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message from president Karen Green

The California Student Media Festival celebrates the creativity, innovation, and self-expression of young storytellers and the dedicated teachers who guide them. Entirely donor-supported, the festival builds confidence and opens doors for students across California to discover and share their voices.



As we mark the completion of our 60th year, we are excited to announce our transition from private foundation to public charity, making it easier than ever for individuals and businesses to support our mission with tax-deductible contributions. Whether you are a longtime supporter or new to our community, your generosity directly empowers the next generation of media creators. Thank you for believing in our students and making this work possible.

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Average ELA Growth

+3.4

at winning schools

2025 to 2026

Average Math Growth

+2.1

at winning schools

2025 to 2026

Suspension Rate

-.4%

at winning schools

2025 to 2026

Chronic Absenteeism

-1.83%

at winning schools

2025 to 2026

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INCOME

Donations	$8,318
Sponsors	$7,500
Interest	$281
TOTAL:	**$16,099**

PROGRAM EXPENSE

Prizes & Plaques	$6,360
Venue	$0
Catering	$1,842
Promotion	$528
Event Insurance	$154
Decor	$352
SUBTOTAL	**$9,236**

NET ASSETS

INCOME	$16,099
EXPENSE	$11,801
2025 NET	*$4,298*
RESERVE	$8,449
Bank Balance	$15,626
TOTAL ASSETS	**$24,075**

OPERATING EXPENSE

Webhosting	$486
Tax Prep/Legal	$1,110
Board Insurance	$696
Postage/Travel	$273
SUBTOTAL	$2,565
TOTAL EXPENSE	**$11,801**

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The **California Student Media Festival** is guided by an **all-volunteer** team of current and former educators.

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