

Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund

Co-founded by Ed Regalia, the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund provides annual college scholarships, including scholarships to students from minority groups under-represented at California's four-year colleges and universities with financial need who have demonstrated academic success at one of the three community colleges in Contra Costa County and who are transferring to a four year college or university.

The Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund has awarded nearly \$6 million in scholarships to 921 students since 1968. Every year Miller Starr Regalia supports a scholarship for a Kennedy-King scholar annually and also serves on the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors.

The History and Philosophy of Kennedy-King

The Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund, Ltd. was formed in 1968 as a living memorial to two men who died in that tumultuous year, Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It was, and still is, an effort to do a small part in addressing the problem of equal opportunity in education for all; a problem they accurately perceived and articulated.

Kennedy-King has become a permanent part of the community in Contra Costa County. From hopeful beginnings in 1968 that led to the first two scholarships in 1969, it has grown and prospered over the years, thanks to ever-increasing support from concerned residents and business organizations. The breadth of its support can be seen in its donors and the growing number of the recipients as well as the increase in the dollar amount of the scholarships. The goal is simple and consistent with the American promise: assist in providing opportunity to our young people and they will utilize their own initiative and the opportunity to benefit not only themselves, but also their community.