



RRCC Foundation Scholarship Application Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

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DUE: Friday, May 29, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.

The Red Rocks Community College and the Red Rocks Community College Foundation offer a wide variety of scholarships based on both need and merit. Read the ENTIRE application carefully, including the program policies. Completing this application does not guarantee a scholarship award. Selection is based on a **competitive** evaluation of an applicant's grades, academic and professional goals, financial need, community service, and special circumstances. Foundation staff will check your eligibility prior to the selection process.

Applicants submit ONE application to apply for ALL of the following scholarship awards at the same time:

RRCC Foundation Scholarships (see list on next page)

First Generation Scholarship

Columbine Remembrance Award

Phi Theta Kappa/Honors Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES: Applicants **must** meet **ALL 4 GUIDELINES** to apply:

1. Be a current RRCC student or eligible for RRCC admission.
2. Be a U.S. citizen, a Permanent Resident, DACA-benefitted, or ASSET-eligible.
3. Be a Colorado resident. (Physician Assistant students are exempt from this requirement.)
4. Be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours at RRCC in the applicable semester(s). Many awards prefer students who have a 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA.

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION:

- Do not use binders, notebooks or page protectors.
- Applications in transit at the time of the deadline are late.
- Applications lacking information or missing attachments are incomplete.
- Late and/or incomplete applications are not considered for awards.

In Person: Room 1133

By Mail: RRCC Foundation
13300 W. 6th Ave., Box 1
Lakewood, CO 80228

DEADLINE: Friday, May 29, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.

QUESTIONS? CALL 303-914-6426 or EMAIL scholarships@rrcc.edu

The Red Rocks Community College Foundation

Thank you to all of our donors. Generous community support makes the Foundation Scholarship Program possible. For information on starting a scholarship fund, contact Ron Slinger at 303-914-6417. Requirements, criteria and eligibility preferences are designated by donors for Foundation scholarship awards, including but not limited to: program, population, merit, geographic and other criteria.

American Building Supply Foundation Scholarship
Arvada Elks Community Scholarship
Barber Nichols, Inc. Endowed Scholarship
Bob and Margaret Barber Family Endowed Scholarship
Cheryl A. Burgett Memorial Scholarship
Mildred Campbell Endowed Scholarship
Career Stepping Stone Scholarship
Chief George Goldbach Memorial Scholarship
City of Arvada Scholarship
Collier Family Scholarship
Daniels Fund Opportunity Award
Engineering Graphics Scholarship
Exceptional Learners Scholarship
FirstBank of Colorado Scholarship
Gardner Family Foundation Scholarship
Thomas Glennon Memorial Scholarship
Golden Civic Foundation Scholarship
Bill & Elaine Hartong Scholarship
Hazelrigg Family Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Dorothy Horrell Presidential Scholarship
I Believe I Can Fly Scholarship
Johnson Foundation Financial Aid Program

Kaiser Permanente Challenge Scholarship
Clarence and Rose Keffeler Scholarship
Kingdom Enlightenment Foundation Scholarship
Lillian LaFleur Scholarship
Harry & Cris Mathews Family Scholarship
McKee Family Foundation Scholarship
Tom McMahon Memorial Scholarship
Al & Mindy Meiklejohn Endowed Scholarship
Les & Sue Metzger Scholarship
Elissa Notarianni-Ditto Endowed Scholarship
Donna Remley Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Cliff Richardson Scholarship
Rolling Hills Country Club Foundation Endowed Scholarship
RRCC Alumni Give Back Scholarship
RRCC Foundation Scholarship
RRCC 40th Anniversary Scholarship
Theodore C. Sandquist Endowed Scholarship
John & Yasuko Shimizu Endowed Scholarship
The Student Voice Endowed Scholarship
“Swede” Johnson Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Water Quality Management & Treatment Scholarship

Red Rocks Community College and Red Rocks Community College Foundation Scholarship Program Policies

Completion of this application does not guarantee a scholarship award. All eligible applications submitted by the deadline will be evaluated on a number of criteria including need and merit. The RRCC Foundation reserves the right to extend the filing period at the discretion of the Executive Director. Final decision-making rights regarding scholarship selections are held by the RRCC Foundation Executive Director. RRCC Foundation scholarships are funded by gifts from private donors and do not include public funds. Institutional scholarships and others awards administered through the RRCC Foundation may include public funds and will have specified additional criteria.

Notification of Applicants: Response letters are sent to all applicants regarding award status on or around August 1st.

Disclaimer: A Red Rocks Community College or Red Rocks Community College Foundation scholarship will only be valid for students enrolled at this college. Red Rocks Community College defines “full-time” enrollment as 12 credit hours per semester. Annual scholarships are defined as fall and spring semesters in the same academic year. Scholarship students who receive need-based financial aid or other additional awards may recognize a reduction to their original financial aid award.

Students receiving scholarships are expected to maintain a RRCC minimum GPA and minimum enrollment. Recipients must fulfill the requirements of the scholarship as listed in the notification letter to fully utilize the award during the academic year. If the scholarship student drops below the minimum GPA during any semester, a discontinuance of the scholarship may result. Additionally the student may be required to provide reimbursement for current awards issued.

RRCC Tuition Reimbursement-Eligible Employees: All tuition reimbursement-eligible RRCC employees (Employment Categories: ATP, FAC, CLA, PTI) should refer to BP3-60, as any scholarship monies you receive will be used prior to your tuition benefit. The RRCC Foundation strongly discourages benefits-eligible employees from applying to this program as their employee benefits will not be used if a scholarship is granted.

Withdrawal Policy: In the event a scholarship recipient drops or withdraws from a course after it has been paid by a scholarship award, the student may be held financially responsible to the college and/or Foundation for those costs. Additionally, future scholarships disbursements may be rescinded. The RRCC Foundation Executive Director has final decision-making rights regarding rescinding or revoking scholarship awards.

Nondiscrimination Statement: 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 race, creed, color, sex/gender, sexual orientation gender identity, religion, age, national/ ethnic origin, pregnancy status, veteran’s status, genetic information, physical or mental disability, or any other category protected by applicable law, in its employment practices or educational programs and activities.

Red Rocks Community College

Fall 2015-Spring 2016 Scholarship Application



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Primary Contact Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, County, State, Zip: _____

Weekday Phone Number: __ (____) _____

What is your email address*? _____

*We will contact you via email. Please add scholarships@rrcc.edu to your contact list to ensure you receive our messages.

RRCC S-Number: _____ ☐ I'm new to RRCC, I don't have a S-Number yet.

Verify Eligibility

Eligibility guidelines are listed on the Application Cover Page. Applicants must meet all eligibility areas to apply. Please answer the following questions regarding your eligibility.

Are you a U.S. Citizen? ___ **Yes** ___ **No (see below)**

The awards administered through this application require U.S. citizenship, with the two exceptions listed below.

Exception 1: Are you a Permanent Resident? ___ **Yes** ___ **No**

Please present Permanent Residency documentation in person to Foundation staff for this exception. Do not attach a copy.

Exception 2: Are you a DACA-benefitted or an ASSET-eligible Student? ___ **Yes** ___ **No**

Are you a Colorado resident? ___ **Yes (see below)** ___ **No (see below)**

If YES, then how many years have you lived in Colorado? _____

The awards administered through this application require Colorado residency, with the one exception listed below.

Exception: Are you enrolling in the Physician Assistant Program? ___ **Yes** ___ **No**

A Foundation staff member will verify your enrollment in the Physical Assistant Program for this exception.

Are you planning to complete **at least 6 credit hours** per semester at RRCC? ___ **Yes** ___ **No**

The awards administered through this application require students to complete six or more credit hours per semester at RRCC.

Do you have your most recent UNOFFICIAL Academic Transcript? ___ **Yes** ___ **No**

The awards administered through this application require submitting an Unofficial Academic Transcript. See page 5 for details.

Academic Information

The majority of Foundation Scholarships are awarded to students pursuing any discipline. Some awards consider other academic items, such as areas of study, previous degrees, full-time enrollment, etc.... The questions in this section are designed to aid in determining whether you qualify for awards with specified criteria. *Note: You must enroll for a minimum of 6 credit hours as a Foundation Scholar.*

How many credit hours do you plan to complete in the **Fall 2015** semester at RRCC?

___ 5 or less credits (*see above note*) ___ 6 to 11 credits (part-time) ___ 12 or more credits (full-time)

How many credit hours do you plan to complete in the **Spring 2016** semester at RRCC?

___ 5 or less credits (*see above note*) ___ 6 to 11 credits (part-time) ___ 12 or more credits (full-time)

Which of the following **BEST** describes your **primary** area of study or Program at RRCC? (Check ONE.)

___ Engineering	___ Sciences, Specify: _____	___ Math
___ Engineering Graphics	___ Precision Machining	___ Fire Science
___ Physician Assistant	___ Medical Assisting	___ EMS/Emergency
___ Medical Imaging	___ Early Childhood Ed.	___ Nursing / Pre-Nursing
	___ Unsure	___ Nurse Aide/Home Health
		___ Other, Specify: _____

In one sentence, please describe your educational or career goals:

Do you intend to graduate from RRCC? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you intend to graduate from RRCC, please answer the following two questions:

Which semester do you expect to graduate? _____ (Example: Spring 2015)

Which degree/certificate will you obtain at graduation? _____ (Example: Associate of Science)

Do you intend to transfer to another college or university? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you intend to transfer from RRCC to another institution, please answer the following two questions:

Which semester do you expect to transfer? _____ (Example: Spring 2015)

Where would you like to transfer? _____ (Example: Regis, Mines, UC Boulder)

Answer the following questions to describe your academic background:

Did **either of your parents or guardians** achieve a 4-year degree or higher? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did you obtain your High School Diploma? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you did not obtain your High School Diploma, did you obtain your GED? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you obtained a degree from RRCC or other colleges, universities, or tech. programs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you obtained one or more previous degrees, please list each degree, the graduation year, and the institution:

What attracted you to Red Rocks Community College?

Household and Income Information

The majority of Foundation Scholarships consider financial need. The Foundation collects information about your overall financial picture to assist in determining financial need, including **household**, **expenses** and **income**. Even though a small number of awards are based only on merit, financial information is **REQUIRED** from all applicants.

How many people live in your household, including you? _____

Which of the following BEST describes the people currently living in your household?

☐ I live alone.

☐ I live with my roommate(s) only.

☐ I live with my parent/guardian(s) only.

☐ I live with my parent/guardian(s) and sibling(s).

☐ I live with my significant other only, such as my spouse or domestic partner.

☐ I live with my child or children only.

☐ I live with my family, such as parents and spouse; children and spouse; and other relatives.

☐ I live with a combination of friends, family members and/or roommates.

☐ Other, specifically _____

Which of the following best describes who is responsible for paying the basic living expenses in your household?

☐ I am the sole provider.

☐ My parent/guardian(s) pay all of the expenses.

☐ I pay a portion of the expenses to my parent/guardian(s) or relative(s).

☐ I share expenses with my significant other, such as my spouse or domestic partner.

☐ I divide expenses with the others living in my household, such as my roommates.

☐ I receive public assistance to help with the expenses.

☐ Other, specifically _____

For the next question, think about the total amount of monthly living expenses paid by you and others living in the household, including rent/mortgage, utilities, transportation, and food.

Here are examples to help you with your answer:

If you and one roommate split the expenses 50/50 and the expenses are rent \$500, utilities \$250, and food \$250, then the total expenses for the household are \$1,000 and your portion of those expenses equal \$500.

If you are the sole provider, you will add together rent, utilities and other basic expenses. This amount will be in both columns.

Indicate the range that BEST describes the total *monthly* living expenses:

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID BY THE HOUSEHOLD

___ \$0 (Answer question * below.)

___ \$1 - \$499

___ \$500 - \$999

___ \$1,000 - \$1,499

___ \$1,500 - \$1,999

___ \$2,000 - \$2,999

___ \$3,000 - \$4,999

___ \$5,000 – and higher

YOUR PORTION OF THOSE EXPENSES

___ \$0 (Answer question * below.)

___ \$1 - \$499

___ \$500 - \$999

___ \$1,000 - \$1,499

___ \$1,500 - \$1,999

___ \$2,000 - \$2,999

___ \$3,000 - \$4,999

___ \$5,000 – and higher

*If you indicated \$0, explain why you don't have to pay basic living expenses:



Remember, you can further explain any of the information on your scholarship application in your Personal Statement.

For the next question, think about the **total amount of ANNUAL GROSS INCOME earned** by YOU and others living in your household from **January 2014 to December 2014**?

Gross income includes earnings from jobs; net income from business, farm, rent; pensions; dividends; interest; social security payments; and any other money income received. Please report the total amount of money you earned during the entire year— do not subtract the amount you paid in taxes or any deductions listed on your tax return.

Here are examples to help you with your answer:

If you earned \$20,000 and your spouse earned \$45,000, then the total household annual gross income is \$65,000 and your portion of that income is \$20,000.

If you earn \$5,000 a year and your parents earn \$52,000 a year, then the total household annual gross income is \$57,000 and your portion of that income is \$5,000.

If you are living with roommates, or you are the sole provider, or you live alone, then your gross income will be the same in both fields.

Indicate the range that BEST describes the total annual gross income for **2014**:

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD ANNUAL GROSS INCOME* \$ _____

YOUR PORTION OF THAT INCOME* \$ _____

*If you indicated \$0 for income during 2014: How did you meet your living expenses, such as shelter, utilities, food, clothing, and transportation?

Looking ahead, how much gross income do you **estimate** YOU and others in your household will earn in **2015**?

___ The same as in 2014.

___ Less than in 2014, because _____.

___ More than in 2014, because _____.

___ I am uncertain, because _____.



Remember, you can further explain any of the information on your scholarship application in your Personal Statement.

Community Service

Many of the awards offered through this application require recent and/or continuous involvement in community service activities. This section gathers information about your volunteer experiences.

Do you participate in community service and/or volunteer activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you indicated yes, please list where you volunteer, how frequently, and the typical duties you perform:



Remember, you can further explain any of the information on your scholarship application in your Personal Statement. We recommend including one paragraph addressing your community activities.

Other Demographic Information

The Foundation makes every attempt to match qualifying students with the designated criteria from the donors. In doing so, we collect demographic, situational, and other related information. Answering questions in this section is optional; however, completion may expand your qualifications via additional preferences.

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Gender

☐ Female

☐ Male

☐ Trans*

Race

☐ Black or African-American

☐ White

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Asian

☐ Two or More Races

☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

☐ Other race not listed: _____

Ethnic Affiliation:

☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ American Tribal or Pueblo Affiliation ☐ Other ethnicity not listed: _____

Are you currently the single parent/guardian of a minor? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever used CCAMPIS to supplement your child care costs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Were you in foster care? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did you serve in the U.S. military? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you indicated yes, which branch? _____

Do you have a physical or learning disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you indicated yes, please describe your disability*: _____

**Note: RRCC Accessibility Services will confirm. Interested students must have a file with Accessibility Services.*

Are you currently enrolled in the RRCC Gateway Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a graduate of the RRCC Gateway Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you employed by the City of Arvada? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are your parent/guardian(s) employed by the City of Arvada? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you indicated yes, what is the name of your parent/guardian(s)? _____

Are you employed full-time by RRCC? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Outreach Efforts

How did you hear about this opportunity? ☐ Poster/Flyer

☐ Schedule/Catalog

☐ Web

☐ Email

☐ Class Visit

☐ Facebook/Twitter

☐ RRCC Recruiter

☐ Other: _____

Referred By: _____

Did you attend a Foundation Scholarship Workshop? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I didn't know about them

Did you receive emails from the RRCCF Scholarship email blast? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I didn't know about it

Complete the next two sections if they apply to you either as a recent HS Grad or as a member of PTK.

Columbine Remembrance Award & First Generation Scholarship

The Office of High School Relations coordinates and monitors all areas pertaining to the Columbine Remembrance Award and the First Generation Scholarship. Nomination by either a counselor or teacher is a requirement of both scholarships. The questions in this section assist in determining your qualifications for these two specific awards.

The Columbine Remembrance Award covers two academic years (fall and spring) at \$2,000 per semester, a value of \$8,000.

The First Generation Scholarship covers tuition only, for up to 12 credit hours for two academic years (fall and spring semesters).

When did you graduate from high school?

☐ I graduated (or I will graduate) in May 2015.

☐ I graduated in December 2014.

☐ I graduated prior to December 2014. Unfortunately, you are not eligible for the two awards in this section. You may proceed to the next section of questions.

☐ I am participating in the ASCENT (5th year high school) Program and will not be issued a diploma until 2016. Unfortunately, you are not eligible for any scholarship awards while participating in the ASCENT program.

What is the Name of Your High School: _____

Location: _____ (Example: Lakewood, CO)

HS County: _____ (Example: Jefferson County)

What is your Cumulative GPA on your high school transcript? _____

What is the highest level of education that **either of your parents** achieved?

☐ College graduate (Bachelors, Masters or higher degree.)

☐ Associates, Technical/Trade School, Certificate or attended some college.

☐ High School Diploma or GED.

☐ Less than a high school diploma.

ATTENTION: Candidates for the Columbine and First Generation Scholarships **MUST** attach a Letter of Recommendation **from a high school counselor or teacher.**

Phi Theta Kappa/Honors Scholarship

Student Life and Phi Theta Kappa coordinate and monitor all areas pertaining to the Phi Theta Kappa/Honors Scholarship. The questions in this section assist in determining your qualifications for this specific award.

Are you currently a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at RRCC?

☐ Yes. Please complete the questions in this section.

☐ No. Unfortunately, only members of PTK are eligible for this award.

The PTK/Honors Scholarships **REQUIRES** you to complete a Special Topics Leadership course during the Fall 2015 semester. The course is two credit hours and is offered only on Tuesdays 1:00-2:50. No other sections or alternative delivery are available. During the course, scholarship recipients will research, develop and implement a group "Honors in Action" project for the chapter.

Are you interested in taking this course? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you able to arrange your Fall 2015 schedule to accommodate the Special Topics course*:
Leadership Seminar, POS 275, Tuesdays, from 1:00-2:50 p.m. ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Note: If you are unable to enroll and complete this class you will not be eligible for the PTK /Honors Scholarship.*

Attachments: Personal Statement, Academic Transcript, Letter(s) of Recommendation

In addition to completing the biographical sections, the application **REQUIRES** you to submit three attachments:

- 1) A Personal Statement. 2) An Academic Transcript. 3) One or two Letters of Recommendation.

1) Did you attach your Personal Statement? ____ Yes ____ No

Use your Personal Statement to **help the evaluator understand why you should receive a scholarship**:

- Focus on your academic and career goals.
- Include challenges you face or have faced, such as financial need, and/or family or work obligations.
- Mention any volunteer and leadership experiences.
- Further explain any financial or biographical information from the previous sections.

Personal statements must be typed and double-spaced. Submit up to 3 pages, or approximately 750 words.

2) Did you attach your most recent Academic Transcript? ____ Yes ____ No

Tips for submitting your Academic Transcript:

- RRCC students: Attach your **unofficial** transcript from www.rrcc.edu using The Rock.
- Other students: Attach your **unofficial** transcript from your high school or the last college you attended.
- If you do not have a transcript, contact the Foundation staff to discuss a possible alternative:
 - a) GED scores, in some cases.
 - b) ACCUPLACER assessment test scores or

Please note: Unfortunately, we do not have alternatives for every situation. Copies of grades, certificates or other achievements are **NOT** accepted as attachments to the application.

3) Did you attach one or two Letters of Recommendation? ____ Yes ____ No

Tips for submitting Letters of Recommendation:

- Ask your reference for a letter at **least two weeks** prior to the deadline.
- Letters are accepted from RRCC faculty, previous teachers, employers, supervisors, etc...
- Letters of recommendation are **NOT** accepted from family members or friends.
- When asking for a recommendation letter, you can suggest that the letter address your:

**academic skills and potential,
level of motivation,
and potential for success in your chosen career path.**

- We do not have a form or a preferred format for recommendation letters.

Letters can be submitted with the application itself, delivered in person, sent in the mail, or faxed.

Letters are **NOT** accepted via e-mail **unless** the author is an employee of RRCC using a RRCC email address.

Application Agreement and Signature

By filling out this form I wish my application to be considered for all available scholarships administered by the RRCC Foundation for which I qualify. I understand I am voluntarily submitting this information in a competitive evaluation process. I understand that scholarships may be adjusted based on changes in academic status. I understand that I may be disqualified if this application is not complete and that I must update the RRCC Foundation office about any changes in my situation. By indicating agreement, I release this information to the college, scholarship donor(s) and the RRCC Foundation. I understand the release of my information will be given care regarding sensitivity and consideration with priority toward my protection. I understand that this information will become part of the permanent scholarship record of the RRCC Foundation and further agree that this biographical information may be used to publicize the scholarship.

- ☐ I have attached my Personal Statement.
- ☐ I have attached my Unofficial Academic Transcripts or the appropriate substitute.
- ☐ I have attached my Letter(s) of Recommendation or they will be sent on my behalf.
- Please note that applications which are incomplete or missing attachments will not be scored.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ RRCC S# _____

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

The RRCC Foundation
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Lakewood, CO 80228

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