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El Camino College Compton Center Reminds High School Seniors, College-Bound Students of March 2 Deadline to Apply for Financial Aid

El Camino College Compton Center offers a reminder that the deadline for applying for a Cal Grant is Thursday, March 2, 2017. A Cal Grant is one of the best ways to get cash for college—it is a cash award that you don't have to pay back! Depending on the type of grant a student receives, the money can be used for tuition, books or supplies.

Students are encouraged to apply for financial aid to get cash for college, even if they think they may not be eligible. Federal Pell Grants for eligible students can be worth up to a maximum of \$5,920 for the 2017-18 academic year.

The first step in gaining access to financial aid is to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. One application is all that is needed to apply for both state and federal grants. And, there is more good news. Beginning with the 2017-18 FAFSA, applicants may apply using 2015 income tax information, rather than having to wait to use information from 2016 tax returns. It is important that students apply by the March 2 deadline in order to receive financial aid for the fall 2017 semester.

For more information about financial aid, and to get assistance with the application process, contact the El Camino College Compton Center Financial Aid Office, Room E-17, at 310- 900-1600, Ext. 2935.

About El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA.

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