



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 12/13/2020ⁱ. 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.

¹ Additional funds from year-end campaigns were received after this date.