



# BEST LOCAL NON-PROFIT

## Red Rocks Community College Foundation

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# College foundation invests in the future

by Clarke Reader

Paying for college is often one of the biggest challenges students have to face before stepping foot in a classroom.

For the past 20 years, Red Rocks Community College students have had the school's community foundation to help them with that.

The Red Rocks Community College Foundation has not only been giving students a leg up in getting through school, but it has been voted Best of the Best for a local nonprofit.

"In 1993, we provided one scholarship in the amount of \$800. This year we will be able to provide over 200 scholarships totaling over \$325,000," said Ron Slinger, executive director of the foundation. "At the same time, we will also be providing over \$350,000 in program support to our faculty and staff."

Slinger said that in the last 20 years, the foundation has awarded 2,350 scholarships totaling over

\$3.4 million. During that same time period it has also granted over \$3.1 million in program support.

"We're an institutionally related foundation, which means that everything we do is in support of the college," he said. "We advertise our scholarships and programs to all students — current and incoming — and usually get around 400 applicants. We're able to fund about half of that."

In addition to scholarships the foundation also provides program support and capital needs — such as equipment and construction.

Not all of the help the foundation provides comes in monetary form. Slinger said they spend a lot of time working with cities and counties to create partnerships that will help students find jobs once they graduate.

"We support these students, and they go on to support the community. The college has a huge economic impact," he said.

## LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

- AC** Community Outreach
- AP** Red Rocks Community College Foundation
- CC** Boy Scouts
- CR** Douglas/Elbert County Task Force
- DC** **TIE:** Parker Task Force; Dixie Foundation
- EC** Troop 88
- GT** Red Rocks Community College Foundation
- HR** James Resource Network
- LI** Freedom Service Dogs
- LS** Red Rocks Community College Foundation
- LT** Lone Tree Library
- NS** Adams County Animal Shelter
- PC** Dixie Foundation
- SP** Arapahoe Douglas County Mental Health
- WS** Santa House, Arvada
- WT** Red Rocks Community College Foundation
- WW** Community Outreach