

Student Scholarship Office

Scholarship Q&A

What is a Foundation Scholarship?

The Rowan College Foundation offers numerous academic and program scholarships annually to qualified RCGC students enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis. A Foundation Scholarship is a form of student financial aid assistance to help students defray the cost of their tuition. In some instances, book scholarships may be applied toward the cost of course books in the college bookstore.

Who funds the money for Foundation Scholarships?

Foundation Scholarships are funded by individual donors, various corporations, industries, organizations and businesses, as well as by local area clubs or groups. Additionally, RCGC sponsors various functions, such as the Foundation Gala and Golf Tournament, to raise money for Foundation Scholarships.

Does the scholarship money have to be repaid like a loan or is it "free" money?

Scholarships are a great form of aid since they are a gift, which does not have to be repaid.

Is there a fee to apply for a Foundation Scholarship?

No. There is no fee. (Be wary of scholarship advertisements requesting an application fee.) The RCGC scholarship application is available for all RCGC students free of fees.

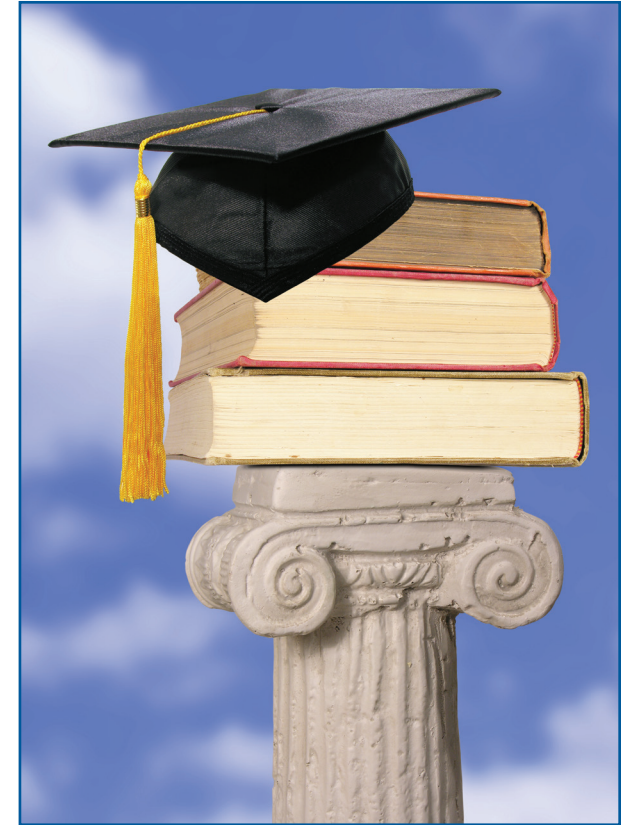
Who can apply for a Foundation Scholarship?

High school seniors who apply for admission into RCGC, currently enrolled students, returning RCGC students, or non-traditional students can apply for scholarships.

How do I apply for a Foundation Scholarship?

An online application system is available through the RCGC Portal. Students must first apply to RCGC and once accepted, students receive an ID number as well as a user name and passcode. Students apply for scholarships online and they also submit their transcripts, letters of recommendation and essay through the online system. RCGC students can log into the online system by going to the RCGC Scholarships web page.

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Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

The new online scholarship application system automatically matches students with scholarships for which they are qualified based on various criteria, such as program of study, grade point average, etc. Additionally, students can apply for other scholarship opportunities listed in the online scholarship system by answering specific questions or meeting other criteria the donor has requested. These scholarships are "apply to" scholarships and students must review them to determine eligibility and apply for as many as the student is qualified.

Must I apply for financial aid in order to qualify for the scholarships?

The criteria of each scholarship varies. Some scholarship criteria requires that you apply for financial aid by submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you wish to apply and be considered for a "need-based" scholarship, you must provide the Awards and Scholarships Committee with your financial information. Students are encouraged to apply for financial aid.

When can I apply for a Foundation Scholarship?

Scholarships are announced early in the Spring Semester of each academic year to be used in the following Fall and Spring Semesters of each academic year.

Where can I find information on available scholarships?

A list of available scholarship opportunities can be viewed in the online scholarship application system by logging into the RCGC website. To learn more about scholarships, visit RCGC.edu/scholarships.

What is the criteria for a Foundation Scholarship?

Each scholarship has individual criteria which varies according to the specifications set by the donor of the scholarship or by the Rowan College Foundation at Gloucester County. The criteria may be based on GPA, enrollment status (full- or part-time), financial need, scholarship classification or degree/program of study. Review the Scholarship opportunities to determine the criteria of the scholarship.



What is required of me to apply for a Foundation Scholarship?

You must submit the following documents through the online scholarship system prior to the scholarship deadline:

- Scholarship Application
- High School Transcript (official) or RCGC (or other college) transcripts
- Letter of recommendation (high school counselor or teacher; college faculty or administrator)
- Essay (normally 250 words on Career Objectives)

When is the deadline to apply for scholarships?

Generally, the deadline for scholarships is in April or the beginning of May.

Who selects the recipients for a Foundation Scholarship?

The RCGC Scholarships and Awards Committee evaluates every scholarship application and selects the recipients of the Foundation Scholarships. The Committee is composed of members of the faculty and staff.

When will I be notified if I am awarded or not awarded a scholarship?

The Scholarships and Awards Committee will make their selection by the end of the Spring Semester of each academic year. Notification of awards will be mailed to all scholarship applicants as to the status of the scholarship (awarded or not awarded).

How do I get the scholarship money once I am awarded?

After the scholarship selection process is completed, the award monies will be applied toward the student's RCGC account. Students can view their account information through the RCGC website (College Portal) at RCGC.edu

How much money is my scholarship worth?

The amount of each scholarship varies. Some Foundation Scholarship amounts remain the same each academic year, whereas some amounts may increase or decrease based on the amount provided by the Foundation donor. Most scholarship awards are equally distributed into two semesters (Fall and Spring) unless otherwise indicated in the criteria of the Scholarship opportunity.

If I have a NJ STAR scholarship, may I apply for Foundation scholarships?

Yes, recipients of NJ Stars may apply for scholarships. However, there are regulations governing NJ STARS. Tuition is first covered by your RCGC scholarship and if there is a balance, NJ STARS will pay the remaining balance. The regulation states: "The NJ STARS award covers the cost of tuition and approved fees less any state and/or federal grants and scholarships for up to five semesters." For more information, go to the NJ Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) website hesaa.org or nmjstars.net

What is a Book Scholarship?

Book Scholarships will pay for course books only and will not pay for tuition. Students must purchase textbooks in the RCGC Bookstore.

Who may I contact if I need more information or have a question?

You may contact the Student Scholarship Office by calling 856-415-2105 or email scholarships@rcgc.edu

Are there any other helpful websites that I can visit for scholarship information?

There are various websites, such as scholarshiphelp.org, that can provide helpful information.

Note:

The goal of this Q & A is to educate students regarding the online scholarship process. It is our intention to provide the necessary requirements to assist students in attaining scholarships and succeeding in the pursuit of their educational goals.

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