

aslcl PIONEERS *for* PIONEERS



*With the growing importance of higher education, college affordability has become a mounting national issue that greatly impacts current students, their families, and their community. On top of the increasing costs of higher education, life happens. We do not believe that unforeseeable financial setbacks should determine the future of a student's attendance at Lewis & Clark. In light of this, the Associated Students of Lewis & Clark established **Pioneers for Pioneers**, a student-led effort that seeks to complement existing financial assistance to help when life happens.*

Through the idea of “students-helping-students,” **Pioneers for Pioneers** will engender a greater sense of community among students, which will reaffirm our commitment to one another in our common endeavor to “be a community of scholars who are alive to inquiry, open to diversity, and disciplined to work in an interdependent world.” This program also aims to reaffirm that the CAS student body is committed to developing a culture of philanthropy, which will create self-perpetuating benefits for the college.

All donations collected will be put towards the creation of opportunity grants. The opportunity grants will then be used to cover any element of students' cost of attendance. Costs of Attendance are defined as direct costs (e.g. tuition and fees, on-campus room and board) and indirect costs (e.g., transportation, personal expense, books and supplies, and off-campus living allowances). Awards will be available to students on a rolling basis once donations have been secured. The ASLC has teamed up with the Office of Financial Aid to create an effective and efficient needs-based distribution matrix to award these opportunity grants.

At no other time or place will students have the opportunity to interact with so many intrepid, adventurous, and brilliant young minds. We recognize that the Lewis & Clark experience is partially built in the classroom, but it is primarily built by the student and their peers through discourse and association. And when students at Lewis & Clark stay together they work together, starting student clubs, bands, research teams, demonstrations, non-profits, businesses, and lasting friendships. We want to unleash the potential of each student and the potential of the Lewis & Clark community. Together, through **Pioneers for Pioneers**, we can support one another and enhance the Lewis & Clark experience for all.