

# AB19 ‘The California College Promise Scholarship’

## Las Positas College

There has been misinformation disseminated about this bill by the media, and there are many misconceptions by the public and our students. Please read for a current accurate update.

AB19 was approved by the governor on October 13, 2017. There is no mandate that a college must use these appropriated funds for the sole purpose of providing a Promise Program to all first time full-time students (A Promise Program provides all first time full-time students with a fee waiver for one year.) The actual provisions of the program were not fully described in media coverage. AB19 allows districts to decide what is best for their students, whether that is to cover fees for first time, full-time students or make use of program funding in other ways that meet the goals of the legislation. Each district and each college may implement the California College Promise (AB19) in different ways.

Las Positas College has chosen to utilize the AB19 funds to support students with financial need in other meaningful ways. We have chosen to utilize a large portion of our funds to provide ‘Promise Scholarships’ to a defined group of students who have demonstrated financial need, but who have limited access to direct financial aid grants. These students are offered \$600/semester if enrolled in 12 units or \$450/semester if they are enrolled in 9 units to be used to purchase books or help with any other educationally-related expenses.

### Criteria for the Promise Scholarship

Students must:

- be enrolled in at least 9 units, of which at least 6 units of enrollment are at Las Positas College
- have submitted a FAFSA or DREAM application which is complete
- receive a Promise Grant Fee Waiver
- not be in ‘Disqualified’ status for financial aid
- demonstrate an Expected Family Contribution greater than ‘3100’ based on the FAFSA/DREAM Application results,
- have at least \$600 in remaining unmet financial need

Even though LPC is not offering a ‘Promise Program’ to waive enrollment fees of all first time full-time students, it is important to note that the Promise Grant Fee Waiver Program is fully available to provide a fee waiver to all financial aid applicants who have sufficient unmet financial need. LPC encourages all of our students to file a FAFSA or a DREAM Application. Based on the results LPC will determine if you qualify for a fee waiver for the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 school year, along with the Promise Scholarship and other sources of financial aid. If your FAFSA or DREAM application results indicate you have sufficient unmet financial need and you are a California resident or you have established AB540 status, you will automatically be provided a fee waiver under this fee waiver program!

**For questions and more information contact:**

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Form details are subject to change.  
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