

Frequently Asked Scholarship Questions

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1. Question

Where can I access a list of scholarships?

Answer

A complete listing of scholarships is available from Richland Community College Foundation at www.Richland.edu/foundation. Click on "Foundation Scholarships" to view the list and updated criteria. Currently, 103 scholarships are available through the Foundation.

2. Question

What types of expenses does a scholarship cover?

Answer

Scholarships may cover tuition, fees and books, depending on the individual scholarship, and are usually awarded only for the fall and spring semesters. Specific scholarship information is available online at www.Richland.edu/foundation.

3. Question

Will a scholarship application be considered if it is not fully completed?

Answer

No. All information must be completed on the application to be eligible. The requested information enables the Selection Committee to make award decisions. Specifically, the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) score must be included on the application. An EFC score is provided to the applicant after completing and submitting the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) questionnaire online at www.FAFSA.gov. If there are any questions about completing the FAFSA form, please contact the Financial Aid Office at Richland Community College at (217) 875-7211, Ext. 6271.

4. Question

May a scholarship be awarded even if the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is high?

Answer

All applications will be considered based on individual circumstances. It is always wise to apply.

5. Question

When should students apply for scholarships, and how do they apply?

Answer

Generally, applications for the fall semester should be submitted by the second week of April. Applications for the spring semester should be submitted by the second week of November. Please consult the website www.Richland.edu/foundation for updated deadline dates and links to download scholarship applications.

6. Question

Should my scholarship application be denied, is it necessary or helpful to reapply?

Answer

If a scholarship is not granted for one semester, students are encouraged to reapply for the next semester.

7. Question

Could more than one scholarship be awarded to a student?

Answer

If there is an unusual or extenuating circumstance, an additional scholarship might be permitted.

8. Question

How many credit hours should I be enrolled in to be considered for a Foundation Scholarship?

Answer

Many Foundation scholarships are awarded to both part-time and full-time students. Six credit hours are needed to be considered a part-time student, whereas 12 credit hours are needed to be considered a full-time student. Because some scholarships are available only to full-time students, please refer to the individual scholarship for details.

9. Question

How long does it take to receive notification of the award of a scholarship?

Answer

After each fall and spring deadline (please see Answer 5), the Scholarship Selection Committee meets to select recipients. The committee may meet multiple times to determine all awards. For the fall semester, award and decline letters are generally sent by July 15. For the spring semester, letters are sent by January 5.