



The student debt and wage stagnation are at an all-time high. The Federal Reserve estimates that national student loan debt reached \$1.67 trillion in June 2020. St. Louis Community College (STLCC) provides students with affordable educational options, but 49% of students apply for financial assistance. STLCC provided \$30 million in financial aid in 2019, yet the unmet need remains significant.

Current Unmet Student Assistance Need

- **\$40 million** of unmet financial need
- **\$5,159 average unmet need** per financial aid applicant
- **12-15% students** in need of food assistance
- **185 students** are considered homeless

St. Louis Community College seeks to improve student persistence, retention, graduation and placement rates by **investing in student support programs** and **reducing the financial burden for students**. We help our students through graduation and beyond by **strengthening our key student services and community partnerships** that help students stay in school and develop **clear pathways to regional employers**.

STLCC Student Support Programs:

- Scholarships and financial aid
 - Recruitment, retention, back on track and experiential learning scholarships
- Transfer credits
- High school dual-enrollment and dual-credit partnerships offered at 22 school districts and two private high schools
- Expanded career development services
- Wrap-around student services
 - Childcare
 - Domestic violence support
 - Energy assistance
 - Food access assistance
 - Housing
 - Job coaching
 - Legal services
 - Mental health services

Featured Partners

- **Emerson** established the Emerson STEM Academy at our Florissant Valley campus.
- **Express Scripts Scholarship Fund** has supported STLCC students majoring in STEM, Business, Education or Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs or students who have successfully completed St. Louis Community College Boot Camps or developmental education courses.
- **Ameren** has invested in our Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit program.
- **WS Anheuser Foundation** supports food assistance at Florissant Valley and Forest Park.

Through the *Opportunity for All Campaign*,

our goal is to raise \$5 million for scholarships and student assistance. We invite industry partners and employers to partner with STLCC to support student success directly. Join us to help transform the lives of students and their families. Outright gifts, corporate gifts, planned gifts, new or increased endowments – every contribution and partnership will further the end goal of a stronger STLCC for students and our community.

To learn more about the partnership opportunities with STLCC, please contact Jo-Ann Digman, Executive Director of the STLCC Foundation at 314.539.5358 or jdigman1@stlcc.edu.

We are grateful to our partners for their contributions to the student support programs:

- Ameren
- Assistance League of St. Louis
- BJC HealthCare
- Brentwood Travel
- Christian Hospital
- Delta Dental
- Dollar General
- Emerson
- Express Scripts
- FIRE Retiree's
- Gateway to Innovation
- Gene Haas Foundation
- Goldman Sachs
- Grainger Tools for Tomorrow Scholarship Fund
- Incarnate Word Foundation
- Kwame Foundation "Jack Thomson Endowed Scholarship Fund"
- Maritz Global Studies
- Martiz Employee Endowed Scholarship
- MidAmerica Transplant Grant and Scholarship Program
- MOHELA
- Mysun
- Nationwide
- Pott Foundation
- Saint Louis Trade Compliance Practitioners Roundtable
- The Grainger Foundation
- Trio Foundation
- UMB Endowed Scholarship
- UPS
- Wildwood Lions Club
- Women's Connection Network
- WS Anheuser Foundation

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