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California Community Colleges Chancellor Urges Students to Renew DACA Status and Apply for the Mission Asset Fund \$495 DACA Renewal Scholarship by September 29

Total scholarship funding increased to \$3 million

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California Community Colleges Chancellor [Eloy Ortiz Oakley](#) issued the following statement to urge students to renew their Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status and apply for the DACA renewal scholarship before the September 29 deadline:

“The California Community Colleges system is thrilled with the announcement that the Mission Asset Fund’s DACA Renewal Scholarship Fund has tripled to \$3,000,000—enough to help 6,000 Dreamers renew their DACA permits by the September 29 deadline. This vital additional funding will help our students cover the \$495 renewal fee that comes at an important time as the deadline to renew DACA status is October 5 – one week before the deadline to apply for the scholarship. We encourage all of our eligible community college students to apply for the renewal scholarship this week before the two deadlines to ensure they continue to receive the education they deserve.

More than 5,000 scholarship applications have been submitted nationwide since the fund was created on September 13, with 900 coming from California community college students, making this the largest scholarship fund of its kind in the country.

We applaud the Mission Asset Fund for making additional scholarships available to our state’s DACA students. This assistance will provide the needed financial assistance for California Dreamers to file their renewal.”

Those interested in applying for the \$495 scholarship opportunity should visit <http://lc4daca.org> to learn more and complete the online application. Scholarship applicants will need to complete a short questionnaire and provide their EAD card (work permit) with an expiration date of on or before March 5, 2018 to qualify for the financial aid. Scholarship applications will be processed the same day they are submitted and once a student has qualified, checks for \$495 made out to the Department of Homeland Security will be made available the same day in the San Francisco area and by overnight mail in other parts of the state.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 114 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce

training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year universities. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/>.

The California Community Colleges "I Can Afford College" campaign is a statewide, financial aid awareness initiative sponsored by state of California. The purpose of the campaign is to educate current and prospective students about the year-round availability of financial aid at California's 114 community colleges to pay for fees, books, supplies and sometimes even help with the rent. Since the campaign launched in April 2004, more than two million people have visited the icanaffordcollege.com website and the number of community college students receiving some type of financial aid has increased by 70 percent.

The DACA Renewal Scholarship is a dedicated fund established specifically to help California community college, California State University and University of California students pay for the \$495 DACA renewal fee. It is funded by the Weingart Foundation and supported by Mission Asset Fund, the Irvine Foundation, Tipping Point Community, The Chavez Family Foundation and San Francisco Foundation.

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E-mail: pdorr@cccoco.edu**Los Colegios Comunitarios de California incitan a estudiantes a que renueven su estadía de DACA y a que apliquen a la beca de Mission Asset Fund de \$495 antes de 29 de septiembre***El sumo de becas aumenta a \$3 millones en total*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – El canciller de los Colegios Comunitarios de California, Eloy Ortiz Oakley, emitió la siguiente declaración para incitar a los estudiantes a renovar su condición de Acción Diferida por Llegadas de Infancia (DACA) y solicitar la beca de renovación DACA antes de la fecha límite del 29 de septiembre:

"Los Colegios Comunitarios de California están emocionados con el anuncio que el fondo de becas de renovación DACA del *Mission Asset Fund* se ha triplicado a \$ 3,000,000, suficiente para ayudar a 6,000 Soñadores a renovar sus permisos de DACA antes del 29 de septiembre. Este importante fondo adicional que ayudará a los estudiantes a cubrir la cuota de renovación de \$ 495 llega en un momento importante, ya que el plazo para renovar el estatus de DACA es este 5 de octubre, una semana antes de la fecha límite para solicitar la beca. Invitamos a todos nuestros estudiantes de colegios comunitarios elegibles a solicitar la beca de renovación esta semana antes de los dos plazos para asegurar que sigan recibiendo la educación que merecen.

Más de 5,000 solicitudes de becas han sido presentadas a nivel nacional desde que el fondo fue creado el 13 de septiembre, de las cuales 900 proceden de estudiantes de los colegios comunitarios de California, convirtiéndolo en uno de los fondos de becas más grande en el país.

Aplaudimos a *Mission Asset Fund* por otorgar becas adicionales a los estudiantes de DACA de nuestro estado. Esta asistencia proveerá la ayuda financiera necesaria para que los Soñadores de California presenten su renovación.”

Aquellos interesados en solicitar la de beca de \$ 495 deben visitar <http://lc4daca.org> para obtener más información y completar la solicitud en línea. Los solicitantes de becas deberán completar un breve cuestionario y proporcionar su tarjeta EAD (permiso de trabajo) con fecha de vencimiento en o antes del 5 de marzo de 2018 para calificar para la ayuda financiera. Las solicitudes de becas serán procesadas el mismo día en que se presenten y una vez que el estudiante se haya calificado, los cheques de \$ 495 hechos al Departamento de Seguridad Nacional estarán disponible el mismo día en el área de San Francisco y por correo nocturno en otras partes del estado.

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