

## The Community Scholars Program

The Community Scholars Program is a joint endeavor of The Community Foundation, Riverside Community College District Foundation, California Baptist University, La Sierra University, the University of Redlands and other generous philanthropists in our community who share a commitment to education. The objective of the scholarship is to reward students who have shown excellence in scholastic achievement, community involvement and mastery of knowledge while in local high schools. The philosophy of the scholarship is to encourage outstanding students from Riverside County to pursue their collegiate studies at Riverside Community College for two years and to meet the requirements for transfer and acceptance to one of the participating four-year universities that the student selects at the time of application.

### The Community Scholars Program criteria are as follows:

- Must be a current high school senior who is a Riverside County resident and will graduate from a Riverside County high school during the 2010-2011 academic year with a 3.00 GPA.
- Must be a United States citizen, permanent resident, immigrant, or refugee. Students here on an F-1 Visa are not eligible.

THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL NOT TRANSFER TO ANY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY OTHER THAN THE ONE YOU HAVE SELECTED FROM THE PARTNER UNIVERSITIES AS INDICATED.

The Community Scholars Program is valued at \$7,000 and is disbursed over a four-year period. The recipients will receive \$1,000 per year for two years while at Riverside Community College and \$2,500 per year for two years at one of the participating four-year institutions. Disbursements are based on continued eligibility.

In addition to the monetary amount of \$7,000 for this scholarship, recipients will benefit from the joint counseling sessions with RCC and university counseling staff. The RCC and university admissions representatives will answer questions about transferring, general education requirements, major requirement and application deadlines. The RCC counselor will review with you your transferring university's articulation agreement and give individualized counseling regarding classes at RCC and the completion of the transfer process within the two-year time limit. **Priority Registration**, one benefit of being a Community Scholar will give the scholarship recipient the best opportunity to complete their transfer requirements within the allotted two year period at RCC.

### University Transfer Requirements:

Each transferring university will have different transfer requirements, a variety of majors to select from, as well as special application processes at the point of transfer. It is advised that you visit each college's website, visit the college campus as well as read the requirements of being a University student prior to selecting your transferring institution. The website for each University is as follows:

► **California Baptist University**  
8432 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside CA 92504  
[www.calbaptist.edu](http://www.calbaptist.edu)

► **La Sierra University**  
4500 Riverwalk Parkway, Riverside CA 92515  
[www.lasierra.edu](http://www.lasierra.edu)

► **University of Redlands**  
1200 East Colton Avenue, Redlands CA 92373  
[www.redlands.edu](http://www.redlands.edu)

### How to apply:

Applications for the Community Scholars scholarship will be available in January. Please visit [www.rcc.edu/studentfinancialservices](http://www.rcc.edu/studentfinancialservices) in January for application instructions.