

# Promise Program Enrollment

## New Student Checklist

Step 1: Apply to RCC → Step 2: Apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA/Dream Act) → Step 3: Sign up for Summer Experience

### STEP 1 - Apply to RCC (do this first)

- Complete the RCC application for Fall 2026
- Select: First-time college student
- Choose your high school in the application search box
- Add your Social Security Number (if you have one) to match financial aid faster (Students completing FAFSA ONLY, CADAA applicants contact the RCC Financial Aid Office)
- Confirm your home campus is Riverside City College (RCC)
- Activate your RCCD student email and check it weekly
- Complete Orientation in WebAdvisor/MyPortal

### STEP 2 - Apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA or CA Dream Act)

- Submit 2026-2027 FAFSA OR CA Dream Act Application (apply early; opens Oct 1)
- Add RCC to your application using the correct school code (see box)
- After you submit, check [rcc.verifymyfafsa.com](http://rcc.verifymyfafsa.com) for verification tasks (if assigned)
- Keep checking RCCD email + WebAdvisor/MyPortal for updates

### STEP 3 - Finish Promise Steps (watch your email!)

- Look for your Promise notification in your RCCD student email
- Watch the Promise video
- Choose **ONE** Summer Experience (4-day session - details in your notification)
- Review priority registration dates in your email. Register for classes and stay enrolled full-time

### QUICK INFO

**FAFSA RCC school code:** 001270

**CA Dream Act code:** 00127000

**Verification portal:** [rcc.verifymyfafsa.com](http://rcc.verifymyfafsa.com)

### QUICK TIMELINE

**Oct-Jan:** Apply to RCC + start FAFSA/Dream Act

**By Feb 1:** Submit FAFSA/Dream Act

**Mid-March to April:** Promise notification email

**May:** Register for Fall 2026 classes during priority period

**Summer:** Complete Summer Experience

**Fall:** Start full-time classes at RCC

### ENROLLMENT OBLIGATION

Full-time enrollment is required to participate in the Promise Program. Students must enroll in full-time units each semester and complete a minimum of 30 units per academic year.

### MINIMUM ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- **Fall Semester:** 12 or more units
- **Spring Semester:** 12 or more units
- **Winter and/or Summer** Minimum of 3 units (if needed to reach 30 units)

**PRO TIP** - Promise spots can fill quickly. Finish Steps 1-2 early so you're ready when notifications arrive.