

MOORPARK COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT NOVEMBER 2025



BASIC NEEDS SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

Formalized Basic Needs efforts took shape through Assembly Bill 132 (2021), which mandated the establishment of Basic Needs Centers and Coordinators across all California Community Colleges. By the summer of 2022, programs had built momentum through prior planning, statewide legislation, and lessons learned during the pandemic. According to a recent #realcollege survey, **53% of Moorpark College students** who responded stated they are food insecure. **26% stated** using our Basic Needs services. **50% said they relied on MC services for housing support.** You can find out more data on the [Real College California 2025 Moorpark College Survey dashboard](#).

MOORPARK COLLEGE RAIDER CENTRAL

Raider Central was initially established in 2023 to address food insecurity. Since then, it has expanded into a comprehensive Basic Needs Center, removing barriers to both academic achievement and overall well-being. Today, the center provides a wide array of support including nutritious food, hygiene essentials, housing navigation, emergency aid, and personalized referrals, serving students enrolled in both credit and noncredit coursework to ensure equitable access to essential resources that promote stability, persistence, and completion.

The Center's impact continues to grow at a remarkable pace. As of mid-Fall 2025, Raider Central is averaging over **1,333 student visits per week**, representing a **69% increase from the Spring 2025 weekly average of 788 visits**. If this upward trend continues, **Fall 2025 is projected to surpass 20,000 total visits**, marking the highest service volume to date and underscoring Raider Central's growing role as an essential hub for student support and retention.



RAIDER CENTRAL
BASIC NEEDS

SPRING
2025
788
Visits
per week
(average)

MID-FALL
2025
1333
Visits
per week
(average)

TOTAL
VISITS
FALL 2025
20,000
(Projected)

[RAIDER CENTRAL VIDEO](#)

[RAIDER CENTRAL BASIC NEEDS WEBSITE](#)



RAIDER CENTRAL PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- **Student Food Pantry:**
Open five days a week with grab-and-go meals and groceries for home-prepared dishes.
- **Special Tuesdays:**
Partnership with Food Share of Ventura County providing fresh produce, bread, and other nutritious staples.
- **Hygiene & Personal Care:**
Toiletries, menstrual products, and household cleaning supplies.
- **Raider Closet:**
Casual clothing essentials for students in need.
- **After-Hours Lockers:**
Secure food and supply pickup option outside regular hours.
- **Diaper & Wipes Assistance:**
Support for student parents.
- **School Supplies:**
Frequently requested academic items at no cost.
- **Laundry Support:**
\$25 prepaid laundry cards and detergent pods for off-campus use.
- **Student Meal Voucher Pilot:**
Partnership with the campus food truck to support students experiencing high levels of food insecurity.
- **Free TB Tests:**
Provided for students seeking entry into shelter or housing programs.
- **CalFresh Assistance:**
Guided support with application completion and benefit access.
- **Embedded Student Health Center Providers:**
On-site mental health and case management services to assist students facing academic or personal challenges.



In August 2025, Basic Needs secured approval for 65 Moorpark College programs as Local Programs that Increase Employability (LPIE), expanding CalFresh eligibility for students in those majors. Additional funding has been allocated for emergency aid, and data-sharing collaborations with Financial Aid and Admissions have strengthened early intervention for unhoused students.



EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED

Over the past spring and summer 2025 sessions, a basic needs and emergency financial assistance workgroup met and determined that more funding was needed for the Emergency Grants to students than the previous cash limit of \$200.

The workgroup determined the average award among colleges in our region is \$500 delivered electronically like financial aid disbursements. Changes to our processes were made to align with these findings beginning with the Fall 2025 term.

FUNDING SOURCES

Basic Needs Grants and Emergency Grants:

Funded through State Categorical funds, Foundation donations, and Institutional funds donation by Associated Student Government (ASMC) from a portion of the student activities fees collected.



Funds Available: \$50,000
Funds Disbursed: \$18,422
Remaining Balance: \$31,578
Prior Year Funds Disbursed: \$28,251.54
Prior Year Grant Recipients: 144
Prior Year Average Award Amount: \$196

APPLICATION PROCESS

A streamlined application process was implemented to ensure rapid response for students in crisis.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be actively enrolled and able to demonstrate a valid, unexpected hardship. Priority was given to students with the highest financial need, as determined by their FAFSA information or equivalent criteria.

DOCUMENTATION

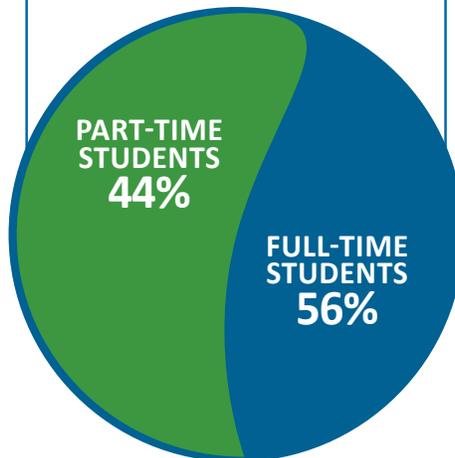
Required documentation was limited to what was necessary to verify the expense while minimizing barriers for students in distress.



MOORPARK COLLEGE
FINANCIAL AID



ENROLLMENT STATUS OF STUDENT RECIPIENTS





EMERGENCY FUND DISTRIBUTION & IMPACT METRICS

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Grant Recipients: 39 students
Average Award Amount: \$472

ENROLLMENT TYPE:

Academic Programs: 100%

HIGH-NEED STUDENTS:

69% of recipients were Pell Grant eligible, reflecting a focus on those with exceptional financial need.

PERSISTENCE RATE

81% of students who received an emergency grant in the summer term persisted and enrolled in the fall term.

69%
WERE
PELL
ELIGIBLE

100%
ENROLLED IN
ACADEMIC
PROGRAMS

GRANT ALLOCATION BY NEED TYPE

Housing/Utilities: 29%
Childcare/Dependent Care: 5%
Transportation (Auto Repair, Transit Costs): 20%
Food Insecurity: 7%
Medical/Dental Expenses: 5%
Other (Tuition fees and Books/Supplies): 33%



81%
PERSISTENCE
RATE

THE SENSE OF BELONGING INTERVENTION

Based on a recent sense of belonging intervention program, results showed that the belonging initiative was most helpful to our poorest students (those with housing and food insecurity). Their course pass rates were higher after the intervention compared to similar students who did not get the intervention.

Adjusted average course success rates for the treatment group participating in the belonging program were **8.2 percentage points higher** than for the control group.

8.2%
INCREASE IN
SUCCESS
RATES



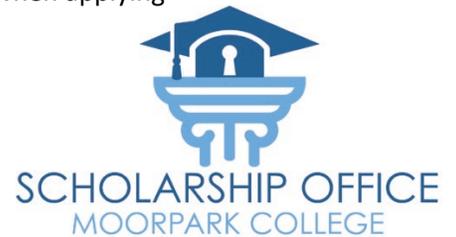
STUDENT SUPPORT THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

Approximately 14% of our students live *below the poverty line*. The **Moorpark College Scholarship Office** is designed to expand access to scholarships for as many students as possible. Recognizing that the traditional scholarship landscape often favors traditional students, the office creates programs that accommodate working students, first-generation students, and other non-traditional students. Applications are carefully designed with accessibility in mind, and resources—including personalized coaching, guides, and workshops—are offered to help students navigate the process successfully.

We foster a sense of community and belonging by engaging directly with students at campus events, collaborating with departments and student organizations, and maintaining a strong relationship with the Moorpark College Foundation, which connects the campus to broader community support. This collaboration ensures that donor funds are efficiently managed and awarded while providing students with a seamless experience when applying for multiple scholarships.

Disaggregated equity data from the 2024/25 SLO survey indicate strong outcomes:

- 93% of students could identify scholarships they qualified for
- 89% successfully completed applications
- 92% identified additional campus resources



SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION 2025/26

- 290 Individual Foundation Scholarships were allocated to 173 students
- \$381,568 total awarded to students from campus and community donors
- 30% awarded pursuing Bachelor's degrees including our own Biomanufacturing degree
- 80% went to Ventura County residents



2025/26
\$381,568
DISPERSED



 [SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITE](#)

 [FOUNDATION WEBSITE](#)

MC HIGHLIGHTS



LATINX MONTH FILM SCREENING: AMERICAN AGITATORS



DAPI HONORS INDUCTION CEREMONY



SIMI VALLEY CAREER WALK TOUR



ASMC HALLOWEEN BOO BASH



NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY



'ANGELS IN AMERICA' AT THE PAC



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS X-REQUIEM



A2MEND KICKOFF EVENT



NEW MAKERSPACE GRAND OPENING



CACAO MAKING