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Compton College to Host Cash for College Fair to Help Students Apply for Financial Aid

Compton College will host a Cash for College Fair on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Vocational Technology Building. This event includes hands-on assistance with the application for financial aid and an informational presentation on financial aid and scholarships.

Local high school seniors, foster youth and college-bound students are encouraged to apply for financial aid today to get cash for college, even if they think they may not be eligible. Research shows that while hundreds of thousands of California's community college students are eligible for Federal Pell Grants, most do not apply. Amounts can change annually, and the award amount for 2017-18 was up to \$5,920 each.

Parents and students are invited to the Cash for College Fair where there will be free online computer assistance and expert guidance with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as well as the California Dream Act Application. Information will also be provided for non-resident students (AB 540). Assistance and information will be provided in English and Spanish.

The Cash for College Fair is open to the public, and those attending are asked to bring their Social Security numbers or permanent resident cards, a parent's Social Security number, if applicable; their 2016 federal income tax return or W-2 forms; and public assistance aid information (TANF, SNAP, SSI, Unemployment and/or General Relief). Students are also asked to have their parents attend with them. This year, applicants may complete the 2018-19 FAFSA using 2016 income tax information, rather than having to wait to use information from 2017 tax returns.

The FAFSA deadline is March 2, and students must apply by then in order to be considered for Cal Grant A, B, and C eligibility for the 2018 award year. Students who do not meet the March 2 application deadline will have limited access to financial aid options.

For more information about this event, please call the Compton College Financial Aid Office at 310-900-1600, ext. 2925 or send an email to ggamino@elcamino.edu.

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About Compton College

Compton College 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. Compton College is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.