

Riverside Community College District Scholarships

Scholarships are available for application by all students at Riverside Community College based on either:

- *Financial need*, referred to as *need-based*
- *Grades/Academic performance*, referred to as *merit-based*

The qualifications within these two groups vary, such as your selected major, career goal, GPA, and club involvement and other criteria as established by the Donor of the scholarship funds.

RCCD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP BROCHURE

Riverside Community College District offers scholarships for students continuing their education at RCCD and for students transferring to a university. These scholarships are available for application every fall semester and include a variety of criteria regarding major, GPA, career goals, club or volunteer involvement, etc.

Information and instructions on how to apply are available in October of each year on the RCCD Student Financial Services website and in flyers available at the Student Financial Service Office on each RCCD campus. The deadline to submit the complete scholarship application is in early December. Scholarship information workshops are held at each campus prior to the scholarship deadline date to help students with information on how to write their personal essay, obtain the necessary evaluations/recommendations and other tips.

Recipients are chosen by Donors and a Riverside Community College District Scholarship Committee. Attendance at an award ceremony is mandatory as listed in the scholarship information and on award letters. Recipients must also adhere to any other requirements (such as GPA and required completion of units). If, for any reason, the chosen recipient does not meet the requirements, an alternate will be chosen.

RCCD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Riverside Community College District Scholarships for High School Seniors are available for application during the spring semester each year. These scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who will be attending Riverside Community College District during the upcoming academic year. There are a variety of scholarships offered based on major, GPA, career goals, club or volunteer involvement and other criteria.

Information and instructions on how to apply are available in October of each year on the RCCD Student Financial Services website and in flyers distributed to local High Schools. The deadline to submit the complete scholarship application is in mid-February.

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COMMUNITY SCHOLARS

The Community Scholars Program is a joint endeavor of The Community Foundation, Riverside Community College District Foundation, California Baptist University, La Sierra University, the University of Redlands and other generous philanthropists in our community who share a commitment to education. The objective of this scholarship is to reward students who have shown excellence in scholastic achievement, community involvement and mastery of knowledge while in local high schools. The philosophy of the scholarship is to encourage outstanding high school seniors from Riverside County to pursue their collegiate studies at Riverside Community College for two years and to meet the requirements for transfer and acceptance to one of the participating four-year universities that the student selects at the time of application. This scholarship is competitive.

The Community Scholars Program criteria are as follows:

- Must be a current high school senior who is a Riverside County resident and will be graduating from a Riverside County high school during the current academic year.
- Must be a United States citizen, permanent resident, immigrant, or refugee. Students here on an F-1 Visa are not eligible.

The Community Scholars Program is valued at \$7,000 and is disbursed over a four-year period. The recipients will receive \$1,000 per year for two years while at Riverside Community College and \$2,500 per year for two years at California Baptist University, La Sierra University, and the University of Redlands.

In addition to the monetary amount of \$7,000 for this scholarship, recipients will benefit from the joint counseling sessions with Riverside Community College District and university counseling staff. The Riverside Community College District and university admissions representatives will answer questions about transferring, general education requirements, major requirements and application deadlines. The Riverside Community College District counselor will review with you your transferring university's articulation agreement and give individualized counseling regarding classes at Riverside Community College District and the completion of the transfer process within the two-year time limit.

Information and instructions on how to apply are available in October of each year on the RCCD Student Financial Services website and in flyers distributed to local High Schools. The deadline to submit the complete scholarship application is in mid-February.

Disbursement Information for RCCD Scholarships

Scholarships applied for in the fall semester are disbursed in the fall and spring semesters of the *next* academic year. Please remember the following information regarding RCCD Scholarship disbursement:

- If you apply for Scholarships using the RCCD Scholarship Application, available in the fall semester, you will be notified by mail of your application status in early May of the *next* spring semester. Notification will be mailed to the address listed on the scholarship application. If your address changes between December after you submit your application and May of the next year, please notify the scholarship coordinator in the Student Financial Services office *and* change your address with RCC Admissions & Records.
- Attendance at a scholarship award ceremony is mandatory to receive your scholarship. Award ceremony information will be included in the award letter. If you do not attend the award ceremony, your scholarship will be awarded to an alternate.
- Scholarships that are more than \$250 will be disbursed half in the fall semester and half in the spring semester as long as all disbursement requirements are met.
- For students awarded a scholarship to be used as a continuing RCCD student, the fall semester portion of the scholarship will be mailed to the address which is on file with the RCCD Admissions & Records Department. It will be mailed approximately one week before the fall semester begins, after verification of enrollment in the fall semester at any RCCD campus. You will need to be enrolled in the number of units as required by the scholarship you were awarded.
- The spring semester portion of the scholarship will be mailed at the beginning of the spring semester at any RCCD campus, upon verification of enrollment for the spring semester in the number of units as required by your scholarship. Also, to be eligible for the spring scholarship disbursement you must have completed the required number of units during the previous fall semester with the GPA required by the scholarship.
- If a scholarship recipient does not complete the required number of units during the fall semester with the GPA required by the scholarship and/or does not enroll in the required number units for the fall or spring semesters, the scholarship will be awarded to an alternate.
- For students awarded a transfer scholarship, the funds will be sent directly to the recipient's four-year institution in August before the fall semester. You must return the Transfer School Notification form included in your scholarship award letter so that we have record of where to send the scholarship funds.