Scholarships and Department Awards are a way for students to help pay for college. Students may earn a scholarship and/or department award based on financial status, academic standing, service to the College and community, essay, or a combination of these factors.

Awards range from two-hundred fifty dollars to covering the full amount of tuition.

Questions? Contact the Office of Institutional Advancement
Room C211
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860-215-9249

About the Scholarship Application

Application for new, continuing or graduating students is available ONLINE at:
www.threerivers.edu/scholarships

The online application will ask you for information regarding your background and will require you to upload several documents.

Before you begin, make sure you have the following:

ESSAY - In a two-page essay describe how a scholarship will help you achieve your educational, career or personal goals.

TRANSCRIPT - Include a student copy of your TRCC academic history. If you are a new student, include a copy of your high school transcript or records from the school you last attended.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION - Include at least one letter of recommendation. Recommendation letters from family members are not acceptable.

Because of the large volume of applicants, the scholarship committee uses the essays to differentiate and distinguish you from other candidates. A strong essay can be the deciding factor for a scholarship.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

What if I have financial aid?
Students who receive financial aid are still eligible for a scholarship.

Can I receive a scholarship if I qualify for free tuition and fees through the PACT program?
Yes, however, students not eligible for PACT will be given first priority.

What if I am an international student?
International students enrolled in a degree or certificate program are eligible and encouraged to apply.

How much tuition will a TRC Foundation scholarship cover?
Awards range from two-hundred fifty dollars to the full amount of tuition, fees and books with more than $410,000 awarded annually!

Can scholarship awards be used for books and supplies?
Most of the scholarships have this flexibility. The Office of Institutional Advancement can assist you to explain what your scholarship covers.

When will I receive the scholarship funds?
Scholarship funds are generally posted to student accounts within two weeks after the last add/drop date for the semester unless otherwise noted. Scholarships cannot be redeemed for cash.

I am unable to take classes this semester. Can I hold my scholarship for a future semester?
If for some reason you are unable to take classes at TRCC but were awarded a scholarship, you must contact the Office of Institutional Advancement to request for a hold. Holds are not guaranteed and are limited to one semester.

How are scholarships and awards determined?
Committees review all of the applicants and select recipients based on academic standing, service to the College and/or community, their essay, financial status, or a combination of these factors.

If I am awarded a scholarship, can I use the money for a winter and/or summer session?
Scholarship funding is restricted to TRCC courses taken in the fall and spring semesters of the application year unless other arrangements are made between the student and Office of Institutional Advancement. The Foundation does provide funding for summer scholarships based on pre-determined criteria. TRCC will contact students eligible in late spring to complete a separate application.

Where can I get assistance with my application?
Visit the Office of Institutional Advancement in room C211 or call Meghan LaCasse at 860-215-9249.