



## **Have you dreamed of studying in the United States but are still looking for the most affordable way to do it?**

Red Rocks Community College wants to help you afford your dream!

**Community Colleges offer some of the lowest cost collegiate courses while still providing a quality education with small class sizes.**

Community colleges have strong partnerships with community organizations and local universities. This significant network can help you get where you next want to be in your career. If you start your academic career at a community college you would still get an accredited degree from a US institution and even have a chance to work for a year before embarking on your next degree. Many students begin their career at a community college to complete pre-requisite courses, then transfer to a 4-year institution. This offers them a significant savings in their overall college expenses since 4-year colleges may be more expensive if you attend all four years there. In addition, many community colleges offer Bachelor's degrees so you can keep your costs low all 4 years by staying at your community college.

**If the price tag of a community college is still more than your family can currently afford, remember you are eligible to apply for scholarships!**

While international students are not eligible for federal financial aid, they are still eligible for school aid and private scholarships. Red Rocks Community College is happy to announce that we will now be able to offer scholarship opportunities for incoming international students.

Furthermore, you can apply for scholarships with us every year, so if you missed your opportunity to apply your first year as a student, you can still apply for next year!

If you choose to transfer from Red Rocks down the line, many universities offer transfer scholarships so you may still be eligible for additional aid on your next academic journey.

### **How to apply for scholarships through the Red Rocks Community College Foundation:**

If you are an international student seeking an RRCC Scholarship, please first contact International Student Services & programs at [international@rrcc.edu](mailto:international@rrcc.edu) to initiate your Red Rocks Community College application. Please indicate in your application that you are seeking scholarships. Once your application

has been processed by International Student Services & Programs, you will be given instructions on how to proceed with the Red Rocks Community College Foundation Scholarship as an international student.

The Red Rocks Community College Foundation offers scholarships for the following school year. You must apply during the school year prior to the one you plan to receive a scholarship for, so please be aware of deadlines. The deadline to receive scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year was on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The application for the 2022-2023 school year will open up in Fall 2021.

Feel free to browse the Foundation Scholarship website here:

<https://www.rccc.edu/foundation/scholarship-programs>.

Please note:

- RRCC Foundation Scholarship amounts are on a case by case basis and do not exceed \$5,000. Scholarship winners receive an average of \$2,000 but applicants may receive more or less. Not every applicant is awarded a scholarship and some applicants are placed on a waitlist.
- Simply applying to RRCC and looking into your options does not commit you to attending our institution. However, transferring your I-20 to RRCC, using your RRCC I-20 to either enter the country or change your status, and activating your I-20 due to enrollment in classes does commit you to attend RRCC for at least one semester.

**There is no limit to the number of scholarships for which you are able to apply, so if you are committed to funding your education with scholarships, check out private scholarship options as well!**

If you do a little research, you'll be surprised at how much is out there. Try to search for organizations that would be likely to give funding to an international student – like organizations that have an international focus or organizations that do not require a specific legal status in the USA to apply. Please remember: When searching for scholarships, look closely at eligibility requirements to make sure they are not intended exclusively for US citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents.

**For more information, contact International Student Services & Programs at [international@rccc.edu](mailto:international@rccc.edu).**