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## El Camino College Compton Center Hosts Informational Financial Aid Workshops at Local High Schools

To help offset rising education costs for students and give them an opportunity to attend college, El Camino College Compton Center has an ongoing financial aid awareness campaign, "Need cash for college?" Several financial aid workshops will be held in February at local high schools to help assist students and their parents with the financial aid application process. Eligible students may qualify for up to \$5,550 in federal grants to help cover the costs of tuition, fees and books.

The free FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) informational workshops will provide students and their parents with the step-by-step process to apply and receive the funds to help pay for the student's higher education. Incoming high school graduates planning to go to college and their parents are encouraged to attend!

The informational workshops will be conducted at local high schools during the day for students, and in the evening for parents according to the following schedule:

- Compton High School – February 3, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Lynwood High School – February 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Centennial High School – February 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Buena Vista High School – February 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The March 2 FAFSA deadline is quickly approaching and students must apply by this priority deadline in order to receive financial aid for the fall 2011 semester; students who don't meet the March 2 application deadline will have limited access to financial aid options.

El Camino College Compton Center will also host a "Cash for College" fair on Saturday, February 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Vocational Technology building at ECC Compton Center. This event includes an in-depth presentation on financial aid and scholarships in both English and Spanish. There will be online computer assistance and expert guidance with the Federal Financial Aid Application (FAFSA) to meet the March 2 deadline. Those who attend this workshop will also be entered into a drawing to win a \$1,000 scholarship.

For more information about these events, call the Compton Center Outreach Office at (310) 900-1600 x2763 or e-mail [outreach@compton.edu](mailto:outreach@compton.edu).

### 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. Many classes are available and offered at an affordable price—fees are only \$26 per unit. The catalog and class schedule for day, evening, weekend and online courses is available on the website at [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu) or may be picked up at ECC Compton Center located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA. For more information, call 310-900-1600.

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