



ASCENT Checklist

Congratulations on being selected to participate in the ASCENT Program!

ASCENT is a 5th year high school program that allows high school graduates to take one full year of college courses after high school with tuition paid by your school district.

To get started, follow the simple steps below:

STEP 1: MEET THE REQUIREMENTS

- Be on track to graduate from high school
- Complete 12 credit hours of college coursework by the end of 12th grade
- Test at college level reading, English and math by submitting ACT, SAT, or Accuplacer scores
- Meet with your high school counselor to be identified as an ASCENT Student
- Apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov and submit your EFC to HS counselor
- Be selected by your school district to participate in the ASCENT Program

STEP 2: FILL OUT THE PAPERWORK

Upon approval from you high school principal:

- Complete the ASCENT Agreement and Registration Form
- Provide your SASID number (your HS counselor can provide you with this state ID number)
- Complete the Red Rocks Student Payment Agreement
- Declare a degree major in the Admissions Office so that you are degree or certificate seeking

STEP 3: FILL OUT THE APPLICATIONS

- If you have not done so, complete the free Red Rocks Community College Application for Admission and the College Opportunity Fund online at: www.rrcc.edu/onlineenroll/

STEP 4: COMPLETE RRCC ONLINE ORIENTATION AT: WWW.RRCC.EDU/ORIENTATION

- Red Rocks 101 is a mandatory orientation program designed to provide students with an introduction to Red Rocks community college procedures, academic programs, and student services.

STEP 5: VISIT A RED ROCKS ADVISOR

- Schedule an appointment with an Academic Advisor by calling (303) 914-6350. Be sure to identify yourself as an ASCENT student.
- Meet with the High School Relations Office to submit your ASCENT paperwork

We look forward to meeting with you and are happy you have chosen Red Rocks Community College.

ASCENT FAQ's

- The ASCENT Program is a 5th year of high school option. This means you will not be granted your high school diploma until completion of the ASCENT program.
- Tuition will be paid by the high school district if you earn a C or better in your college classes.
- The cost of books and supplies is your responsibility
- The college courses you take must apply towards your declared degree or certificate program
- Developmental English, math, and reading courses are not permitted for ASCENT
- You must take a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester for ASCENT
- The maximum amount of credits per semester is 12-13 credits
- You are not permitted to accept financial aid (Pell Grants, loans, scholarships)