

El Centro College Chess Player Scholarship

This scholarship was created by private donors to provide talented Dallas-area chess players with an opportunity to pursue post-secondary education in any field or major while playing chess on a national competitive level.

Amount of Award

Tuition and fees for 6-12 credit hours per long semester (fall and spring) or 3-6 credit hours per summer semester. Limited textbook purchase assistance may also be available, depending on the availability of funds.

Number of Awards

Varies, depending on the availability of funds.

Source of Funds

Privately funded.

Designated College

El Centro only.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must meet eligibility requirements for enrollment in for-credit coursework at El Centro College and their residency status must qualify them for In-State tuition rates.
- Applicants, at the time of application, must have an established United States Chess Federation (USCF) rating of not less than 1400 (Class C); **OR**, equivalent established rating from another nationally or internationally recognized chess organization; **OR**, have finished 1st through 5th place in a major local, regional, or national scholastic chess tournament within two years preceding the date of application for this scholarship.
- Applicants need not demonstrate financial need.
- Scholarships are open to all students who meet the above criteria; however, preference will be given to applicants based on these eligibility scholarship criteria so long as such preference does not significantly detract from DCCCD or El Centro College's nondiscriminatory policies.

Application Process

Applicants must submit one copy each of the following to the El Centro College Chess Club Advisor:

- Completed DCCCD Foundation scholarship application form.
- Completed El Centro College Chess Player scholarship application form.
- Two letters of recommendation: one written by a school or college official who is aware of the applicant's potential for college success and one written by a school or local chess club official who is aware of the applicant's chess-playing skills.
- Official high school or college transcripts.

Selection Process

- ECC Chess Club Advisor reviews applications for completeness and fulfillment of minimum requirements and forwards qualified applications to a recommendation board of 3-5 members. Recommendation board members should include local college/university administrator(s) and leader(s) of local chess organizations.

- ECC Chess Club Advisor makes the final selection of recipient(s) and amounts of awards and notifies all applicants of the selections.

Recipient Requirements

- Applicants must retain In-State residency status; be enrolled at El Centro College in at least six credit hours per (fall or spring) semester in a qualified degree-seeking program; and maintain a 2.0 GPA or better while receiving this scholarship.
- Applicants must agree in writing to complete specified chess-related activities/community service hours *and* compete in pre-designated local, regional and national chess tournaments while receiving this scholarship.
- Current recipients must reapply for this scholarship each academic year. Recipients may receive this scholarship for not more than 64 semester hours, or for not more than ten semesters, or until graduating with a degree, whichever occurs first.

Deadlines

First Friday of May to ECC Chess Club Advisor.

For further information, contact the
Scholarship Coordinator, 214-378-1533.