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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 financial aid via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free and quick, and it provides students access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college. The FAFSA determines eligibility for state and federal grants, as well as additional school aid. Grants are one of the best ways to get cash for college— they are cash awards 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 \$5,775 each year. Research shows that while hundreds of thousands of California's community college students are eligible for federal grants, most do not apply. According to a recent study, \$2.9 billion in federal grant money went unclaimed by high school graduates in the last year!

The first step in gaining access to financial aid is to fill out the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. It is important that students apply by the March 2 deadline in order to receive financial aid for the fall 2016 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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