



Riverside Community College District 2008-2009 Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGW)

The Board of Governors Fee Waiver is a state sponsored program which waives enrollment fees for qualifying students. The BOGW will also reduce parking fees during the Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 sessions. However, the BOGW does not pay for the student services or health fees, additional class fees (such as art, CPR or lifeguard fees as listed in the schedule of classes), books and other educational supplies. The BOGW is only available to California residents as determined by the RCCD Admissions & Records Office.

The BOGW is valid beginning with summer 2008 and ending with spring 2009. If you have been determined to be BOGW eligible after you have paid your fees, you may be entitled to a refund. You will need to fill out a BOGW Refund Request Form available on our website at www.rcc.edu/studentfinancialservices or in the Student Financial Services Office.

Don't count yourself out! You may qualify to have your enrollment fees waived *and* you may be eligible for further assistance by filling out the 2008-2009 **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

To waive your enrollment fees, complete the 2008-2009 FAFSA and you will automatically be awarded the BOGW if eligible and will not need to fill out the BOGW application.

If you have special circumstances which prevent you from filling out the FAFSA, complete the BOGW application and take it to the Student Financial Services Office along with the required documentation of income or benefits as described below. Don't forget to sign the form and, if you are a dependent student, don't forget to have your parent sign it too. A current admissions application must be on file with Riverside Community College District. You may complete or update your application at www.rcc.edu.

ALERT! The BOGW does not pay for books! For financial assistance with books and other educational expenses, please complete the 2008-2009 FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

If you are a California resident as determined by the RCCD Admissions and Records Office, there are three ways to qualify for a BOG Fee Waiver:

BOGW A: If you or your family are currently receiving TANF/Cal WORKS, SSI/SSP, General Assistance/General Relief; have certification from the Department of Veterans Affairs that you are a dependent of a Veteran or certification for other special classifications, you are eligible for BOGW A.

We require proof of eligibility for BOGW A. Acceptable proof of eligibility or documentation for BOGW A varies depending on the type of benefit you or your family is receiving.

- For TANF/Cal WORKS or General Assistance, acceptable documentation includes a Notice of Action dated within the previous month or the current or previous month's check.

- For SSI/SSP, acceptable documentation includes an award letter or bank statement showing a deposit from the current or previous month.
- For dependents of a deceased or disabled veteran; Congressional Medal of Honor recipient or child of a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient; dependents of deceased law enforcement/fire suppression personnel killed in the line of duty; dependents of a victim of the 9/11 terrorist attack; acceptable documentation includes the College Fee Waiver Authorization letter from the California Department of Veterans Affairs for the 2008-2009 academic year or other letters of certification from the agencies determining eligibility for these specific classifications.

BOGW B: If you meet the following income standards, you qualify for BOGW B. We require verification of the income information provided in Section B of the attached application. Be sure to include yourself in the counting of members in your household.

These income standards are based upon the federal poverty guidelines as published each year by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Under Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, the income standards for the BOGW program equal 150% of the federal poverty guidelines for the base year. If you do not meet these income limits, you may still be eligible for the BOGW by filling out the 2008-2009 FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Total family income	\$15,315 or less . . .	1 member in household
For 2007 (adjusted	\$20,535 or less . . .	2 members in household
gross income and/or	\$25,755 or less . . .	3 members in household
untaxed income):	\$30,975 or less . . .	4 members in household
	\$36,195 or less . . .	5 members in household
	\$41,415 or less . . .	6 members in household
	*Add \$5,220 for each additional dependent	

Acceptable documentation for BOGW B includes proof of total income from 2007 such as federal tax returns, W2s, 1099, etc.

BOGW C: If you are a California resident who has completed a 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and your application shows that you have “financial need,” you will qualify for BOGW C. This is an automatic award and no other application or documentation for the BOGW is required. This is the quickest and easiest way to become BOGW eligible!

Implementation of the California Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act: The California Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act extends new rights, benefits, responsibilities and obligations to individuals in domestic partnerships registered with the California Secretary of State under Section 297 of the Family Code. If you are in a Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP), you will be treated as an Independent married student to determine eligibility for the BOG fee waiver and will need to provide income and household information for your domestic partner. If you are a dependent student and your parent is in a Registered Domestic Partnership, you will be treated the same as a student with married parents and income and household information will be required for the parent’s domestic partner. These provisions apply to state funded student financial aid ONLY, and not to federal student financial aid. You must provide documentation of a RDP for yourself or parent, if dependent.