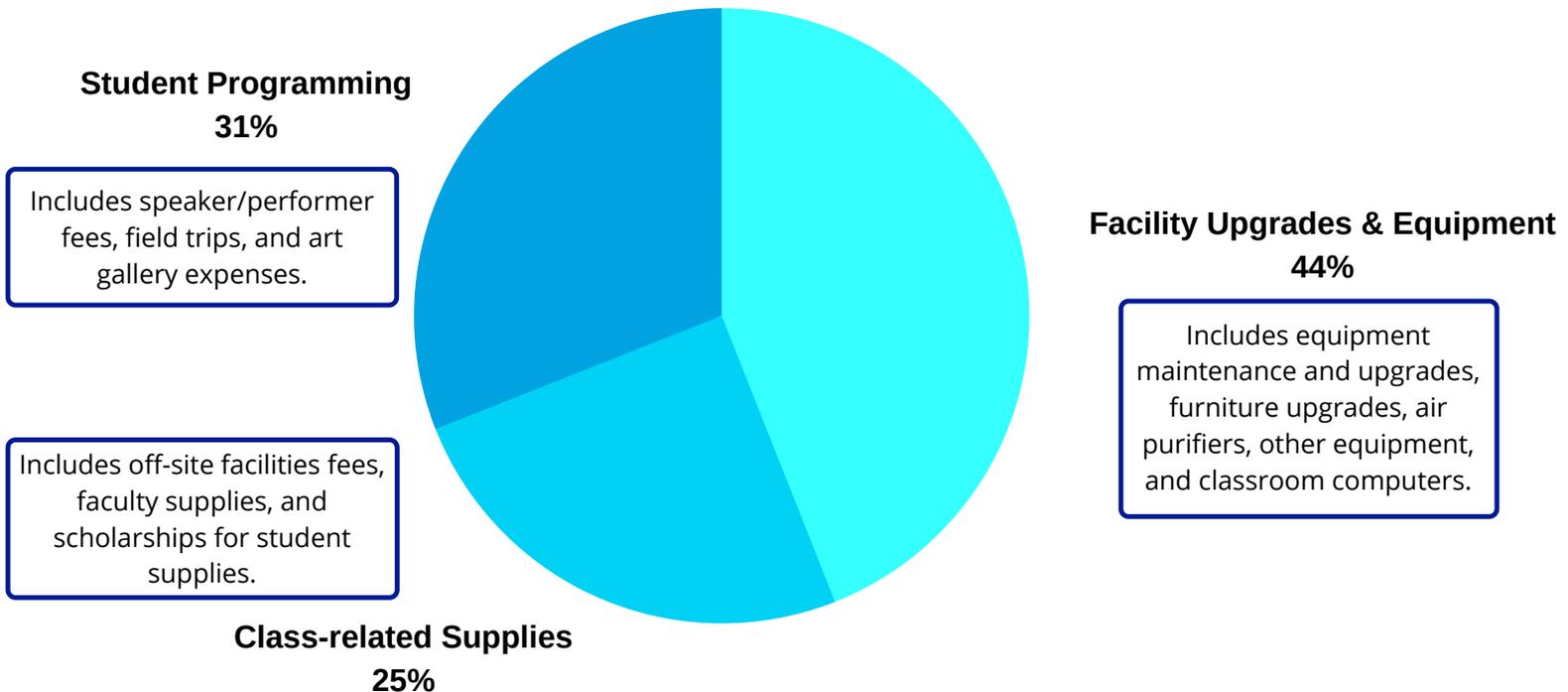


SMC Emeritus Donations at Work

January - December 2019



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who decides how donations to the SMC Emeritus program are spent?

A: These decisions are made by the Associate Dean of SMC Emeritus. Funds must be allocated in accordance with Santa Monica College District guidelines for purchasing and accounting.

Q: Why do we send our donation to the SMC Foundation?

A: Donations are directed to the SMC Foundation because it is the IRS recognized nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization managing donations on behalf of the SMC Emeritus program. The SMC Foundation maintains fiduciary responsibility for many of the College's programs and academic departments. All donations and expenses are properly recorded in the Foundation's system. Financial reports regularly provided to the Associate Dean of the SMC Emeritus program.

Q: How should I make out my check?

A. Please make checks payable to SMC Foundation and write "Emeritus" in the memo line of your check.

Q: What if someone forgets to write "Emeritus" on the memo line?

A: The SMC Foundation finance team cross-references with the SMC Emeritus enrollment list to see if the name on the check matches a student. If they are still unsure, a call is made to the donor.

Q: Can I make my donation in person?

A: No. The Emeritus campus is closed to students during this time (the pandemic). All donations need to be made via credit card online or mailed check.

Q: How can I make an estate gift or bequest?

A: Whether you choose a simple bequest or other planned gift, you can designate it to benefit all students of Santa Monica College, a specific program at Santa Monica College, including Emeritus, or set up a named scholarship. We encourage you to contact the Foundation at (310) 434-4215 for more information about estate gift options.

Q: Can I donate my car?

A: Yes. One call takes care of everything, including towing, if necessary, DMV paperwork, and your donation receipt for tax purposes. Please call our car donation service at 855-500-7433. The representative will ask you which nonprofit you want to benefit from your donation and you can choose the Santa Monica College's Emeritus program.