2012-2013 RCCD Scholarship Information and Reminders

If you applied for RCCD Scholarships by the December 7, 2011 deadline for the 2012-2013 academic year, please read below for information and reminders as to what will happen next. Also, please refer to the timeline, so that you will be aware of the entire process of RCCD Scholarships.

- We have processed all 2012-2013 scholarship applications for eligibility and have determined the recipients. They were notified by mail in early May 2012 to the address listed on the scholarship application.

- If you were not chosen as a scholarship recipient, you also were notified by mail in early May 2012 to the address you listed on your scholarship application. However, don’t be discouraged if you were not chosen as a scholarship recipient because all applications will remain active during the 2012-2013 academic year. Should a new scholarship become available or a recipient becomes ineligible, a current applicant in good standing may be considered as an alternate for the scholarship.

- Don’t forget to activate your RCCD Student email and check it regularly for correspondence. Also, if your address has changed since you submitted your scholarship application, please update your address with the Admissions & Records office so that you will receive any mailed correspondence.

- If you were determined to be the recipient of a scholarship, you were sent a letter in June 2012 with disbursement information. Scholarships over $250 will be disbursed half in the fall semester and half in the spring semester on verification of eligibility. Scholarships of $250 or less will be disbursed all in the fall semester.

- New this year: Your scholarship funds will be disbursed to your Sallie Mae Debit MasterCard (the same way other financial aid is disbursed). If you have not yet signed up for the Sallie Mae Debit card, please go to:
  - Moreno Valley College: http://mvc.edu/sfs
  - Norco College: www.norcocollage.edu/services/studentfinancialservices
  - Riverside City College: www.rcc.edu/services/studentfinancialservices

  Click on “Debit Card” and follow the instructions to sign up. If you do not sign up for the Sallie Mae Debit card your disbursement will be mailed to you by check, however there may be a delay in the disbursement.

- For students awarded a continuing scholarship, the fall 2012 semester portion of the scholarship will be disbursed August 24, 2012 after we verify your enrollment at any college within Riverside Community College District for the fall 2012 semester (most scholarships require full-time enrollment). Enrollment will
be verified in mid-August 2012. If a student enrolls full-time after this time, their scholarship funds will be disbursed on the next financial aid disbursement date.

- For students awarded a **transferring** scholarship, the funds will be sent directly to the recipient’s four-year institution in August, 2012. You must return the Transfer School Notification form included in your scholarship disbursement information letter so that we have record of where to send the scholarship funds. You will need to contact your transfer University for this information. If you do not enroll in at least 6 units at the transfer university, the scholarship funds will be returned to Riverside Community College and awarded to an alternate recipient.

- The spring 2013 semester portion of your scholarship will be disbursed February 8, 2013 after we verify the following
  
  - You completed the GPA and number of units required by your scholarship during the fall 2012 semester
  - You are enrolled in the number of units required by your scholarship at any college in Riverside Community College District for the spring 2013 semester.

  Enrollment will be verified in early-February 2013. If a student enrolls full-time after this date, their scholarship funds will be disbursed on the next financial aid disbursement date.

- If you did not complete the number of units and/or GPA required by your scholarship during the fall 2012 semester, your scholarship may be awarded to an alternate. However, you will be sent a letter in February 2013 with the chance to explain why you did not meet the requirements and the possibility of appealing the decision. The letter will contain a scholarship appeal form for you to complete and submit to the Student Financial Services office at your college. However, please know that submitting the appeal form does not guarantee you will receive the spring portion of your scholarship. You will be notified by mail of the results of the scholarship appeal.

- If you are the recipient of a scholarship, please remember it is very important to thank the Donor of your scholarship funds. Information on how to write a thank you letter will be included in your disbursement information letter. If you are the recipient of the Bernard Osher Scholarship, this scholarship requires a thank you letter before the funds will be disbursed. Please pay close attention to the enclosures in your award letter.
2012-2013 RCCD Scholarship Timeline

October – December 7, 2011 Scholarship Application available

October – November, 2011 Scholarship Workshops

December 7, 2011 Scholarship Application deadline

December – February, 2012 Scholarship Screening preparation

March, 2012 Scholarship Screening

Mid-May 2012 All students notified of their application status

Late May – Early June 2012 Scholarship Award Ceremonies

August 2012 Fall 2012 semester scholarship funds disbursed

January 2013 Spring 2013 semester scholarship eligibility determined

February 2013 Spring 2013 semester scholarship funds disbursed