

Financial Aid Workshops

RCCD Foundation Scholarships

2024-25 Application Period
October 16, 2023 – January 12, 2024



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Financial Aid Reminders

- Complete the 2023-24 FAFSA or CA Dream Act application
 - www.studentaid.gov, MVC school code: 041735
 - <https://dream.csac.ca.gov>, MVC school code: 04173500
 - Apply even if you think you may not qualify
- For need-based 2024-25 scholarships, students *must* complete the 2023-24 FAFSA or CA Dream Act
- Submit your 2024-25 FAFSA or CA Dream Act by the Cal Grant Priority Deadline of **April 2, 2024**

Important Dates

- Scholarship Application Available: October 16, 2023
- Deadline to Apply: **Friday, January 12, 2024, 5:00 PM**
- Scholarship Award Notification: Mid-May
- Scholarship Award Ceremony: You will be notified of dates for scholarship if applicable
- Disbursement: 2024-25 Disbursement Schedule

Scholarships Web Page

- Go to www.mvc.edu/scholarships
- Select RCCD Foundation Scholarships from the menu

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RCCD Foundation Scholarships

Ease the financial burden of attending college by applying for annual RCCD Foundation scholarships. One application, hundreds of possible ways to save

Scholarships Web Page

How to Apply for Foundation Scholarships

- **Myths About Scholarship Applications**
- **Frequently Asked Questions**
- **Determine Your Enrollment Status**
- **Maintain Your Eligibility**
- **Learn about the Application Process**
- **Requesting a Letter of Recommendation**
- **Obtaining Unofficial Transcripts**
- **Access the Scholarship Application**
- **How to Use the Application System**
- **Scholarship Selection Process**
- **Scholarship Notification and Recognition**
- **Are you a scholarship alternate?**
- **Accepting Your Scholarship and Disbursement**
- **How to Write Thank You Letters**

Application Process

- Create an account
 - Enter your RCCD student email, create a password
 - Select “Sign Up” (Select “Sign In” on subsequent log ins)
- You will receive an email to your RCCD student email to confirm your identity
- Return to the site and complete the General Scholarship Application

Application Process

- Imported items
 - Home college, name
 - Program of study/Major, high school info, GPA, etc.
- You will be automatically matched to scholarships for which you meet the criteria:
 - Called “**Auto-Match**” scholarships, no further action required



Application Process

- You will be prompted to apply for other scholarships:
 - Called “Apply-To” scholarships, further action is required
 - Upload documents - unofficial transcripts, military discharge papers, writing sample, etc.
 - Answer supplemental questions
 - Special short essay or explanations
- Have all possible required documents saved and ready to upload
- Do not wait until the last minute!

Essay Questions

- Very important - Four Essay Questions
- Be aware of punctuation, grammar, and spelling
- Carefully think about each question; write a draft and revise
- May be typed directly into the application, or...
 - Save to a word or note document and then copy and paste to your application



Essay Questions

Essay Questions:

- Please briefly introduce yourself to the scholarship reviewing committee (150 words, appx. 10 lines)
- What are your career goals and your educational plan to meet these goals? Tell us about why you have selected your current major and career goal and any life experiences which may have influenced this decision. Also tell us about your anticipated role in society after your career goal has been achieved (200 words, appx. 15 lines)
- Do you have any activities, volunteerism, interests or responsibilities that you are involved with? Tell us about any accomplishments or achievements that you are proud of (200 words, appx. 15 lines)
- Have you had any challenges or life-changing experiences you would like the scholarship committee or donor to know about? What have you learned from these experiences? Also, tell us about any unusual circumstances which may affect your current financial situation (250 words, appx. 18 lines)

Tips for Answering Essay Questions

Introduction

- Personal story, favorite quote, what guides you
- Give examples of personal qualities
- Tell them about you

Career Goals/Educational Plan

- Possible formula: Past, Present and Future of your education and career goals
- Explain why you chose your major and career goal
- Talk about academic history, goals, successes

Volunteerism/Activities

- Anything you participate in; past or present
- Creates an image of a well-rounded person

Challenges

- Explain any circumstances regarding your financial situation, especially if it has changed
- Negative circumstances can be mentioned briefly, but state how you have overcome them and what you have learned from them; Turn a negative into a positive

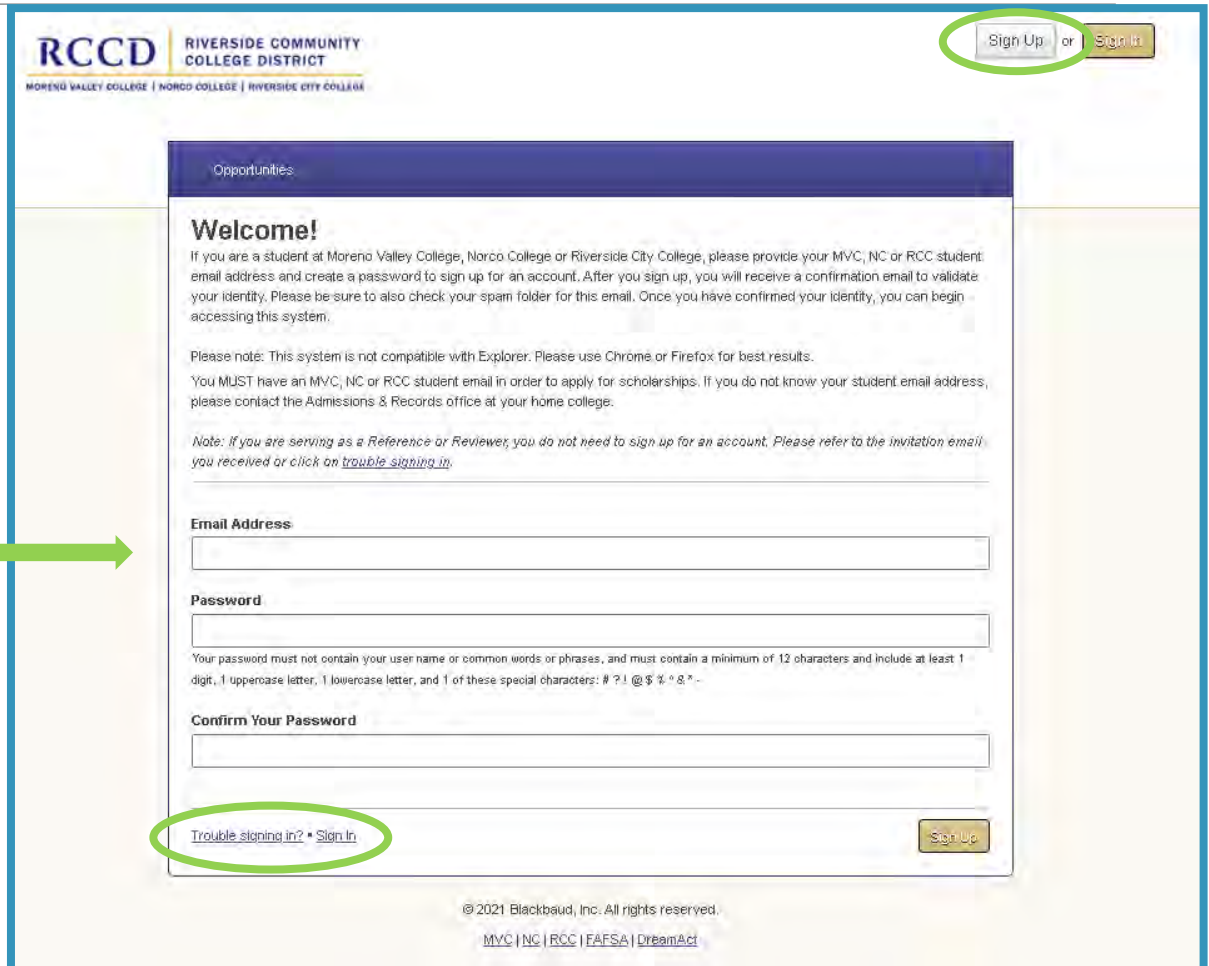
Recommendations

- One Recommendation is required; advisable to request three
- Good sources: Instructors, counselors, employers, community leaders, etc.
- Poor sources: Friends, relatives, other students
- You will need their email address
- Ask for recommendations early
- Recommendation provider will complete a questionnaire in the system
- Optional: Provide a copy of your essay or a resume listing extracurricular activities, accomplishments

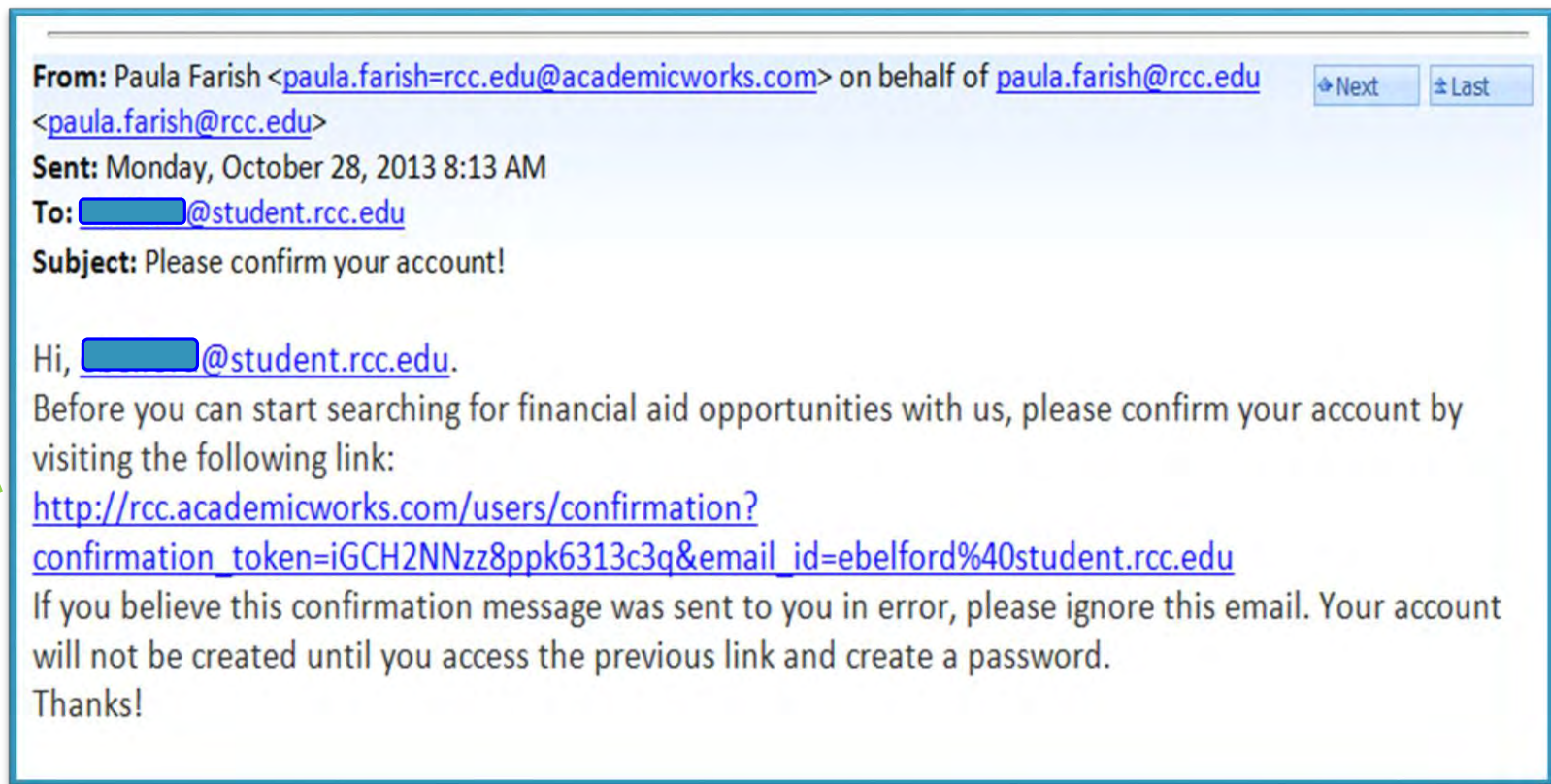
Scholarship Site Screens

Sign Up Page

- Enter your **RCCD** student email address
- Create a password, follow the directions, write it down
- Click Sign Up
- Log-in help



The screenshot shows the sign-up page for the RCCD Scholarship Site. The page header includes the RCCD logo and the text "RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT" and "MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE | NORCO COLLEGE | RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE". In the top right corner, there are two buttons: "Sign Up" and "Sign In", both highlighted with a green circle. The main content area is titled "Opportunities" and "Welcome!". It contains instructions for students to sign up, a note about browser compatibility, and a note for reference reviewers. Below the text are three input fields: "Email Address", "Password", and "Confirm Your Password". A green arrow points from the "Click Sign Up" instruction to the "Sign Up" button. At the bottom left of the form, there is a link "Trouble signing in? Sign In" highlighted with a green circle. At the bottom right, there is a "Sign Up" button. The footer contains the copyright notice "© 2021 Blackbaud, Inc. All rights reserved." and links for "MVC | NC | RCC | FAFSA | DreamAct".



- You will receive an email to confirm your identity (check your spam)
- Click on the link provided

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Sign Up or Sign In

Opportunities

Welcome!

If you are a student at Moreno Valley College, Norco College or Riverside City College, and new to the RCCD Scholarship site, please provide your MVC, NC or RCC student email address and create a password, then select SIGN UP for an account. After you sign up, you will receive a confirmation email to validate your identity. Please be sure to also check your spam folder for this email. Once you have confirmed your identity, you can begin accessing this system.

Please note: This system is not compatible with Explorer. Please use Chrome or Firefox for best results.

You MUST have an MVC, NC or RCC student email in order to apply for scholarships. If you do not know your student email address, please contact the Admissions & Records office at your home college.

Note: If you are serving as a Reference or Reviewer, you do not need to sign up for an account. Please refer to the invitation email you received or click on [trouble signing in](#).

Email Address

Password

Your password must not contain your user name or common words or phrases, and must contain a minimum of 12 characters and include at least 1 digit, 1 uppercase letter, 1 lowercase letter, and 1 of these special characters: # ? ! @ \$ % ^ & * -

Confirm Your Password

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- Once you confirm your identity, log in using your student email and password and click “Sign In”
- Click “Sign In”

General Application

The screenshot shows a web application interface. At the top, there is a dark blue navigation bar with three items: 'My Applications', 'Opportunities' (with a dropdown arrow), and 'Coston, Olayide' (with a dropdown arrow). Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Application Progress' and contains a yellow circular progress indicator followed by the text 'General Application' and an information icon. The right column contains instructions: 'You can save your application at any time by clicking **Save and Keep Editing** at the bottom of the form. Once completed, you can submit your application by clicking **Finish and Continue**. After you submit, you can continue to edit your application up until the deadline. **Note:** Required fields are marked with an asterisk.' Below this is a section titled 'General Application Questions' with a dashed line separator. There are three text input fields, each preceded by an asterisk: '* Last Name', '* First Name', and '* Student ID'. Below the 'Student ID' field, there is a note: 'Enter your 7 digit MVC, NC or RCC student ID without the first two letters, Numbers only please.'

- An asterisk means information is required
- Answer all questions

* **Scholarship Essay Questionnaire:** The RCCD scholarship application requires you to answer scholarship essay questions and it is an important part of your application. The Scholarship Essay Questionnaire will help those reviewing your application gain a better understanding of you as a student and individual. This is your chance to explain to scholarship reviewers why you feel you should be a recipient of an RCCD scholarship. In your essay, please address the following questions: - Answer 1 time.

* **1. Please briefly introduce yourself to the scholarship reviewing committee.**

Words Used: 0 out of 150

* **2. What are your career goals and your educational plan to meet these goals? Tell us about why you have selected your current major and career goal and any life experiences which may have influenced this decision. Also tell us about your anticipated role in society after your career goal has been achieved.**

Words Used: 0 out of 200

* **3. Do you have any activities, volunteerism, interests or responsibilities that you are involved with? Tell us about any accomplishments or achievements that you are proud of.**


Words Used: 0 out of 200

* **4. Have you had any challenges or life-changing experiences you would like the scholarship committee or donor to know about? What have you learned from these experiences? Also, tell us about any unusual circumstances which may affect your current financial situation.**

Words Used: 0 out of 250

- Type in or cut and paste (recommended) answers to the essay questions
- Complete all edits and revisions before submitting; updates/corrections can be made up to the deadline

* Recommendation 1: Please provide a name and email address for a scholarship recommendation. This needs to be an individual who can attest to your current academic strength and potential for success. You should notify this individual to expect an email from us. You are responsible for ensuring your reference provider completes this request.

 [Add a New Reference](#) (Reference will be notified via email)

Recommendation 2: Please provide a name and email address for a scholarship recommendation. This needs to be an individual who can attest to your current academic strength and potential for success. You should notify this individual to expect an email from us. You are responsible for ensuring your reference provider completes this request.

[Add a New Reference](#) (Reference will be notified via email)

Recommendation 3: Please provide a name and email address for a scholarship recommendation. This needs to be an individual who can attest to your current academic strength and potential for success. You should notify this individual to expect an email from us. You are responsible for ensuring your reference provider completes this request.

[Add a New Reference](#) (Reference will be notified via email)

- Enter email address of the person from whom you want to request a recommendation
- One is required; advisable to request three

From: Paula Farish [<mailto:paula.farish=rcc.edu@academicworks.com>] **On Behalf Of** paula.farish@rcc.edu
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 4:36 PM
To: Lynch, Nicole
Subject: [External Sender] Please serve as a reference for Paula Farish

Dear Nicole Lynch,

Paula Farish has requested that you serve as a reference for a scholarship opportunity. The scholarships offered by the RCCD Foundation require a recommendation questionnaire to be completed by you, the reference provider. Please note that your recommendation will remain confidential and not viewable by Paula Farish. Your recommendation will only be viewed by those reviewing his/her application, though he/she will be able to see that you have successfully completed the recommendation questionnaire. You can complete the recommendation questionnaire via the following link:

[http://rcc.academicworks.com/users/invitation/accept?
invitation_token=ach5fpXF9YtDGCHFR1tM&email_id=nicole.lynch%40rcc.edu](http://rcc.academicworks.com/users/invitation/accept?invitation_token=ach5fpXF9YtDGCHFR1tM&email_id=nicole.lynch%40rcc.edu)

Thank you for your time and consideration.

- Example of the email that is sent to references for a recommendation

* I certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete. I authorize RCCD to share this application and the contents with the RCCD Scholarship Committee, Scholarship Donors and/or other screening committees. I also understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, information about me may be released for publicity purposes, to fulfill funding requirements, and for recognition to RCCD. I also understand that I am required to attend the scholarship awards ceremony as determined by my scholarship and/or donor. - Answer 1 time.

* 1. Signature (Type Full Name) 1

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* 2. Today's Date

12/17/2020

Please enter a date formatted like MM/DD/YYYY.

Save and Keep Editing Finish and Submit

- Read the certification
- Sign by typing your name and the date
- Finish and Submit; you may return and update your application until deadline

Home Page/Dashboard

- General Application - click on Update to view and change your application information
- Current – Select Apply-To Scholarships
- Status: SUBMITTED means no more action is required of you; DRAFTED means you have not completed applying;
- Click on “Opportunities” then select “Recommended” for a list of Apply-To scholarships you may also be eligible for; further action is required

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My Applications Opportunities References Farsh, Paula

Status

Recommended Opportunities Submitted 0 of 50 Reference Letters Submitted 0 of 1

General Applications Submitted 1 of 1

General Application

Submitted

General Application

Update

Current

Deadline Submitted 01/12/2018

Alpha Gamma Sigma Tutorial Scholarship

Update

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My Applications **1** Opportunities References

Application Progress

- General Application
- Other Recommended Opportunities

Applicant Record

Recommended Opportunities

Show Filters

Don't forget to complete the application for the scholarship opportunities recommended to you by selecting "Apply" and completing any additional questions or information needed.

Search by Keyword

Award	Name	Actions
\$500	Bernard Fradkin Library Scholarship Riverside City College is home to the Digital Library and Learning Resources Center. The library's faculty and staff renamed the Riverside Library...	Apply by 01/15/2021
\$200	Blaga S. Pauley Memorial Scholarship Blaga Pauley was born in communist Bulgaria and immigrated to the United States where she earned her B.S. and M.A. in mathematics. She was an...	Apply by 01/15/2021
Varies - Amount to be determined	C. Bruce Tomlinson Memorial Scholarship This scholarship was established to honor Mr. C. Bruce Tomlinson and his many years of service as a music educator in the Riverside community. The...	Apply by 01/15/2021
\$350	Clifford W. Holmes, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Cliff Holmes was an astronomy instructor at RCC from 1989 until his passing in 1993. He was a popular instructor with a passion for his field. The...	Apply by 01/15/2021
	Creative Writing Scholarship	Apply

- List of recommended scholarship opportunities
- Click on the opportunity name for more information; click Apply to see what further action is required

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My Applications **1** Opportunities References

Blaga S. Pauley Memorial Scholarship

Description

Blaga Pauley was born in communist Bulgaria and immigrated to the United States where she earned her B.S. and M.A. in mathematics. She was an...

Deadline

01/15/2021

Category

New

Supporting Documents

Applicant Record

Profile

You can save your application at any time by clicking **Save and Keep Editing** at the bottom of the form. Once completed, you can submit your application by clicking **Finish and Submit**. After you submit, you can continue to edit your application up until the deadline.

Note: Required fields are marked with an asterisk.

Application Questions

* Have you finished three or more math courses at RCC with a math GPA of at least 3.0?

Yes

No

* Please provide an explanation of which math classes you have successfully finished, which math classes you plan to take and how you will pursue math within your educational goal.

Words Used: 0 out of 200

* Please attach a copy of your most recent unofficial transcript.

[Add a New File](#)

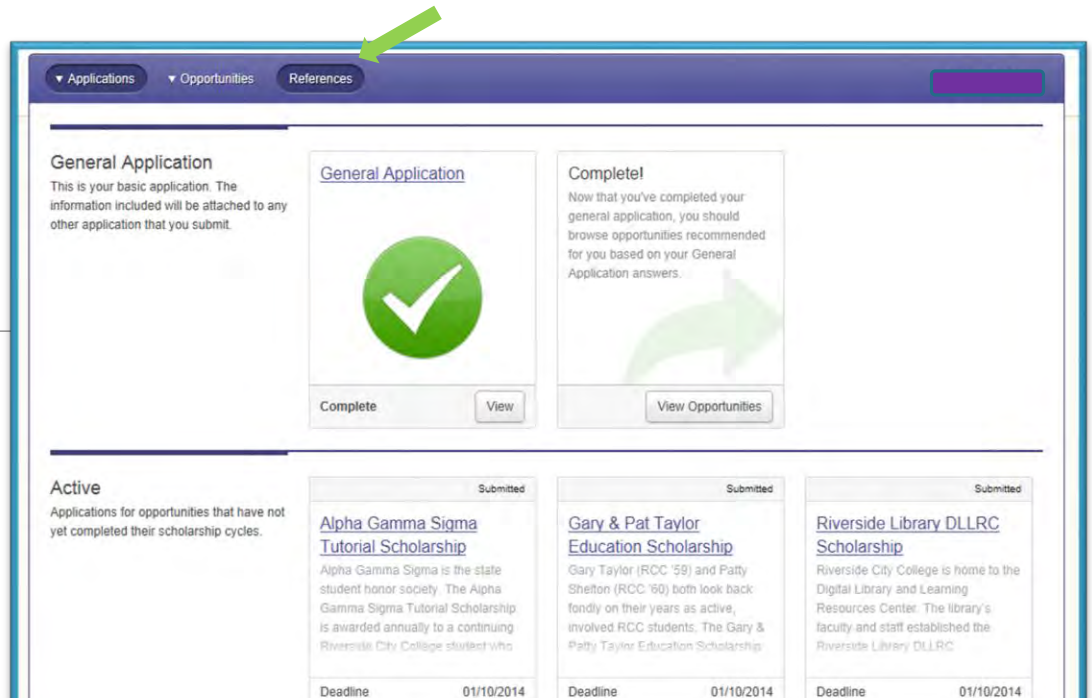
We are collecting this to verify that you have taken the courses required by this scholarship. The transcript may be unofficial. You can print an unofficial transcript from Web Advisor. Log in and click on "Student." In the section "Academic Profile" click on "View/Print my Unofficial Transcript." Please follow the instructions on how to print your unofficial transcript. Then, you will need to scan it to your computer desktop to be able to upload it to the application for this scholarship.

Save and Keep Editing Finish and Submit

- Answer supplemental questions, provide additional information, upload required documents, etc. to finish applying for recommended scholarships
- Click “Save & Keep Editing” to save or “Finished & Exit” to complete applying for the opportunity

References

- Click “References” for the status of Recommendations requested
- A Recommendation that has been submitted will say “Submitted”; if not it will say “Requested”
- Click “Resend Request” to send a reminder email



What Happens Next?



- Applications go through a review process:
 - RCCD Scholarship Committees (MVC, NC, RCC)
 - Faculty, Department Staff, Foundation
- If you are selected as a recipient, you will receive an “Offer” email from the scholarship application system
- You must log-in and accept the award; you will then be given more information as a recipient
- Check your application status by logging in

What Happens Next?

- Check your application status by logging in:
 - “Submitted” = Application is complete; no further action
 - “Drafted” = Application process is not properly completed
 - “In Review” = In scholarship pool; review in progress
 - “Finalist” = You are one of the final students to be reviewed
 - “Not Selected” = you were not selected as a recipient
 - “Offered” = you have been selected as a recipient
 - “Accepted” = you have accepted the scholarship offer
- Award ceremonies: Late May and early June
- You are strongly encouraged to attend the scholarship award ceremonies. If unable due to circumstances beyond your control, please contact the SFS office at your college

What Happens Next?

- Scholarships will be disbursed during **Fall 2024 and Spring 2025**
- Transfer scholarships will be sent to the transfer university in Fall 2024 or Spring 2025; enter your school information in the system or email the SFS Office
- If you are awarded a scholarship and you have a change in your situation such as transfer plans or number of units, contact the financial aid office at your home college

Re-cap & Submission

- Read the scholarship information on the web page www.mvc.edu/scholarships
- One Recommendation is required - get their email address
- Complete a list of your volunteer, community, and club activities, awards, etc.
- Other documents may be needed - unofficial transcripts, special essays, creative writing sample, DD214
- Sign-up/create a scholarship account
- Submit a *complete* application on or before

Friday, January 12, 2024, 5:00 PM

External Scholarships

- These are Scholarships from sources outside RCCD
- Listed under the “External Scholarships” tab
- Use free internet search sites
- Beware of Scams:
 - Don’t pay money to get money
 - Nobody can “guarantee” a scholarship
 - Legitimate foundations do not charge application fees
 - Never give credit card numbers
 - Beware if they offer to do all the work or say that you can’t get the information anywhere else
 - If you are suspicious or it sounds too good to be true, it probably is a scam



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External Scholarships are opportunities from sources outside of RCCD. Please note: We do not endorse any of the external scholarship opportunities listed here. We provide this information as a possible scholarship resource that may be of interest to you. It is up to you to determine if you are eligible and follow the directions to apply. We screen these listings to eliminate any offers that do not appear to be legitimate, however please review all scholarship information carefully. Be cautious of any scholarship applications that ask for payment or personal information such as social security numbers, credit card numbers, etc.

Search by Keyword

Award	Name	Actions
\$500	La Jolla Mom Communications Scholarship Are you currently pursuing a career in Communications? Are you...	Visit 10/28/2022
\$2200	Smart Owl Scholarship Scholarship Services Inc. ("ScholarshipOwl") is pleased to offer this...	Visit 10/29/2022
\$500	Elevate Mental Health Awareness Scholarship The Elevate Mental Health Awareness Scholarship is dedicated to Sherise...	Visit 10/30/2022

- To view a list of External Scholarships, click on “Opportunities” then select “External”
- To view requirements and apply for the scholarships listed, click on the name of the scholarship or “Visit”
- You will be directed to the scholarship opportunity’s website
- We do not endorse any external scholarships; this list is informational only

Questions

Contact Student Financial Services at MVC

In Person: Welcome Center Building

By Phone: (951) 571-6139

By Email: Studentfinancialservices@mvc.edu

ConexEdVirtual: <https://mvc.edu/student-support/online-services.php>

Enroll in SFS Canvas:

