1. What is FASEP?
The Fairmont Afterschool Enrichment Program (FASEP) is a scope of extracurricular courses for elementary school students in grades 1-6, and in some cases K. The El Cerrito Recreation Department coordinates with professional instructors to host a variety of classes held conveniently after school on the Fairmont campus. These classes provide opportunities for students to explore their interests and experience other areas of learning after the school day ends. Classes focus on topics including but not limited to art, science, dance, language, music, sports/athletics, technology and/or chess. The program is run in three sessions over the course of the school year.

2. Are there scholarships available to Fairmont Students?
There are two different scholarships available to assist with FASEP course fees:

1) Fairmont PTA FASEP Scholarship Fund. Applicants who qualify are eligible to receive scholarships of up to $100 per child, per school year. A maximum of $2,000 is awarded to Fairmont students each school year (approximately 20 scholarships). This scholarship is only open to students who attend Fairmont Elementary School.

2) City of El Cerrito David Hunter Youth Memorial Scholarship Fund (DHY). Applicants who qualify are eligible to receive scholarships of up to $150 per child, per calendar year.

3. Who qualifies for the scholarship?
Eligibility requirements are the same for both scholarships. To qualify, families must be able to provide proof of one of the following:

1) Proof from the school district that your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
2) Proof that your family is receiving public assistance such as Food Stamps, CalWORKS assistance, or TANF (Temporary Aid to Needy Families) or WIC.
3) Proof that the child is a foster child and/or a child who is a ward of the state.
4) A copy of your last Federal Income Tax Return showing that you fall under the following income eligibility guidelines (Federal Income Guidelines - Reduced Price Meals).

4. How much does each scholarship cover?
Both scholarships cover a maximum of 75% of a FASEP Course Fee. Families are responsible for making a minimum 25% co-pay of FASEP course fees. By way of example only, if a FASEP class costs $125, a maximum of $93.75 (75% of 125) can be paid by scholarship funds, and the family would pay $31.25 (25% of 125).

If the awarded scholarship amount is less than 75% of the course fee, the full awarded amount can be used toward the cost of the class. For example, if a FASEP class costs $200 and a family is awarded $100 from the Fairmont PTA fund, the full $100 can be used toward the class (as $100 is only 50% of the course fee). The family would pay the difference.
5. Will scholarships be available each session?
Both the Fairmont PTA Scholarship and DHY will be made available each session, with some exceptions:

1) The Fairmont PTA Scholarship Fund awards up to $100 per child, per school year. If/When a student has received $100 in scholarship funds, they will not be eligible to apply for the same scholarship until the following school year.

2) The Fairmont PTA Scholarship funds awards a maximum of $2,000 per school year. It will be offered each session unless exhausted.

3) The DHY Fund awards up to $150 per child, per calendar year. If/When a student has received $150 in scholarship funds, they will not be eligible to apply for the same scholarship until one year following the last award date.

6. How do I apply for the Fairmont PTA or DHY Scholarship?
Each scholarship has an application that must be completed and submitted along with eligibility proof (see #5 above). Applications can be found at https://www.el-cerrito.org/439/Fairmont-After-School-Enrichment-Program. Completed applications should be submitted to the El Cerrito Community Center office at 7007 Moeser Lane during business hours.

7. How do I know if my scholarship application was approved?
Scholarships must be submitted in-person to the El Cerrito Community Center. City staff will review applications and proof of eligibility and inform applicants immediately if approved.

8. How do I use my scholarship funds?
The scholarship award will be applied to your account similar to an account credit. When registering for a program in-office, inform City Staff that you would like to use your scholarship funds. Scholarship funds cannot be used during online registration at this time.

Funds will not show up on your account until your application is approved. It is recommended that you apply for scholarships prior to registering for the FASEP class(es) that you wish to have the scholarship applied to.