

RRCC Cyber Security Scholarship Program (CSSP) Fall 2015/Spring 2016 Application

Scholarship award up to \$3,750 per semester/\$7,500 per academic year depending on financial need.

To be eligible for this scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

Scholarship Requirements	Criteria
H.S. Grade Point Average College Grade Point Average	3.0 minimum 3.0 minimum
ACT scores or Accuplacer scores or SAT scores	18 (English), 17(Reading Comprehension), 23 (Math) minimum scores 95 (English), 70 (Reading Comprehension), 85 (Math) minimum scores Verbal 440 Math 570
Essay/Letter of Interest	500 word minimum - 850 word maximum
Two (2) Letters of Recommendation	Teacher/Faculty Member or Industry Professional
Demonstrate Financial Need	Submit the 2015-2016 FAFSA www.fafsa.gov <i>(must submit FAFSA before April 1, 2015)</i>
Enrolled full-time each semester in an Associate's degree program (Fall/Spring Semesters)	Computer Science, Cyber Security, Network Specialist, Programming Specialist, or Web Development
If selected, must meet with Cyber Security-specific advisor to the program.	Scholarship recipient will be assigned a Cyber Security-specific faculty mentor
If selected, must attend scheduled Scholar's Hours meetings	Tentatively scheduled for Tuesdays 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.



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General Instructions:

1. If you are not a current RRCC student, complete the RRCC admission's application. (<http://rrcc.edu/admissions/>)
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2015/16. (www.fafsa.gov)
3. Complete RRCC Cyber Security Scholarship Program Application (see p. 3).
4. Write and attach essay/letter of interest to this application (see p. 4 for details).
5. Attach two letters of recommendation from a Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM) Teacher/Faculty member or STEM Industry Professional to this application (see p. 4 for details).
6. If you will be graduating from high school in 2015, submit an official high school transcript:
 - Mail in a separate sealed envelope with the application to the address on p. 4 **OR**
 - Request high school to mail transcript directly to address on p. 4.
7. Attach ACT, Accuplacer, or SAT verification of scores to CSSP application.
8. Submit official college transcript(s) if applicable.
9. Deadline for submission of all materials: **June 5, 2015 for Fall 2015 Semester** (no exceptions).

RRCC Cyber Security Scholarship Program Application

<i>Student Information</i>																																						
Name: (Last, First, MI)																																						
RRCC Student ID: (S#)	S																																					
Address:																																						
City:							State:							ZIP:																								
Telephone: (Home)																				Telephone (Cell/Other):																		
Email address:																																						
Name of High School:										Planned College Major:																												
High School- GPA:										OR Composite ACT Score:																												
Current College Student: (yes / no)										Name of College:																												
College Major: (attach official transcript to this application)										Current GPA:																												
Please indicate the area(s) of Cyber Security that interest you:																																						
Computer Science <input type="checkbox"/>					Networking <input type="checkbox"/>					Web Development <input type="checkbox"/>					Programming <input type="checkbox"/>																							

Citizenship requirement:

RRCC CSSP applicants must be citizens of the United States, nationals of the United States (as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act), aliens admitted as refugees under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, or aliens lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

With my signature I certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and that I am a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States.

Enrollment requirements:

Enrolled full time in a program leading to an Associate of Applied Science Degree in the following disciplines:

- Computer Science (AS degree)
- Cyber Security Specialist (AAS)
- Network Specialist (AAS)
- Programming Specialist (AAS)
- Web/Application Development (AAS)

Checklist of Required Submissions:

- Completed scholarship application.** Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Essay/letter of interest:** Attach a 500-word minimum – 850-word maximum essay. Explain why you deserve this scholarship and how your study within the cyber security field will contribute to your immediate or long-range career plans.
- Two letters of recommendation:** Attach two letters of recommendation from a STEM Teacher/Faculty member or a STEM Industry Professional who can attest to your work ethic, academic performance, and/or leadership ability. *(RRCC CSSP Screening Committee members may **not** submit letters of recommendation on behalf of applicants.)*
- High School Transcript:** Must be in a separate sealed envelope with application or mailed directly from your high school to the address below. Submit only if you are currently a high school student.
- College Transcript:** Must provide copy of official college transcript if applicable.
- ACT, SAT or Accuplacer Verification:** Attach to application. A letter from your high school counselor can also provide verification.

Mail application and all documentation, including ACT, Accuplacer, and/or SAT verification to:

Red Rocks Community College
Financial Aid Office
13300 W. 6th Avenue, Lakewood, Colorado 80228
Attn: CSSP Scholarship Coordinator

Financial need:

- 1) The scholarship will depend on the need of the student according to the FAFSA. You must complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA online at <http://www.fafsa.gov> and have the results sent to Red Rocks Community College. School code/OPE ID is 009543. The website has a full list of the documentation you need. Red Rocks Community College Financial Aid Office will determine student need based on your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). You can contact the Financial Aid Office at (303) 914-6256 or email finaid@rrcc.edu if you have questions about this requirement.

Selection Process:

RRCC's CSSP Advisory Screening Committee will evaluate applicants based on financial need, GPA (3.0), ACT scores (18—English, 17—Reading Comprehension, 23—Math minimum scores), Accuplacer scores (95—English; 70—Reading Comprehension; 85—Math), or SAT scores (440 Verbal; 570 Math), an essay or letter of interest detailing why you deserve this scholarship and how your study within the cyber security field will contribute to your immediate or long-range career plans, and two (2) letters of recommendation from computer technology faculty members or industry professionals. **RRCC CSSP Screening Committee members may not submit letters of recommendation on behalf of applicants.** To receive a CSSP scholarship, students must be enrolled at RRCC full-time (12 credit hours) in a Computer Technology degree program at the associate's level. Recipients of a CSSP scholarship must be citizens or lawful permanent residents of the U.S. and eligible for Federal Financial Aid. CSSP funding will not be awarded during summer semesters.

Red Rocks Community College is committed to diversity in its people and programs. The College is an equal opportunity educational institution and does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, religion, age, national origin, or ancestry, or any other category protected by applicable law. The College has designated the Human Resources Director as its Equal Opportunity Employment Officer and Title IX Administrator with the responsibility to coordinate its civil rights compliance activities and grievance procedures. Report all concerns or complaints relating to discrimination or harassment to the Title IX/EO Coordinator(s): Bill Dial, Director of Human Resources/Title IX Administrator, 13300 West Sixth Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80228. 303.914.6298. bill.dial@rrcc.edu.