

**Community College Promise Legislative Conference Panel Presentation**  
**Implementation Strategy for Mt. San Antonio College**  
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*What is the profile of students who would have their fees paid by College Promise grants?*

Analysis ([attached](#)) of Mt. SAC students not receiving BOG Fee Waivers. Compared to all credit students, the College Promise students represent:

- A higher percentage of males—a 7% gain for males and 7% decrease for females
- A younger population—age 19 or less increases from 28% of all credit students to 42% of Promise students
- A higher percentage of Asians (up from 19% to 33%) and lower for Latinos/as (down from 63% to 48%)
- A higher income (with more listed as unknown income)
- A significantly higher rank order for students living in Walnut and Diamond Bar
- Highest rank for Walnut, Diamond Bar, and Rowland High Schools students who would not pay fees

Conclusion: These are not the Mt. SAC students who are most challenged to complete college.

*Given that College Promise funds can support students facing financial barriers to staying in school and completing their educational plans, what are those barriers?*

Analysis of financial barriers to completion faced by Mt. SAC Students:

1. Unmet FAFSA-verified need not covered by BOG and Pell
2. Textbooks. This includes paying the book loan cost and establishing textbook libraries in cohort support programs (Aspire, etc.) and success centers (TERC, etc.).
3. Tuition waiver for those with need but not BOG eligible, particularly non-AB 540 undocumented students and those not eligible because of GPA below 2.0.
4. Emergency loans/grants and bridge loans/grants. Examples:
  - Food Insecurity. This includes vouchers for Sodexo and partner restaurants and markets.
  - Emergency Housing. This includes arrangements with local hotels/motels for an overnight stay to get a student out of a situation of potential physical threat. It includes loans to avert eviction when a reasonable source of future income is available.
  - Child Care. Single parents, particularly mothers, who do not have the resources or support network to provide competent, affordable child care.
  - Transportation. This includes helping needy students by paying the Class Pass bus fee, subsidizing Parking Permits, and emergency loans for car repair.
5. Support for those without technology particularly laptop loaners.

Conclusion: Mt. SAC will implement the Community College Promise by funding the above financial barriers to student completion.

NOTE: See the [TICAS report](#) for a compelling study of unmet financial need for California Community College students.