Riverside Community College District Scholarships
2016 – 2017 Academic Year
High School Seniors

Riverside Community College District (RCCD) offers scholarships for high school seniors planning to attend any college within RCCD. The application process for these scholarships is an off-site online application available beginning **March 1, 2016**. Please read the information on this page and other links on this site carefully so that the application process will be successful for you.

All complete scholarship applications must be submitted on or before the application deadline on **Friday, April 29, 2016, 4:00 pm**. Remember to allow yourself plenty of time to complete and gather the required documents to upload and submit the application to meet the deadline. Please don’t wait until the last day to avoid any unforeseen problems. Absolutely no late applications will be accepted!

**To apply for the scholarships offered by RCCD, please follow the steps outlined below:**

1. Apply for admission to your preferred home college within RCCD: Moreno Valley College, Norco College or Riverside City College. Follow the instructions for “New Students.” You must apply for admission to MVC, NC or RCC before you are able to apply for the scholarships available from the RCCD Foundation. Be sure to activate your student email address.

2. High School Seniors: After you have applied for admission to MVC, NC or RCC, please email Paula Farish at paula.farish@rcc.edu and include your name and college student ID number. You will receive a return email to let you know when you can log-in to the scholarship website to apply.

3. Write your **Personal Essay** (please see the detailed directions on how to write your personal essay on this website).
   - There will be a place within the scholarship application to type in your essay. However, you may want to get started writing your essay in word format, do any necessary revisions or edits and then cut and paste it into the application where indicated.

4. Ask at least one qualified person to provide a scholarship **Recommendation** (one is required; however you may provide up to two other optional recommendations).
   - The recommendations need to be completed by individuals who can attest to your current academic strength and potential for success (please see the detailed information regarding obtaining Recommendations on this website).
• Read the scholarship descriptions carefully, as some require evaluations from specific sources.
• You will need the email address of the individual you are requesting to provide a recommendation. Please let them know they will receive an email from the scholarship system and will be able to provide the recommendation directly to your application.
• You will not be able to view the recommendation, but you will be able to see if it has been submitted. If the recommendation is listed as “Requested” on the scholarship application site, it means the recommendation has not been properly submitted.
• It is your responsibility to be sure the recommendations are submitted before the deadline. Please do not wait until the last minute to request recommendations. You also have the option in the scholarship system to send a reminder email to the person from whom you requested a recommendation.

5. **Submitting** the online scholarship application:
   • After you have received an email letting you know you can apply for scholarships, click the link to the scholarship application site and create an account.
     ▪ Enter your MVC, NC or RCC student email address and create a password. Write the password down so you won’t forget!
     ▪ You will receive an email to your MVC, NC or RCC student email address to confirm your identity.
     ▪ When you log in later, there is no need to create a new account, just click on “Sign In” at the top right corner.
     ▪ If you have trouble logging in, please contact Paula Farish at paula.farish@rcc.edu for instructions.
   • Enter your personal information and answer all questions on the scholarship application. These will help determine your eligibility for certain scholarships.
     ▪ You will be automatically matched to scholarships for which you meet the criteria. These are referred to as “Auto-Match scholarships. There is no other action required on your part and you will not know which scholarships you are matched to.
     ▪ You will be prompted to apply for other scholarships that require more information. These are referred to as “Apply-To” scholarships. You will be able to see a list of these scholarships on the scholarship site. You will need to click on each one and complete other actions to be considered for the Apply-To scholarships.
   • Have the following documents ready on your desktop or memory device to upload with your application
     ▪ Personal essay (to cut and paste into the application)
     ▪ Other required documents: Unofficial high school transcript. Have this scanned and saved to your computer to upload to the scholarship application.
Other Important information:

Financial Need: Although your financial need may be considered in determining eligibility, scholarship eligibility is also based on scholastic achievement and other criteria as set forth by the scholarship donors. However, if you are applying for a need-based scholarship (where financial need will be considered), you must complete the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to submitting your scholarship application.

The FAFSA is available on-line at www.fafsa.gov. You will need to list your home college (Moreno Valley College/MVC, Norco College/NC or Riverside City College/RCC) as your school by listing the Title IV Code for your college (MVC=041735, NC=041761, RCC=001270). It is highly recommended that you complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA even if you are not applying for need-based scholarships as you may be considered for other scholarships that become available at a later date. You will also want to apply for the 2015-2016 FAFSA if you plan to attend summer session at RCCD.

Volunteer/Club Activities: Some scholarships may require volunteer or club activities. If so, there will be a question on the application that asks if you have participated in volunteer activities and you will be able to list organizations you have volunteered for or participated in. To prepare for this part of the application, please create a list of your volunteer organizations and other extra-curricular activities. Be sure to spell out any abbreviations in the name of the organization. You will also be required to provide a brief description of the organization or activity and include dates of service or membership and contact information.

Other required documents: The scholarship application requires other special documents that you will need in electronic format (scanned to your computer or memory device) so that you may upload them for those specific scholarships. Those specific items are:

- Unofficial high school transcripts: Please upload unofficial transcripts to help determine eligibility for some scholarships

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship process or require assistance in applying, please contact:

MVC: Tracy Sampson at tracy.sampson@mvc.edu or (951) 571-6208
NC: Nelya Parada at nelya.parada@norcocollage.edu or (951) 372-7183
RCC: Paula Farish at paula.farish@rcc.edu or (951) 222-8741.
The Riverside Community College District Foundation

The Riverside Community College District (RCCD) Foundation was established in 1975 as a tax exempt organization whose mission is to enhance the intellectual, cultural, and educational needs of District and College students, faculty, staff and the community. The RCCD Foundation pursues resource development and philanthropic activities in support of continued excellence and improved access through collaboration with businesses and community stakeholders to fuel the region’s workforce development, innovation, and economic growth. The RCCD Foundation Board of Directors is comprised of a diverse group of business, civic and community leaders, all of whom share a commitment to the academic excellence of Moreno Valley College, Norco College and Riverside City College.

RCCD scholarships are awarded based on criteria established by donors and are contingent upon receipt of annual funding from donors and/or investment earnings. Scholarships are made available to RCCD students from many sources including:

- RCCD Foundation
- Individuals and Families
- Local and regional corporations
- Community Organizations
- The Community Foundation Serving the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino
- RCCD clubs and departments