.
 - An essay regarding their educational and career goals (2 page typed single spaced).
 - Copies of unofficial transcripts from all colleges attended.
 - The Scholarship Recommendation form completed by an instructor/professor.

JAVIER ROMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

Javier Roman was a husband, father, grandfather, and dedicated community member with an unwavering devotion to his family and friends. As a first-generation immigrant, Javier spent most of his life working to provide for his family. Although Javier only attained a third-grade education, he understood the value of higher education and built his legacy by ensuring his children had opportunities to attend college.

He found immense joy in giving back to those most in need. As someone who knew first-hand the immigrant experience and the challenges of holding minimum-wage jobs and learning a new language, he made it his mission to help those with need. That was just his nature.

By helping with the scholarship, the investment will benefit many AB540 students needing monetary assistance to pursue their educational goals. The personal impact that simple acts of kindness will help change the trajectory of many AB540 student lives. As a family, when determining how to honor Javier's memory best, a scholarship seemed like a perfect way to ensure his legacy and generosity continued.

Javier reminds us never to give up on our dreams, to find joy in the simple things, and to take on life's challenges with grace, grit and tenacity. He taught us that life's true purpose is to serve others and help uplift those who are most in need. He will be remembered for his work ethic and compassion for others. Javier leaves a family that will carry on his legacy of community love and servitude.

This Javier Roman Scholarship Fund will pay tribute to his legacy and provide AB 540 students opportunities to advance their educational careers. The scholarship has been established to assist students with two \$500 Scholarships (annually).

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- ELAC students preferable to have AB540 status
- Students must be enrolled in at least six units
- Minimum of 2.0 GPA
- Completed application and all required documents must be submitted before and/or by the published deadline
- Complete Online Application
- Attach a recent copy of transcripts (unofficial accepted) for all your college work, including Spring 2025 courses;
- In the application attachments, include a short essay to one of these prompts (500 words minimum):

Javier Roman was a first-generation immigrant who spent a lifetime giving back to others; tell us about your lived experience and how you will use it to positively impact the lives of others.

OR What inspires or motivates you to continue your education?

JOSÉ BLAS SÁNCHEZ GONZÁLEZ MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND (\$500)

Jose Blas Sanchez Gonzalez will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, brother, father, grandfather and friend. He showed kindness and patience toward all who knew Him and provided assistance and guidance to other migrants from His home state of Jalisco. He was a respected small business owner and trusted mechanic for two Unocal 76 gas stations, first in Boyle Heights (Soto Street) and later in Monterey Park (Atlantic Boulevard).

Over the years, He took great pride teaching and mentoring new mechanics from His community and instilling in them the importance of hard work, integrity or as He would say 'ganas!' He also provided students from the nearby continuation schools and community college opportunities to gain work experience at His gas stations to earn credit toward graduation or automotive degrees. The Jose Blas Sanchez Gonzalez Scholarship Memorial Fund will pay tribute to His legacy to provide new students the same opportunities He provided others during His life.

He supported His children enabling them to earn college and advanced degrees and launch successful careers in law, education and civil rights. One of His greatest joys in life was attending His grandchildren's activities and telling them stories.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Maria Elena Llamas Sanchez, His children Jose F. Sanchez, Maricela Sanchez-Robles, Luis A. Sanchez and their spouses, seven grandchildren, six siblings and many loving family and friends.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

To be considered for a scholarship, you must be:

- A current ELAC student and Must have completed at least 12 units or more at East Los Angeles College with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better
- Currently enrolled in the Automotive Technology pathway
- Attended previously an LAUSD high school

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants Must:

- Must demonstrate need for financial assistance;
- Live and Raised in the Eastside communities of Los Angeles: Lincoln Heights, Unincorporated East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, City Terrace, and El Sereno
- Minimum of 2.0 GPA or better;
- Completed application, together with all required documents, must be postmarked no later than the published deadline.



REQUIREMENTS

Complete Online Application ([Click here](#))

- Attach a recent copy of transcripts (unofficial accepted) for all your college work, including Spring 20__ courses;
- Complete the supplemental question (details noted below)

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION (500 WORDS TOTAL)

Answer any or all of the following:

- Why are you interested in the Automotive field?
- How has your upbringing, school experience and/or work experience guided you in this decision?
- What significant challenge or setback have you faced and how has it impacted you?

JUAN MARTINEZ SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (\$500)

Juan Manuel Martinez Jr. was born on October 12, 1970 in Encino, California. Juan, aged 50, passed away peacefully on November 28, 2020. He married his childhood sweetheart Melisa and together they raised 2 adult children, Ariela and Ricardo. He graduated from Huntington Park High School in 1988, attended East Los Angeles College (ELAC) in 1989 and transferred to California State University of Los Angeles where he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering in 1998. His perseverance and passion for constructing and building led him to work for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineering as a Civil Engineer in which he dedicated 28 years of Federal Civil Service. Juan was not just a civil engineer, he was a genuine colleague and a friend.

Juan's biggest trait was his selflessness. He enjoyed volunteering in public schools and giving back to the community he grew up in. Juan enjoyed speaking and working with students from Kindergarten to third grade to get them inspired to love and enjoy STEM/STEAM and become Engineers or know that they can become anything they want to be brought him so much joy. Juan was instrumental in shaping many lives, young and old.

When we think about Juan, all we can think about is the word legacy. He had so much love for life, for the joy he gave to others, for the experiences he had. Legacy doesn't mean money or fame. Legacy is all about the mark you make on another person's life. It's about the love you spread and the kindness you share. Juan interacted with hundreds of people throughout his life and they shared how fortunate and honored THEY were to have known Juan. We will be forever grateful to have been part of his family and experiences his unconditional love. That's a Legacy!!

Forever in Our Hearts...

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Engineering & Technologies
- GPA > 2.7 or higher (Overall)
- Personal Essay (need)
- One Recommendation Letter

JULIE BENAVIDES STUDENT SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP (\$250)

Julie began teaching at East Los Angeles College (ELAC) in the Child, Family & Education Studies department in 1996. As faculty, she developed countless programs on campus to support first-generation college students, students from low-income backgrounds, and individuals from other marginalized groups, including undocumented students, foster youth, and homeless populations. At ELAC, she became a Department Chair for 6 years, and served as the Dean of Student Services. In November 2015, Julie became the first female Vice President and the Chief Student Services Officer for the college. Along with serving in a leadership capacity, Julie still teaches child development courses to help shape the next generation of educators.

As an educator, she has mentored thousands of students. Students know her as someone who is resourceful, encouraging, and a dynamo in class. Julie empowers students through knowledge interchange and building upon their strengths. Julie organized cohorts to assist students with transferring from the two-year college to obtain not only their bachelor's degree but developed a pathway for students to obtain their master's. She continually goes beyond her official capacities to ensure that students are cared for. Julie has dedicated her career to the advancement of some of the most vulnerable students. She is known for taking food and clothing to students facing food insecurity. As a first-generation student, Julie understood the road to education requires collaborative efforts and building momentum for students to activate their college cultural capital. She believes that if students are supported with proper systems and practices that support their navigational, social, and familial capital they will be better equipped to fulfill their aspirations.

As an administrator, she is a visionary leader who has significantly contributed to the betterment of the college and community. Julie leads by example with a visible track record for success, student equity, and the common good. She initiated the dual enrollment program and early college academies with three local school districts and charter schools. She implemented the Greater Outcomes (G.O.) East LA to promote a college going culture in the community and to tackle graduation barriers. She created the ELAC Live! Program.

Julie has been a catalyst for change. She has led the charge with support from her team to redesign and strengthen student services by setting the vision for a holistic student support framework using the student journey and college completion agenda.

The ambitious framework envisioned includes:

- Initiating the Culturally Responsive Training and Safe Zone program
- Building the capacity of the counseling department by doubling the size of the counseling staff
- Expanding the Transfer and Veterans' Centers
- Supporting the peer mentoring and peer navigation programming



- Initiating the creation of support centers for undocumented students (Dream Resource Center), formerly incarcerated students (Educational Justice/Rising Scholars), student athletes (Husky Athlete Support Center), LGBTQ+ students, and Black/African American students
- Ensuring students are greeted and onboarded with the Welcome Center
- Supporting financial literacy
- Increasing mental health and wellness with additional therapists and social workers in its Health Services Center

Julie's vision includes the advancement of the whole family. She created the Family And Community Engagement Services (FACES) so that families can understand and support the college journey of their student as well as to be included in the college for all programming.

Julie Benavides is a trailblazer as an educator, leader, and advocate. She's earned the admiration of faculty, staff, students, and colleagues by paving the way for others. Her energy and enthusiasm are contagious, and her passion for creating educational change serves as an inspiration within the college and community.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Open to all ELAC students
- Students must meet 2.5 GPA minimum
- Students must be enrolled in at least 6 units

LAURA SCUDDER SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

In the early 1900's, while raising her growing family in Northern California and handling her demanding restaurant business, Laura Scudder studied from borrowed books and successfully passed the California Bar Exam. This was even before she had the right to vote.

In Monterey Park, starting in the 1920s, she operated one of the largest woman-owned businesses in the western United States with multiple factories and fleets of trucks. She introduced innovative packaging methods and new manufacturing techniques. She's credited for introducing wax paper bags to keep her potato chips fresh, a technique soon followed by many others. Her early background as a trained nurse helped her to be mindful of producing food products that were healthy and safe. This remarkable woman parlayed a home-grown potato chip business into a multimillion-dollar food empire that at one time, spanned California, Nevada, Arizona and Oregon.

Laura Scudder was a nurse, attorney, and a businesswoman, most famously known for her potato chips. She was a remarkable woman who had a passion to succeed and who believed that happiness came from giving. The Scudder Family is continuing her philosophy of giving by generously awarding the Laura Scudder Scholarship to deserving students.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Students need to be pursuing their education in the field of nursing, law, or business
- Students need to have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours of educational courses in their chosen field at ELAC
- Minimum GPA of 2.0
- Student to write a 400 word essay explaining why they should receive this scholarship

MARGIE MENTEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

Ms. Mentel was a beloved English literature teacher who taught at ELAC in the 1990s. Her husband established a memorial scholarship, and there is continued support from current faculty/ former students.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- English major
- Completion of at least one 200-level English course at ELAC within the last year with a grade of B or higher
- Write a brief essay (200-300 words) on why you have chosen English as your major and how it will help you in the future

MAX AND MARIE OFFENBERG SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

The Offenberg Scholarship Fund was established in 1977, after the passing of Dr. Max Offenberg's brother, Sam Offenberg. Dr. Max and Sam moved to the East Los Angeles/Boyle Heights area from Brooklyn, New York as young boys in 1920. Dr. Max graduated from Garfield High School in 1930 and practiced medicine for some 50 years in Belvedere. Sam graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1930, and provided valuable assistance in the operation and maintenance of the Belvedere Hospital and Medical Clinic, which was owned by Dr. Max and his wife Marie Offenberg.

In 1947, Dr. Offenberg and his wife, Marie moved to Montebello. Their children Patty, Vicki and Victor all graduated from Montebello High School.

The award recognizes that there is more to success in life than a "high GPA" and that students who are not at the top of their class academically also deserve a chance. The Scholarship Criteria include motivation and a sincere desire to become a contributing member of society – including trade as well as professional careers. Financial need is a consideration in the award of this Scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Copy of your transcripts must be included with the application.
- The scholarship is available to ELAC Students who have attended one of the following High Schools: Garfield, Roosevelt, Montebello, Vail, Schurr, Don Bosco Technical Institute, and Cantwell/Sacred Heart of Mary.
- A one page personal essay about your educational goals, hardships, or other personal experiences you would like to share with the committee, is required.
- Applicants must have maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- If accepted as a scholarship recipient, proof of enrollment for the next term into an occupational school, trade school, community college, or university needs to be clearly documented prior to the release of scholarship money to the student.
- An incomplete application or failure to submit the requested material by the deadline will disqualify you

RICHARD AND CYNTHIA LEZA HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

ELAC students currently pursuing pathway programs and certifications at ELAC Computer Technology, Engineering Technology, Electronics & Electric Technology, and Drafting Technology with the intent to transferring to a 4-year university and intent to enroll in Computer or Engineering fields. The Student must demonstrate need for financial assistance, be a Hispanic from California, have a G.P.A. of equal to or greater than 3.0. The Student must be enrolled full time (12 or more units) at ELAC during the terms in which the award remains active. In addition, preference shall be given to a married student.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Computer Technology, Engineering Technology, Electronics & Electric Technology, and Drafting Technology.
- Student must be enrolled full-time (12 or more units) at ELAC during the terms in which the award remains active
- Must demonstrate need for financial assistance.
- Intent to transferring to a 4-year university and intent to enroll in Computer or Engineering fields.
- Must have completed at least 12 units or more at ELAC with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher.
- Prefer a married student

ROSALIE HILGER ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

Ernest Hilger on behalf of the Hilger Family Trust has established these two scholarships in honor of his most beloved, caring and loving wife Rosalie of 45 years to continue her legacy in sharing her caring, loving, gentle and positive Life Spirit and Positive Energy with future generations of students she so loved. Rosalie taught and guided students for 24 years as an Adjunct Professor at East Los Angeles Community College and Los Angeles Mission College's Child, Family and Consumer Studies Departments.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Must have completed a minimum of three (3) units in the following areas of study at ELAC before applying for the Rosalie Hilger Achievement Scholarship. (Family and Consumer Studies Programs and Child Family and Education Studies Departments)
- 2.5 or higher G.P.A.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or a permanent resident in the state of California for the last two years.
- Fulltime student (taking 12 or more units at ELAC)
- A copy of the approved Student Education Plan.
- A two (2) page autobiographical statement demonstrating excellent leadership
- A Reference Letter

ROWENKAMP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

The Rowenkamp Memorial Scholarship is designed to encourage and support ELAC students who have a library interest, been active with community service, and will transfer to a four-year institution.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Library Interest
- ELAC student transferring to a four-year university in the Fall of 2023
- Leadership and community service
- Upload documentation of community service
- A copy of Transcripts
- A letter of recommendation, preferably from Librarian
- Essay regarding community service
- Essay regarding educational and career goals
- Essay regarding library interest
- Open to all ELAC Students regardless of resident status

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON STEM SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

The Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship is made available to provide financial assistance to students pursuing STEM Majors.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Majors: Business, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Engineering, or Geology/Earth Science, Computer and Information Services, Engineering Technology, Natural Resources and Conservation, Physical Sciences
- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Essay (600 words) about how you are planning to give back to the community after you acquire your planned degree
- Transcripts from all schools attended
- Two references (ideally STEM faculty) with their contact information
- Open to all ELAC students regardless of residency status

SPANISH AMERICAN INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

The S.A.I. Scholarship is made available to provide financial assistance to deserving students who support or advocate for Latino students.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- All majors
- ELAC fulltime student (taking 12 or more units at ELAC)
- A resident of Southern California between San Diego and San Luis Obispo
- A willingness to interact with S.A.I. and grants permission to publish award's ceremony photos on S.A.I. website
- Complete an essay on background, interests, goals, and need for award, and indicate how he/she identifies with the Latino culture or the ways he/she supports or advocates for those of Latino descent.
- Open to all ELAC students regardless of residency status

THE ABRAHAM SANDOVAL INITIATIVE SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

The Abraham Sandoval Initiative Scholarship was founded by ELAC Adjunct Professor of Real Estate, Business, and Law, Abraham Sandoval. As a first-generation attorney and entrepreneur, Professor Sandoval is founder of Sandoval Law, APC, a civil litigation law firm based in Santa Monica, California dedicated to assisting clients in underserved communities. The Scholarship has been established to assist East Los Angeles Students who demonstrate the potential to make a meaningful impact in their communities and bring about positive social change in the real estate, business, or legal arenas.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Applicant must be an ELAC student in the Business Administration Department studying one or more of the following disciplines: Real Estate, Business, or Law.
- Student must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 or better.
- Student must be enrolled in six (6) or more units at ELAC for the term that they are applying for this scholarship
- Essay Question: Choose any of the following and write a brief essay no longer than one page, double spaced.
 - Please describe your vision for using your education to make a difference in your community.
 - Please describe an issue of particular importance to you in the real estate, business, or legal arenas, and why it's of such importance to you.

THE REYNA TRUJILLO WE CHAMPION ELAC SCHOLARS (\$500)

Reyna Trujillo, Founder of Communities of San Gabriel Valley Project Access, adjunct professor for East Los Angeles College (ELAC), and holds a board seat as a proud Husky with the ELAC Foundation and Alumni Association. With over 20 years of public policy, non-profit leadership, and community development. Over the course of her career, she has mobilized state-wide and district-wide efforts that support equity initiatives like food insecurity, LGBTQ+ initiatives, health nutrition education, HIV/AIDS prevention, the importance of family in college success, potential pathways to citizenship, homelessness, foster care, workforce management and development, mental health education and prevention.

To tackle the broad opportunities and challenges facing our communities, like urbanization, inequalities, intergenerational disadvantages, demographic shifts, environmental changes, and economically distressed neighborhoods, the Communities of San Gabriel Valley Project Access works to help eliminate barriers and create opportunities for change. We recognize that educational access and success continues to effect disproportionately communities of color. We also recognize that there is an interlink with several social determinants of health like nutritional standards, transportation, basic health care, housing, poverty, childcare, employment exclusions, the promotion of gender equality, and continued discrimination and criminalization of People of Color.

We believe that those facing systematic barriers have the best ideas to change them, and through this scholarship we hope to equalize opportunities and transform lives.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Applicants must be enrolled in a student success or student service equity program at ELAC and fall under the criteria listed below.
- Enrolled in a student success or student service equity program at ELAC
- Currently Enrolled in a minimum of 3 units
- GPA of 2.0

THE IDIK AGHAKHANIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$250)

Idik Aghakhanian will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, brother, father, grandfather, and friend. His legacy lives on in the hearts of all fortunate enough to be touched by his love. His unwavering love for friends, family, and community inspires us to cherish our relationships and hold our loved ones close, just as he did throughout his remarkable life.

Idik was the first in his family to finish college and earn a degree in accounting. His encyclopedic knowledge wasn't just about facts and figures; it reflected his deep love for understanding the world. Whether it was business, science, literature, history, or any other subject, Idik approached each topic with a sense of wonder and a desire to explore its nuances. His intellectual pursuits enriched not only his life but also the lives of those fortunate enough to engage in discussions with him. This scholarship has been established to assist East Los Angeles College (ELAC) students with two \$250 Scholarships (annually) enrolled and studying Business Administration.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- ELAC students must be studying in any of the following Business Administration Department disciplines; Accounting (preferred), Business, Finance, Management | Entrepreneurship, Marketing, & Supervision
- Students must be enrolled in at least six units
- Minimum of 2.0 GPA or better
- Complete Online Application
- Attach a recent copy of transcripts (unofficial accepted) for all your college work, including Spring 2025 courses
- Complete the supplemental Question (details noted below)

Supplemental Question
(500 words minimum)

In the application attachments, include a short essay to this prompt: "Who is your role model and why?"

THE RUDY & STEVE SALAS SCHOLARSHIP FOR MUSIC (\$500)

The East Los Angeles College Foundation in coordination with the Salas family (David Salas, Rita Daruvala, Steve Salas, Robert Salas, Richard Salas and Martha Salas) have come together to establish the Rudy Salas scholarship fund. This Scholarship is intended for students who are focused on music and its importance to the community.

Rudy Salas co-founded the super group Tierra with his brother Steve in 1972. Rudy, Steve and bandmates Joey Guerra, Andre Baeza, Phil Madayag, Steve Falomir, Bobby Navarrete, Bobby Loya and Mike Jimenez pioneered a sound that blended R&B, Latin, Rock and Jazz into unique, smooth, and soulful albums that propelled them to the top of the Billboard charts in 1980's with the hit songs "Together", "Gonna Find Her", "Memories", "La La Means I Love You" and Hidden Tears".

Tierra has the distinction of being the first Latin / American band to have impacted four national charts with two songs simultaneously charting in the Billboard Top 100. They have performed in prestigious venues and shows such as Carnegie Hall, The American Music Awards, American Bandstand, The Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and have toured internationally as well.

Rudy Salas was born on January 5, 1949, in Lincoln Heights to Mexican American parents Rudy Sr. and Margaret Salas. Although Rudy and Steve were not fluent in Spanish as children, they eventually picked up on Mexican folk ballads from their mother, and Rudy learned his first guitar chords from his uncle Art Brambila. The Salas brothers eventually began to hone their craft by performing at fiestas, local parties and church events in and around Lincoln Heights and East Los Angeles.

The early music of Tierra was highly influenced by the growing Civil Rights and Chicano Rights movements. Their debut album in 1973 reflected the sounds of a community amidst a wave of political and social consciousness. The brothers' commitment to causes within the community led to Tierra performances in hundreds of charitable events through the past five decades. At the twilight of his career, Rudy dedicated his life to producing and cultivating younger artists at Studio 2425 in Monterey Park which he shared with his son David Salas for almost 20 years. The Salas family intends to carry Rudy's work by cultivating new artists and serving the community through music. Rudy Salas passed away at age 71 due to Covid-19. The Salas family is honored to keep his legacy alive with the help of East Los Angeles College by giving this Scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- 2.7 GPA or higher
- Must be a California Resident
- Current ELAC Music Major

VARGAS-RODRIGUEZ COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP (\$250)

Vanessa Noemi Rodriguez was born on February 13, 1978 in East Los Angeles, Ca. She was raised in Whittier, Ca. and Monterey Park, Ca. For the past several years she lived in Montebello, Ca with her Daughters & her first Grandchild. Upon finishing Robert Hill Lane Elementary school, she was selected Valevictorian and was its key note speaker. She attended schools in Whittier, Montebello and went to Mark Keppel High School in Monterey Park. A great Dodger fan she enjoyed working for the Dodgers at their stadium and was popular with many fans and fellow employees. She was known to be caring, kind, funny and helpful to all including strangers she met. She overcame some opposition from LA County Children's Services, but she took it upon herself to open her doors to caring for countless children who lived with her for months at a time, of different relatives and friends who were going thru difficult times. Following her caring history she would be proud, grateful and honored that a scholarship is given in her name to a HS student attending ELAC. Just as proud are her Daughters, her surviving family including her Sisters, Brothers and countless cousins and friends who have fond memories of Vanessa.

Edward Vargas was born February 5th 1977. He was born in Los Angeles County and raised in East Los Angeles and Monterey Park. He attended Garfield high school and Mark Keppel High School. He enjoyed playing for the school football team of Garfield HS. There were two events in his life, of which him and his family are very proud. One was a tattoo removal service and the other was a drug counseling program, which greatly benefited many inmates of a California state correctional facility. These programs were approved by the state of California.

He leaves a proud family, his Mother, Sisters, Brother, his Son and countless nephews and nieces. He would be grateful and very honored for the opportunity to provide a scholarship for a high school student attending ELAC on his behalf.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Open to all majors
- Minimum GPA: 2.5
- Must have completed at least 12 credit hours at East Los Angeles College (ELAC)
- Submit a 500-word essay based on one of the prompts below

Edward Albert Vargas Scholarship Section

Theme: Recovery • Family
• Addiction • Service

1. Social & Psychological Factors of Addiction:

What are the most significant social and psychological factors contributing to addiction? How can individuals and communities work together to address these issues?

2. Family and Recovery:

What role does the family play in both addiction and recovery? Discuss how family dynamics can impact substance abuse and the healing process.



3. Policy and Recovery:

What role do government policies play in combating addiction? How effective are these policies in helping individuals recover?

4. Faith-Based Approaches to Recovery:

How can a faith-based approach support addiction recovery? Explore the effectiveness of spiritual or religious programs in helping individuals overcome addiction.

5. Education and Addiction Counseling Careers:

How can colleges and educational institutions prepare students for careers in addiction counseling? Discuss the importance of training and education in guiding individuals toward recovery.

**Vanessa Noemi Rodriguez
Scholarship Section**

Theme: Children • Family •
Foster Care • Advocacy

1. Family Reunification in Foster Care:

When reunification with family is the goal, how can positive family relationships benefit the child? Provide examples of how supportive family ties aid the child's emotional and developmental well-being.

2. A Child's Perspective in Foster Care:

Write from the viewpoint of a child in foster care. What are their hopes for reuniting with their family? How can extended family members play a role in supporting the child during this time?

3. The Role of Social Work in Foster Care Success:

How can effective and compassionate social work lead to safe, healthy, and supportive placements for children—whether with biological family or relatives? How does this impact a child's academic achievement, emotional health, and social skills?

VENTURA FAMILY STUDENT EQUITY SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

Bryan C. Ventura began his career at East Los Angeles College (ELAC) in 2013, one of the nine colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District. Since joining the district, Mr. Ventura has held every position in Institutional Research from Assistant Research Analyst, Research Analyst, Associate Dean, and Dean. Most recently, as the Dean of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Advancement at ELAC, Mr. Ventura oversees institutional research, planning, professional development, distance education, a Title V grant, and learning assessment. Mr. Ventura also teaches as an adjunct faculty for the Child, Family, and Education Studies department at ELAC.

At ELAC, Mr. Ventura has led the implementation of college activities with a student-centered approach and equity lens. He has worked tirelessly as a voting member on nearly every shared governance committee and on several initiative workgroups. Mr. Ventura's impact expands beyond ELAC. He joined the R.P. Group Board in July 2020 and represents the Los Angeles County region. As an R.P. Board member, Mr. Ventura has engaged and led equity-minded and anti-racist efforts to transform the Institutional Research field across California Community Colleges. Mr. Ventura believes that research can help institutions become more equitable and just, and strives to produce high quality, reliable, and practical research to advance student equity and success. Mr. Ventura has studied education for over 10 years and has served in various education-related roles, including education advocate, education program evaluator, teaching assistant, alternative school program coordinator, and afterschool tutor. Mr. Ventura considers himself a data-geek and enjoys analyzing both qualitative (non-numbers) and quantitative (numerical) data related to education. He earned a B.A. in Social Sciences at the University of California, Irvine, and his M.A. in Education with an emphasis on Race and Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. Mr. Ventura began a PhD program in Urban Education at the University of California, Los Angeles and hopes to complete the program in the near future.

In addition to his exceptional track record, Mr. Ventura has served as role model, leader, and mentor for his colleagues, staff, and students. What makes Mr. Ventura special is his commitment to making this world a better place and giving opportunities to those who have been minoritized and marginalized. Mr. Ventura has a huge heart, sees the best in everyone, and never fails to make someone laugh.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Open to all ELAC Students
- \$500 per student
- Students must be enrolled in at least six units
- Students must meet 2.5 GPA minimum
- Essay and essay subject: Describe how your education will allow you to give back to your community.

VINCE CARLO MORETTI GRIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (\$500)

The Engineering & Technologies department is offering an E&T student with the Vincent Carlo Moretti GRIT Scholarship Award. Mr. Vince C. Moretti represented what our E&T department's mission is all about, which is a belief that hard work and diligence have a moral benefit in society, and that passion for your field of study and a servant's heart strengthens character and individual abilities. The Vincent Carlo Moretti GRIT Scholarship will be awarded to an E&T student who has shown true GRIT. A student with true GRIT means one who tends to stick to their goals despite numerous issues, problems, setbacks, and failures. True GRIT means the person has firmness of mind and unyielding courage. The Engineering & Technologies department is offering an E&T student with the Juan Martinez Outstanding Service Scholarship Award. Mr. Juan Martinez represented what our E&T department's mission is all about, which is a belief that hard work and diligence have a moral benefit in society, and that passion for your field of study and a servant's heart strengthens character and individual abilities. The Juan Martinez Outstanding Service Scholarship Award will be awarded to the E&T student that has demonstrated passion for their field of study while serving their communities. Having passion for your work instills motivation to pursue excellence and therefore enhancements in one's technical skills. In addition, having a servant's heart means to not only put other's needs ahead of your own, but to serve with purpose and with kindness without expecting anything in return.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Engineering & Technologies
- GPA: 2.8 or higher
- Personal Essay (need)
- One Recommendation Letter