

CCS FOUNDATION  
FOUNDED IN 1972

The heart of the CCS Foundation is the belief that all students deserve access to a quality, affordable education. We create opportunities to ensure our students achieve their dreams of education, training and successful careers.

# BUILDING BRIGHT TOMORROWS

Spokane Community College • Spokane Falls Community College



**Community Colleges of Spokane  
Foundation**

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*\$0.99 of every dollar donated goes directly to scholarships and program support.*

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## CHRIS'S STORY

Chris is a disabled veteran living on disability payments of \$133/month. At this time last year, he was homeless, living in his truck in the Walmart parking lot with his cat and dog. Through the help of the Homeless Veterans program, he got connected with resources at SFCC to go back to school. To do homework, he used free Wi-Fi in the McDonald's parking lot, and he showered at the school during the week.

Chris received the Touch the Future Scholarship, which provides full tuition and books to our most deserving students. His first quarter was a struggle, but with the help of the SFCC Veterans Resource Center and the Foundation, he was able to get stable housing and food stamps. By his second quarter, he was getting a 4.0 in all his classes.

Chris says that school is what keeps him going in life. He is getting ready to graduate this spring and then will enroll in the Bachelor's of Applied Management program at SFCC with the eventual goal of completing his Master's degree at Whitworth. His journey is truly an example of never giving up, despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles.



## ANGEL'S STORY

Angel had been a commercial truck driver in California for 26 years when he went through an unexpected and devastating layoff. In Angel's words, the layoff "hurt my heart, my mind, my soul, my will." He and his wife moved to Spokane, but because Angel had never completed school, he could not qualify for his Washington State CDL.

Angel enrolled in Adult Basic Education at SCC and began working towards a GED. When his eyeglasses were accidentally broken, though, he could not afford to replace them. Without them, he was not able to see his study materials.

Luckily, his instructors sent him to the Foundation, and we were able to help Angel purchase a new pair of glasses. Since then, he has continued to make great progress towards his GED and says that his goal is to make the Foundation and our donors proud. Once he passes his GED, Angel is hoping to enroll in the baking program at SCC. Sometimes something as simple as a pair of glasses can be the difference between a student dropping out or staying in school.



### APPLICANT SNAPSHOT 2016 of 1400 applications received



**865 Non-Traditional Students**



**677 Plan to Attend a 4-Year College**



**651 First-Generation Students**



**614 Currently Employed**



**286 Single Parents**



**141 Currently or Formerly Homeless**



**125 ESL (English as Second Language)**



**42 Current or Former Foster Children**

**The CCS Foundation awards over \$550,000 in traditional scholarships to more than 400 students annually. We give an additional \$60,000 in emergency funds to over 2,000 students annually.**

# AT A GLANCE

## BUT WE CAN'T HELP EVERYONE...

While the CCS Foundation helps over 400 students with scholarships each year, the need is greater than what we are able to provide. Last year, more than 1,400 students applied for those 400 scholarships.

Lexi is working toward her A.A. at Spokane Community College so she can transfer to Eastern Washington University's Dental Hygiene program. Despite working 32 hours a week, going to school full time and raising two young children, Lexi maintains a 3.73 GPA. Her husband works 40 hours at a night job and is trying to make a home business successful during the day, all while taking care of their children during the times Lexi is at work or school.

Lexi tries to spend as much time as she can with her family and says, "When my daughter is having a rough day and doesn't want me to leave I try to tell her that I'm working and going to school to try and give her a better life."

Unfortunately, due to lack of funds, Lexi was not selected for a scholarship this year. But with your help, we can fund more deserving students, like Lexi, in the future.

**Over 200 students with a GPA of at least 3.8 who applied for a scholarship went unfunded.**

**Over 200 single parents who applied went unfunded.**

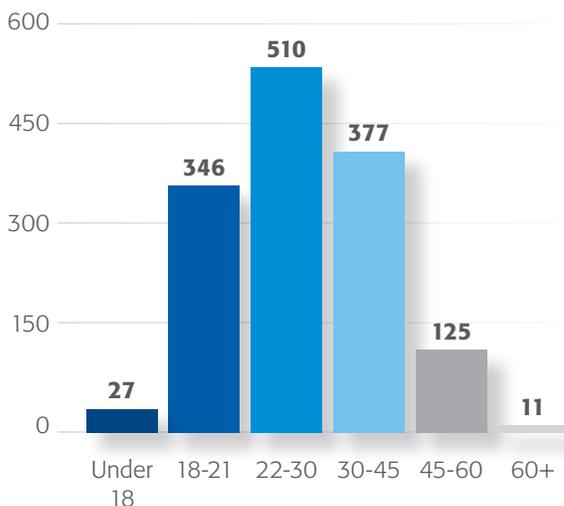
**Over 600 non-traditional students went unfunded.**

**Over 500 first generation students went unfunded.**

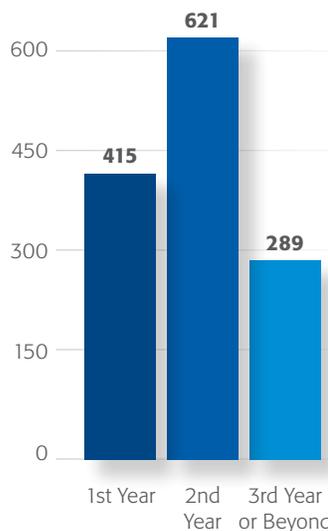


**We provide hundreds of emergency scholarships each year, worth over \$60,000, for basic necessities such as rent, utilities, eyeglasses, hearing aids, transportation, class supplies (like welding gloves), childcare, medical bills, groceries and much more.**

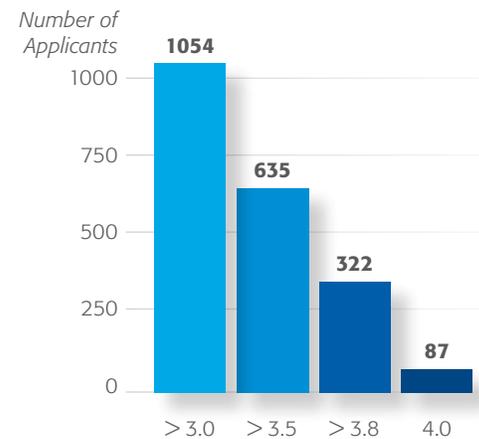
**AGE** (scholarship applicants)



**YEAR IN SCHOOL** (scholarship applicants)



**GPA** (scholarship applicants)



## GET INVOLVED

Visit our website to learn more about our scholarships and read stories from scholarship recipients [www.ccsfoundation.org](http://www.ccsfoundation.org)  
For more information, contact the CCS Foundation at 509-434-5123 or [foundation@ccs.spokane.edu](mailto:foundation@ccs.spokane.edu)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Scholarships

Supporting students is at the core of everything the Foundation does. We are proud to have awarded \$2.2 million in scholarships to 10,000 students over the last 5 years. Helping students in eastern Washington achieve their educational goals is our top priority.

### Emergency Scholarships

For many students, unexpected life events can alter their course and throw their educational journey off track. Emergency scholarships help ensure that the hiccups in life won't deter a promising student from completing their education and becoming a productive member of our local community. In the past year, we have helped students with a wide range of emergency aid from helping with transportation to testing fees, rent to hygiene items, eyeglasses to hearing aids. The Foundation is committed to helping students succeed academically – and often that means providing basic needs.

### Program Support

In addition to student scholarships, the Foundation is proud to give back to CCS through a wide range of special projects, grants and program support. Even if you're not a student, there's a good chance Foundation programs benefit you or someone you know. From staff awards to curriculum enhancement, we are honored to support our fantastic students, faculty, staff and community.

### Planned Giving

Gifts of cash, securities, personal property or real estate are instrumental in ensuring the future of the CCS Foundation and have an immediate, positive impact on critical areas of need at CCS. Some potential donors may have concerns about the implications of an appreciable gift on their financial security, and planned giving is a good option to alleviate these concerns while ensuring a legacy for the future. Several types of gifts fall under this category, including bequests and life income gifts, such as charitable remainder trusts.

### Emerging Needs Endowment

Through the Emerging Needs Endowment, the CCS Foundation seeks to build a long-term financial resource that will strengthen the overall fiscal health of SCC and SFCC, provide support for areas of greatest need on our campuses, and assist students in their quest to improve their lives through education.

## OTHER FOUNDATION INITIATIVES

### CCS Alumni Association

When you study at and graduate from one of our colleges, you become a partner with CCS for life. Our Alumni Association is a great way to maintain this relationship. Managed through the Foundation, the Alumni Association builds and fosters ongoing relationships with alumni while supporting and promoting CCS' mission by advancing higher education.

### Spruce Up for Success

Once a quarter, the Foundation partners with The Arc Thrift Store for Spruce Up for Success events. We bring together all the career resources students need in one place for a one-stop, career shop event. From personal stylists and job search tips to resume reviews and LinkedIn photo shoots, Spruce Up for Success helps get students career and workforce ready.



## ANNUAL EVENTS

### SipSwirl&Savor

This annual wine dinner and auction features a gourmet, four-course dinner prepared by students and faculty from SCC's Inland Northwest Culinary Academy. Award-winning wines complement each course, and live and silent auctions raise funds to benefit the Foundation and Inland Northwest Culinary Academy.

### Bigfoot Golf Classic

Every summer, a sold-out field of golfers and outstanding Foundation fans and sponsors help raise needed support for the Foundation and CCS athletics at the annual Bigfoot Golf Classic. This fun afternoon of golf, barbecue and great tee prizes is held the second Friday in June at Downriver Golf Course, home of the CCS Golf Team.



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