



# Mammoth Lakes Foundation

## Dave's Scholar Transfer Scholarship

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation recognizes that many of our scholarship students pursue study at Cerro Coso with the intention of completing a 4-year degree after obtaining their A.A. We understand that the cost of tuition, as well as living expenses, is quite prohibitive for students leaving Mono County and this scholarship is intended to alleviate that burden for an exceptional Dave's Scholar.

The Dave's Scholar transfer scholarship represents a significant undertaking and financial investment by the Mammoth Lakes Foundation to further our mission of supporting higher education and cultural enrichment. The selected student must demonstrate a capacity to excel in their continued studies and understand that they continue to represent the Mammoth Lakes Foundation locally and in the wider world.

We encourage all of our students, but especially prospective transfer scholarship awardees, to become familiar with and take advantage of such programs as the UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) and Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) programs.

### Award:

The scholarship funds tuition for one student, up to \$10,000 per year for two years at any California State University (CSU) campus, the University of Nevada Reno (UNR), a University of California (UC) campus or a private, accredited college or university (maximum award of \$20,000). The student is expected to complete their Bachelor's degree within the two-year timeframe.

If the award is not sufficient to entirely fund tuition at the chosen institution, the student should have adequate additional financing (other scholarships, grants, etc.) to ensure that tuition is fully funded.

The awardee must also submit a plan, including a budget, for living expenses specific to the area where they will be matriculating. We encourage all students to consider living arrangements and expense as they prepare their applications for transfer.

### Eligibility:

Students who have spent at least 2 semesters at Cerro Coso, Mammoth Lakes campus, as recipients of the Mammoth Lakes Foundation scholarship (Dave's Scholars) in good standing are eligible to apply. Recipients of the Rotary Scholarship are not eligible to receive both scholarships.

The award is intended to be presented at Commencement in the Spring, but Fall graduates from the prior semester may also apply.

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### Criteria and application:

Dave's Scholars must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 and complete weekly check-ins at the Learning Resource Center (LRC) to remain Dave's Scholars. Students must also attend all MLF brunches and scheduled check-ins (typically 2/semester).

10 hours of volunteer/community service per semester is expected of Dave's Scholars. While there is flexibility under Covid-19 restrictions and distance learning, we expect students to demonstrate a willingness and capacity to give back to the community that's supporting them as part of the scholarship.

To be eligible for the transfer scholarship, Dave's Scholars must be in good academic standing with both Cerro Coso Community College and the Mammoth Lakes Foundation and have been accepted for transfer at a 4-year institution. Students must have a minimum 3.25 GPA to be considered for the scholarship, and coursework and grades will weigh heavily in the selection process.

An online application will be available in March (tent.). After an initial screening to determine eligibility based on GPA and check-ins, applicants will participate in a personal interview with a committee comprised of MLF and Cerro Coso staff, board members, and donors. The final award is contingent upon cumulative GPA at the end of the student's final semester at Cerro Coso.

Upon matriculating at another institution, students must continue to maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA and must check in with MLF staff to review their academic plan at matriculation, and to review their progress at the completion of each semester. Students are also expected to provide a minimum of 10 hours of volunteer service to MLF for each of the two years they receive the transfer scholarship. This service may include, but is not limited to, attending MLF donor events, writing personal thank you notes to MLF donors, mentoring Dave's Scholars, and general office assistance.

### Funding:

The initial scholarship award will be funded by restricted scholarship funds of \$45,323.61, balance 12/13/2020<sup>i</sup>. The Foundation will fundraise specifically for this new initiative, with the ability to make new awards contingent upon continued funding. Ormat has indicated their willingness to continue overall scholarship support at \$15,000/year which will assist in covering the costs. They are aware of this new program and may be interested in a naming opportunity associated with it. Ormat and/or SCE could also be approached about their interest in funding an additional STEM-specific scholarship.



Contract:

The scholarship recipient will be required to sign and abide by contract terms similar to those put forth in the Rotary Club Scholarship agreement.

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<sup>1</sup> Additional funds from year-end campaigns were received after this date.



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## **APPLICATION FOR 2022 TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP**

**Deadline:** Please submit this application to Elizabeth Root, Scholarship Coordinator at the Mammoth Lakes Foundation ([elizabeth@mammothlakesfoundation.org](mailto:elizabeth@mammothlakesfoundation.org)) no later than **5:00 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2022.**

**Eligibility:** Students who have spent at least 2 semesters as Dave's Scholars in good standing with the Mammoth Lakes Foundation and Cerro Coso Community College – Mammoth campus graduating with an Associate's degree in May 2022, or who graduated in December 2021 may apply. Recipients of the Rotary scholarship are not eligible to receive both scholarships.

Student GPA (3.25 minimum preferred), coursework, and LRC and MLF check-ins will weigh heavily in the selection process. Selected applicants will participate in a personal interview with a committee comprised of MLF and Cerro Coso staff, board members, and donors. Final award is contingent upon cumulative GPA and successful completion of the Associate's degree.

**Award:** The scholarship recipient will be announced at Cerro Coso Commencement, currently scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2022 (subject to change). The scholarship funds tuition for one student, up to \$10,000 per year for two years at any California State University (CSU) campus, the University of Nevada Reno (UNR), a University of California (UC) campus or another public or private, accredited college or university. Maximum award of \$20,000. The student is expected to complete their Bachelor's degree within the two-year timeframe. The recipient will be required to sign and abide by a contract outlining all terms of the scholarship.

### **Student information:**

Name:

Mailing Address:

Cerro Coso Email:

Personal Email:

Contact Phone:

Current GPA:

Major:

Graduation Date:



*Please answer the following essay questions:*

1.) Where have you been accepted for further study, and how will this scholarship specifically assist you in pursuing your four-year degree there? What are your academic and personal goals for the next two years? *Please answer in 250-300 words.*

2.) What do you most value about your experience as a Dave's Scholar? Why? Are there things you wish you had done differently in your time at Cerro Coso? How will you apply those lessons in your pursuit of further education? *Please answer in 300-400 words.*

3.) The Mammoth Lakes Foundation exists today because of the generosity and service of Dave and Roma McCoy and their friends, and donors who honor their legacy by investing in students like you. What would you say to these benefactors if you had the chance to meet them, and how will you continue their legacy in the future? *Please answer in 300-400 words.*