RRCC Post-GED/HiSET Scholarship Application

Red Rocks Community College is pleased to offer this one-semester scholarship to G.E.D./H.S.E. graduates. Carefully read and complete the entire application, including program policies and submission guidelines. Selection is based on a competitive evaluation of applicants’ test scores, professional and academic goals, and any special circumstances. General eligibility is reviewed prior to the selection process. Completing this application does not guarantee a scholarship award.

Complete applications must be received by 5 PM on the due date in order to be considered.
   If applying for the spring term, the application is due the first Friday in December.
   If applying for the fall term, the application is due the first Friday in June.
Applicants will be notified via email, approximately one week after the submission deadline.

There is no limit on how many times a student can apply for this scholarship, but the scholarship can be received only once, during a single semester.

General Eligibility Guidelines
Applicants must meet ALL guidelines to apply:
   • Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen, Permanent U.S. Resident or eligible non-citizen.
   • Applicant must be a Colorado resident for a period of at least one year prior to the application deadline.
   • Applicant must provide a copy of their official G.E.D. or H.S.E. test scores with the application.

Application Instructions
Applicants must complete ALL PARTS of the application to apply:
   • Complete all sections of the Biographical Information pages.
   • Submit a personal statement.
   • Provide one or two letters of recommendation.
   • Provide a copy of their official G.E.D./H.S.E. test scores.
   • Applicant must meet with an Academic Advisor OR be enrolled in the Gateway Program.

Submitting the Application
   • Do not use binders, notebooks or page protectors.
   • Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
   • Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Where to Submit Applications
In Person:
   Lakewod Campus: Financial Aid Office, ATTN Terri Cedillo
   Arvada Campus: Front Desk, ATTN Kelly Lloyd

By Mail or Email:
   RRCC Financial Aid Office, c/o Scholarship Coordinator, 13300 West Sixth Avenue, Campus Box 4, Lakewood, CO 80228 RRCC.FinancialAid@rrcc.edu
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Primary Contact Information

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Student’s S#: ___________________________

Student’s Email Address: @student.cccs.edu

How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity?

Verify Eligibility

Please answer the following questions regarding your eligibility:

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A copy of my official G.E.D., TASC or HiSet test scores is attached.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Agreement and Release of Information

Please read and review the following agreement and release of information carefully:

By filling out this form, I am requesting that my application be considered for the G.E.D./H.S.E. scholarship administered by RRCC. I understand I am voluntarily submitting this information in a competitive evaluation process. I understand that I may be disqualified if this application is not complete. By indicating agreement, I release this information to RRCC.

Yes, I agree. ☐

Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________

PRINTED NAME: ___________________________

BIRTHDATE (MM/DD/YYYY): ___________________________

PHONE NUMBER and MAILING ADDRESS: ___________________________
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Academic and Professional Information

The questions in this section assist in determining your academic and professional goals.

*How many credit hours do you plan to complete during the upcoming semester at RRCC?*
- ☐ 5 credits or fewer
- ☐ 6 to 11 credits
- ☐ 12 or more credits

Please indicate which program(s) of study you are interested in at RRCC:

Attachments

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

- Personal Statement
- Copy of G.E.D./H.S.E. test scores (may be obtained from diplomasender.com)
- Letter(s) of Recommendation

*Tips for Submitting Your Personal Statement*

- Focus on academic and career goals.
- Include challenges you are experiencing or have experienced, such as financial need, and/or family or work obligations.
- Personal statement must be 2 pages (approximately 500 words), typed and double spaced, in 12-point font.

*Is your Personal Statement attached?* ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Tips for Submitting Letters of Recommendation*

- Ask for references 2-4 weeks prior to the deadline.
- Letters are accepted from previous teachers, employers, supervisors, probation officers, etc.
- When asking for a recommendation letter, suggest that the letter address academic skills and potential, level of motivation, and or potential for success in chosen career path.
- There is no specific form or preferred format for recommendation letters. Letters must be submitted with the application itself and individual letters will not be considered.

Attached one or two Letters of Recommendation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attached a copy of your official test scores? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Submitted proof of meeting with an Academic Advisor or enrolled in Gateway? ☐ Yes ☐ No
The RRCC Post-GED/HiSET Scholarship Evaluation Process

Applications will go before a committee of individuals who want to contribute to the success of RRCC students. Each evaluator will receive a training prior to the selection process to ensure all criteria is considered during the evaluation process.

Notification

Applicants will be notified whether or not they were selected to receive this award via cccs student email approximately one week after the application deadline.

Red Rocks Community College Advising & Gateway Program

Advisors help guide students through the process of selecting a program of study and courses that pertain to that program. RRCC offers additional support via TRiO.

RRCC Academic Advising................................. 303-914-6275
TRiO Student Support Services Navigators........... 303-914-6764

The Gateway Program provides ex-offenders with counseling and other services to prepare them for post-secondary education. Contact: Cathy Lachman......................... 303-914-6263
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Application Agreement, Signature and Contact Information

Completion of the application process does not guarantee a scholarship award. All eligible applications submitted by the deadline will be evaluated on a number of criteria. Final decision-making rights regarding scholarship selections are held by RRCC. Applicants will be notified via email, approximate one week after the submission deadline.

Students receiving scholarships are expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0, or be enrolled in the RRCC Gateway program. They must be enrolled in a minimum of 3 credit hours for the semester. Recipients must fulfill the requirements of the award listed in the notification letter to fully utilize the award during the academic year. If the scholarship student drops below the minimum GPA or discontinues the RRCC Gateway Program (if applicable), the student may be required to provide reimbursement for the award issued.

Red Rocks Community College does not unlawfully discriminate in its admissions, education programs, activities or employment policies on the basis of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, gender expression, disability or any other category protected by application law and is subject to Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

By signing below, I agree that I understand the conditions as explained above. I attest to the accuracy of the information and statements I have made in the application.

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE: