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# Chartway Sponsors Salt Lake Community College to Support ESL and CLAS Students

\$30K sponsorship to fund scholarships, cultural programming, and community engagement

**Virginia Beach, VA (September 11, 2025)** – Chartway Credit Union is proud to announce its sponsorship of Salt Lake Community College (SLCC), deepening its commitment to financial education, inclusion, and community development in Utah. Through this one-year commitment, Chartway will provide \$30,000 in funding to support SLCC's English as a Second Language (ESL) scholarships and the Center of Latin American Studies (CLAS).

The sponsorship includes \$10,000 in scholarship support for ESL students who demonstrate financial need and \$20,000 in unrestricted funds to advance CLAS programming, which fosters academic and cultural connections between SLCC and Latin American institutions.

"Chartway is honored to support SLCC's mission to unlock opportunity and empower students from diverse backgrounds," said Nick Whiting, Chartway senior vice president of Utah. "This sponsorship reflects our shared values of inclusion, education, and community. We're especially proud to help ESL students thrive, many of whom are building new lives and careers in Utah. Together, we're investing in the future of our communities."

As part of the sponsorship, Chartway will be recognized at key SLCC events and will participate in summer festivals and community outreach initiatives, helping connect students and families with financial resources and support.

"Chartway's support is a meaningful step forward for our students and community," said Mario Organista, SLCC's director of foundation relations. "Chartway's investment in ESL scholarships and CLAS programming will have a lasting impact, opening doors for learners, celebrating cultural heritage, and strengthening our ability to serve Utah's diverse communities."

The ESL scholarships will provide up to \$600 per student to help cover tuition and fees for courses not eligible for traditional financial aid. Recipients are selected through a committee-led process based on academic goals and financial need.

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## **About Salt Lake Community College**

Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) and Salt Lake Tech are Utah's largest two-year public institutions, serving more than 53,000 students annually at eight campuses throughout Salt Lake County and online. Established in 1948, SLCC offers over 120 degree and certificate programs designed to help students transfer to four-year universities or move directly into the workforce with in-demand skills. The college fulfills a dual role as both a community college and a technical college, providing career pathways in areas such as health sciences, construction trades, information technology, and business to meet the needs of students and employers.

SLCC serves students from all backgrounds, with many coming from low- to moderate-income families who rely on the college's accessible, affordable education as a path toward opportunity. As the most diverse higher education institution in Utah and an Emerging Hispanic-Serving Institution, SLCC is dedicated to helping learners achieve their educational goals. By partnering with industry, education, and government, the college prepares graduates to complete their programs on time, transfer successfully, and enter meaningful careers that strengthen both families and the broader economy. For more information visit <a href="https://www.slcc.edu">www.slcc.edu</a>.

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