

MVC Financial Aid  
Workshops

# RCCD Foundation Scholarships

**2026-27 Application Period**  
**October 13 - January 16**



# Agenda

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# Financial Aid Reminders

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- Complete the 2025-26 FAFSA or CADAA
  - [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov), MVC school code: 041735
  - <https://dream.csac.ca.gov>, MVC school code: 04173500
  - Apply even if you think you may not qualify
- 2025-26 FAFSA or CADAA is required for need-based scholarships for 2026-27
- Submit your 2026-27 FAFSA or CADAA by the Cal Grant priority deadline of **March 2, 2026**

# Important Dates

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- Scholarship application open: October 13
- Application closes: Friday, **January 16, 2026, 5 PM**
- Scholarship offer notification: Mid-May
- Scholarship award ceremony: recipients will be notified if applicable
- Disbursements: 2026-27 Financial Aid Disbursement Schedule; will be available online

# Scholarships Web Page

Each year, the application for the following academic year is open from October to January.

- Go to [www.mvc.edu/scholarships](http://www.mvc.edu/scholarships)
- Select RCCD Foundation Scholarships from the menu

The screenshot shows the Moreno Valley College website. The header includes the college logo on the left and navigation links for 'About Us', 'Academics', 'Admissions and Aid', and 'Student' on the right. In the top right corner, there are links for 'Log In', 'Locations', and 'Ad'. A breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Admissions and Aid > Financial Aid > Scholarships >'. A sidebar menu on the left lists 'Scholarships' with sub-items: 'General Scholarships', 'RCCD Foundation Scholarships' (circled in orange), 'High School Senior Scholarships', and 'Back to Financial Aid'. The main content area features the title 'RCCD Foundation Scholarships' and the text: 'Ease the financial burden of attending college by applying for annual RCCD Foundation scholarships. One application, hundreds of possible ways to save'.

# Scholarships Web Page

- Be admitted to MVC and have a student ID
- Activate your student email
- Access your unofficial transcript; request a recommendation
- Review the information links on how to apply
- Access the scholarship application

## Scholarship Opportunities for Students

The Riverside Community College District (RCCD) Foundation offers scholarships for continuing and transferring students. To be considered for a scholarship, you must complete the scholarship application and go through the eligibility and selection process. Each year, the application for the following academic year is open from October to January.

[Apply for a Scholarship >](#)

[External Scholarships >](#)



### RCCD Foundation Scholarship Application, 2026-27

The 2026-27 RCCD Foundation Scholarship Application period will be open October 13, 2025 – January 16, 2026.

## How to Apply for Foundation Scholarships

Interested in applying for scholarships? Make sure you're eligible and enrolled, prepare your required documents, get started with the RCCD scholarship system, and apply. For assistance, leverage our [guide to applying for RCCD Foundation Scholarships](#) where we walk you through each step.

[Scholarship Application How-To \(pdf\) >](#)

[What is a scholarship? \(video\) >](#)

- [Myths About Scholarship Applications](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Determine Your Enrollment Status](#)
- [Maintain Your Eligibility](#)
- [Access the Scholarship Application](#)
- [How to Use the Application System](#)
- [Scholarship Selection Process](#)
- [Scholarship Notification and](#)

# Application Process

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- Create a scholarship account using your RCCD student email address
- You will receive an email to your RCCD student email to confirm your identity
- Return to the site and complete the general scholarship application
- Review the application and apply for recommended scholarships
- Log in to the site to check your status and accept scholarship offers

# Application Process – Create an Account

- You must sign up for your Blackbaud ID to access the application
- Select “Continue with Blackbaud ID”
- If you already have a Blackbaud ID, you can use the same password

The screenshot shows the Blackbaud ID sign-up page for the Riverside Community College District. At the top left, the logo for RCCD (Riverside Community College District) is displayed, including the names of Moreno Valley College, Norco College, and Riverside City College. At the top right, there are two buttons: "Sign Up" and "Sign In". The main content area is titled "Opportunities" and contains a "Welcome!" message. The message instructs users to continue to Blackbaud ID (BBID) to sign up for an account, using their RCCD email address and following sign-up instructions. It also notes that users will receive a confirmation email to verify their identity. A "Continue with Blackbaud ID" button is highlighted with an orange oval. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice for Blackbaud, Inc. and a list of links: MVC, NC, RCC, FAFSA, and DreamAct.

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Sign Up or Sign In

Opportunities

Welcome!

If you are an Applicant or Scholarship Administrator, continue to Blackbaud ID (BBID) to sign up for an account. Use your RCCD email address and follow sign up instructions. Do Not Use Apple, Google or SSO. Upon signing up, you will receive a confirmation email to verify your identity. Check your spam folder if you don't see the email in your inbox. Once you have confirmed your account, you can start accessing the system.

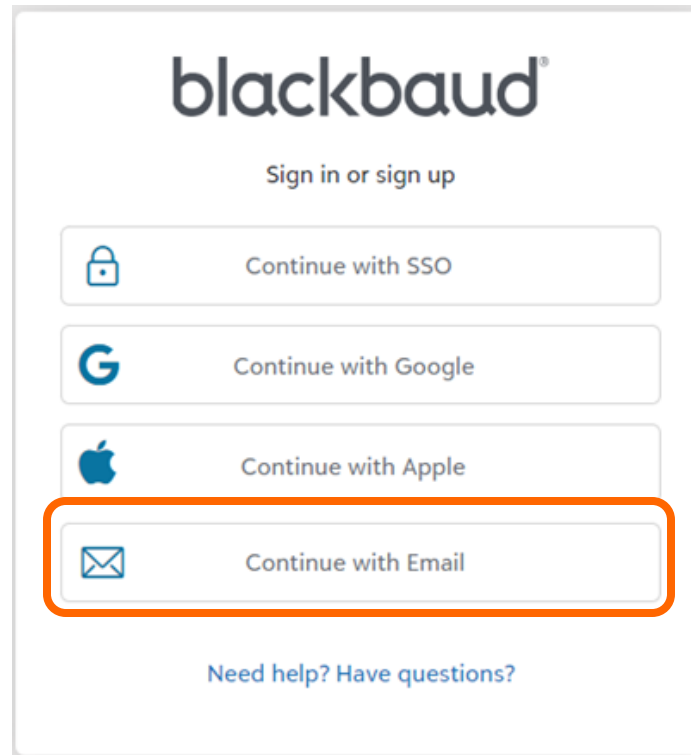
Note: If you are serving as a Reference or Reviewer, you may be required to create a Blackbaud ID. Please refer to the invitation email you received or see [trouble signing in](#).

Continue with Blackbaud ID

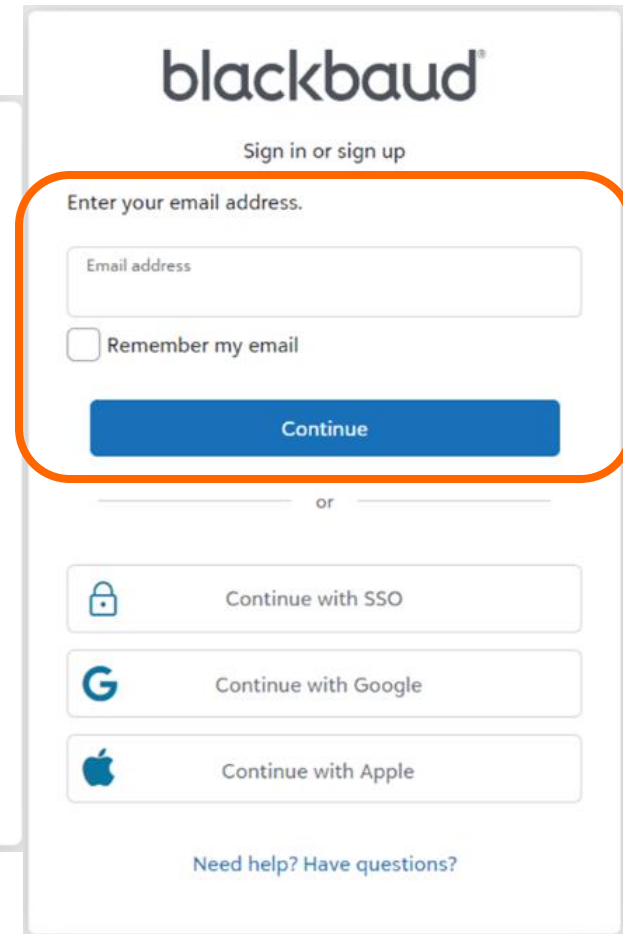
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# Application Process - Create an Account

- Select Continue with Email. (Do not use SSO, Google or Apple)
- Enter your RCCD student email and click Continue
- The system will send you an email to confirm your identity (check your spam folder if not in your inbox)
- Access the email and complete the confirmation process



The screenshot shows the Blackbaud sign-in/sign-up page. At the top is the Blackbaud logo and the text "Sign in or sign up". Below this are four buttons: "Continue with SSO" (with a lock icon), "Continue with Google" (with the Google 'G' logo), "Continue with Apple" (with the Apple logo), and "Continue with Email" (with an envelope icon). The "Continue with Email" button is highlighted with an orange border. At the bottom of the page is a link that says "Need help? Have questions?"



The screenshot shows the Blackbaud email confirmation page. At the top is the Blackbaud logo and the text "Sign in or sign up". Below this is the text "Enter your email address." followed by an input field labeled "Email address". There is a checkbox labeled "Remember my email" which is currently unchecked. Below the input field is a blue "Continue" button. The entire input area is highlighted with an orange border. Below the "Continue" button is the text "or" and then three buttons: "Continue with SSO" (with a lock icon), "Continue with Google" (with the Google 'G' logo), and "Continue with Apple" (with the Apple logo). At the bottom of the page is a link that says "Need help? Have questions?"

# Application Process - Return to Account

- Once you have confirmed your account, access the system by selecting “Continue with Blackbaud ID”
- Always “Continue with Email” and enter your RCCD student email address (do not sign in with SSO, Google, or Apple)
- Click “Trouble signing in” for help

The screenshot shows the Blackbaud Opportunities portal. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the word 'Opportunities'. Below the header, there are two tabs: 'Applicants and Administrators' and 'References and Reviewers'. The main content area has a 'Welcome!' heading followed by instructions on how to sign in with a Blackbaud ID (BBID). A link for 'trouble signing in' is circled in orange. Below the text, a large button labeled 'Continue with Blackbaud ID' is also circled in orange. At the bottom of the content area, there are links for 'Trouble signing in?' and 'Sign Up'.

# General Application

The screenshot shows a web application interface with a dark blue header. The header contains four tabs: "My Applications" (selected), "Opportunities", "References", and "Coston, Olayide". Below the header, the page is split into two columns. The left column is titled "Application Progress" and contains a single item: "General Application" with a yellow circular progress indicator and an information icon. The right column contains instructions: "You can save your application at any time by clicking **Save and Keep Editing** at the bottom of the form. Once completed, you can submit your application by clicking **Finish and Continue**. After you submit, you can continue to edit your application up until the deadline. **Note:** Required fields are marked with an asterisk." Below this is the section "General Application Questions" with three required fields: "\* Last Name", "\* First Name", and "\* Student ID". Each field has a corresponding text input box. A note at the bottom of the form states: "Enter your 7 digit MVC, NC or RCC student ID without the first two letters, Numbers only please."

- Select My Applications tab
- Questions may be answered via fill in, radio button, select all that apply
- Answer all questions

# Essay Questions

\* **Scholarship Essay Questionnaire:** The RCCD scholarship application requires you to answer scholarship essay questions and it is an important part of your application. The Scholarship Essay Questionnaire will help those reviewing your application gain a better understanding of you as a student and individual. This is your chance to explain to scholarship reviewers why you feel you should be a recipient of an RCCD scholarship. In your essay, please address the following questions: - Answer 1 time.

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\* **1. Please briefly introduce yourself to the scholarship reviewing committee.**

Words Used: 0 out of 150

\* **2. What are your career goals and your educational plan to meet these goals? Tell us about why you have selected your current major and career goal and any life experiences which may have influenced this decision. Also tell us about your anticipated role in society after your career goal has been achieved.**

Words Used: 0 out of 200

\* **3. Do you have any activities, volunteerism, interests or responsibilities that you are involved with? Tell us about any accomplishments or achievements that you are proud of.**

Words Used: 0 out of 200

\* **4. Have you had any challenges or life-changing experiences you would like the scholarship committee or donor to know about? What have you learned from these experiences? Also, tell us about any unusual circumstances which may affect your current financial situation.**

Words Used: 0 out of 250

# Tips for Answering Essay Questions

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## Introduction

- Personal story, favorite quote, what guides you
- Give examples of personal qualities
- Tell them about yourself

## Career Goals/Educational Plan

- Possible formula: Past, Present and Future of your education and career goals
- Explain why you chose your major and career goal
- Talk about academic history, goals, successes

## Volunteerism/Activities

- Anything you participate in; past or present
- Creates an image of a well-rounded person

## Challenges

- Explain any circumstances regarding your financial situation, especially if it has changed
- Negative circumstances can be mentioned briefly, but state how you have overcome them and what you have learned from them; Turn a negative into a positive

# Recommendations

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- One Recommendation is required; advisable to request three
- Good sources: Instructors, counselors, employers, community leaders, etc.
- Poor sources: Friends, relatives, other students
- Ask for recommendations early, you will need their email address
- Recommendation provider will complete a questionnaire in the system
- Optional: Provide a copy of your essay or a resume listing extracurricular activities, accomplishments

# Recommendations

\* **Recommendation 1:** Please provide a name and email address for a scholarship recommendation. This needs to be an individual who can attest to your current academic strength and potential for success. You should notify this individual to expect an email from us. You are responsible for ensuring your reference provider completes this request.

[Add a New Reference](#) (Reference will be notified via email)

**Recommendation 2:** Please provide a name and email address for a scholarship recommendation. This needs to be an individual who can attest to your current academic strength and potential for success. You should notify this individual to expect an email from us. You are responsible for ensuring your reference provider completes this request.

[Add a New Reference](#) (Reference will be notified via email)

**Recommendation 3:** Please provide a name and email address for a scholarship recommendation. This needs to be an individual who can attest to your current academic strength and potential for success. You should notify this individual to expect an email from us. You are responsible for ensuring your reference provider completes this request.

[Add a New Reference](#) (Reference will be notified via email)

- Enter email address of your reference
- Good sources are instructors, counselors, employers, community leaders, etc.

# Application Process

\* I certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete. I authorize RCCD to share this application and the contents with the RCCD Scholarship Committee, Scholarship Donors and/or other screening committees. I also understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, information about me may be released for publicity purposes, to fulfill funding requirements, and for recognition to RCCD. I also understand that I am required to attend the scholarship awards ceremony as determined by my scholarship and/or donor. - Answer 1 time.

\* 1. Signature (Type Full Name) 1

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\* 2. Today's Date

12/17/2020

Please enter a date formatted like MM/DD/YYYY.

Save and Keep Editing   Finish and Submit

- Read the certification
- Sign by typing your name and the date
- Finish and Submit; you may return and edit application until the deadline

# Scholarship Types

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- You will be automatically matched to scholarships for which you meet the criteria:
  - “Auto-Match” scholarships, no further action required
  - “Apply-To” scholarships, further action required such as
    - Upload documents (unofficial transcripts, military discharge papers, writing samples, etc.)
    - Answer supplemental questions
    - Short answer or explanations
- Have all possible required documents saved and ready to upload
- Do not wait until the last minute!

# Dashboard

- General Application - click on Update to view and edit your application information
- Current – shows Apply-To Scholarships recommended to you
- Status: SUBMITTED means no more action is required of you; DRAFTED means you *have not* completed applying for the opportunity
- Click on “Opportunities” then select “Recommended” for a list of Apply-To scholarships you may also be eligible for; further action is required to apply

The screenshot displays the RCCD (Riverside Community College District) dashboard. At the top, the logo for RCCD is shown, along with the text 'RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT' and 'MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE | NORCO COLLEGE | RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE'. Below the logo is a navigation bar with tabs for 'My Applications', 'Opportunities', and 'References'. An orange arrow points down from the 'Opportunities' tab to the 'Status' section.

The 'Status' section contains three progress indicators: 'Recommended Opportunities Submitted 0 of 50', 'Reference Letters Submitted 0 of 1', and 'General Applications Submitted 1 of 1'.

The 'General Application' section shows a card for a submitted application. The card has a 'Submitted' status at the top, followed by the title 'General Application' and an 'Update' button at the bottom. An orange arrow points left from the right side of the card.

The 'Current' section shows a card for a current opportunity. The card displays the 'Deadline Submitted' as '01/12/2018', the title 'Alpha Gamma Sigma Tutorial Scholarship', and an 'Update' button at the bottom. An orange arrow points left from the right side of the card.

# Scholarship Types

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The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left, "Application Progress" shows a "General Application" with a checkmark and "Other Recommended Opportunities" with a question mark icon. On the right, "Recommended Opportunities" features a "Show Filters" button and a search bar labeled "Search by Keyword". Below the search bar is a table of scholarship opportunities:

Award	Name	Actions
Varies - Amount to be determined	<a href="#">Alyssa Rayne "Aly" McCroskey Memorial Endowed Scholarship</a> Aly was a bright, beautiful, loving 16 year-old whose brief life ended...	<a href="#">Apply</a> by 01/17/2025
Varies - Amount to be determined	<a href="#">C. Bruce Tomlinson Memorial Scholarship</a> This scholarship was established to honor Mr. C. Bruce Tomlinson and his...	<a href="#">Apply</a> by 01/17/2025
Varies - Amount to be determined	<a href="#">Cardenas Markets Inc. Foundation Scholarship - Moreno Valley College</a> Cardenas Markets is a family owned business headquartered in Ontario,...	<a href="#">Apply</a> by 01/17/2025

Two orange arrows point to the "Apply" button for the first scholarship and the scholarship name link.

- List of recommended scholarship opportunities
- Click on the opportunity name for more information; click Apply to see what further action is required and apply

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My Applications **1** Opportunities References

### Blaga S. Pauley Memorial Scholarship

**Description**  
 Blaga Pauley was born in communist Bulgaria and immigrated to the United States where she earned her B.S. and M.A. in mathematics. She was an...

**Deadline**  
 01/15/2021

**Category**  
 New

**Supporting Documents**  
 Applicant Record  
 Profile

You can save your application at any time by clicking **Save and Keep Editing** at the bottom of the form. Once completed, you can submit your application by clicking **Finish and Submit**. After you submit, you can continue to edit your application up until the deadline.  
**Note:** Required fields are marked with an asterisk.

**Application Questions**

\* Have you finished three or more math courses at RCC with a math GPA of at least 3.0?  
 Yes  
 No

\* Please provide an explanation of which math classes you have successfully finished, which math classes you plan to take and how you will pursue math within your educational goal.  
  
 Words Used: 0 out of 200

\* Please attach a copy of your most recent unofficial transcript.  
[Add a New File](#)  
 We are collecting this to verify that you have taken the courses required by this scholarship. The transcript may be unofficial. You can print an unofficial transcript from Web Advisor. Log in and click on "Student." In the section "Academic Profile" click on "View/Print my Unofficial Transcript." Please follow the instructions on how to print your unofficial transcript. Then, you will need to scan it to your computer desktop or memory device to be able to upload it to the application for this scholarship.

If your transcript is scanned as more than one page, you may upload page 1 of 1

**Save and Keep Editing** **Finish and Submit**

- Answer supplemental questions, provide additional information, upload required documents, etc. to finish applying for recommended scholarships
- Click “Save & Keep Editing” to save or “Finished & Exit” to complete applying for the opportunity

# References

My Applications   Opportunities   **References**

## Active References

From this page, you can see the status of both your pending and completed reference requests. If a request is still pending, you may click "Resend" to send a reminder to the reference. To update or send a new reference request, please do so by updating the application where you made the original request.

**General Application**   Deadline: 01/17/2025

Name	Email	Request Date	Status	Action
<b>Recommendation 1: Please provide a name and email address for a scholarship recommendation. This needs to be an individual who can attest to your current academic strength and potential for success. It is recommended that you notify this individual and let them know you are listing him or her as a reference and that he or she should expect an email from us regarding this request. You are responsible for ensuring your recommendation provider completes this request by the scholarship deadline. (RCCD Foundation Scholarship Recommendation)</b>				
Melanie James	melanie.james@mvc.edu	10/14/2024	Submitted 10/17/2024	None
<b>Recommendation 2: Please provide a name and email address for a second scholarship recommendation. (RCCD Foundation Scholarship Recommendation)</b>				
Kelly Douglass	kelly.douglass@rcc.edu	10/14/2024	Requested	<a href="#">Resend Request</a>

- Click “References” for the status of Recommendations requested
- A Recommendation that has been submitted will say “Submitted”; if not it will say “Requested”
- Click “Resend Request” to send a reminder email

# What Happens Next?

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- Applications go through a review process:
  - RCCD Scholarship Committees (**MVC**, **NC**, **RCC**)
  - Faculty, Department Staff, Foundation
- If you are selected as a recipient, you will receive an “Offer” email from the scholarship application system
- You must log-in and accept the award; you will then be given more information as a recipient
- Check your application status by logging into the application system

# What Happens Next?

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- Check your application status by logging in:
  - “Submitted” = Application is complete; no further action
  - “Drafted” = Application process is not properly completed
  - “In Review” = In scholarship pool; review in progress
  - “Finalist” = You are one of the final students to be reviewed
  - “Not Selected” = you were not selected as a recipient
  - “Offered” = you have been selected as a recipient
  - “Accepted” = you have accepted the scholarship offer
- Award ceremonies: Late May and early June
- You are strongly encouraged to attend the scholarship award ceremonies. If unable due to circumstances beyond your control, please contact the SFS office at your college

# What Happens Next?

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- Award ceremonies: Information will be provided if applicable; notify the SFS office if you are unable to attend
- Scholarships will be disbursed during **Fall 2026 and Spring 2027**
- Transfer scholarships will be sent to your transfer university in Fall 2026 or Spring 2027; provide your school information when you accept your offer or email the SFS office
- If you are awarded a scholarship and then have a change in your situation, such as transfer plans or enrollment status, contact the SFS office

# Re-cap & Submission

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- Read the scholarship information on the web page [www.mvc.edu/scholarships](http://www.mvc.edu/scholarships)
- One Recommendation is required - get their email address
- Complete a list of your volunteer, community, club activities, and awards, etc.
- Other documents may be needed - unofficial transcripts, special essays, creative writing sample, DD214
- Sign up/create your scholarship account
- Submit a *complete* general and recommended applications by **Friday, January 16, 2026, 5 PM**

# External Scholarships

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- These are Scholarships from sources outside RCCD
- Listed under the “External Scholarships” tab
- Use free internet search sites
- Beware of Scams:
  - Don’t pay money to get money
  - Nobody can “guarantee” a scholarship
  - Legitimate foundations do not charge application fees
  - Never give credit card numbers
  - Beware if they offer to do all the work or say that you can’t get the information anywhere else
  - If you are suspicious or it sounds too good to be true, it probably is a scam

# External Scholarships

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Sign Up or Sign In

Opportunities

External Opportunities [Show Filters](#)

Below is a list of scholarship opportunities from sources outside of RCCD. Please note: We do not endorse any of the external scholarship opportunities listed here. We provide this information as a possible scholarship resource that may be of interest to you. It is up to you to determine if you are eligible and follow the directions to apply. We screen these listings to eliminate any offers that do not appear to be legitimate, however please review all scholarship information carefully. Be cautious of any scholarship applications that ask for payment or personal information such as social security numbers, credit card numbers, etc.

Search by Keyword

Award	Name	Actions
Varies	<a href="#">Keenan Insurance Scholarships</a> The Foundation for California Community Colleges (FoundationCCC) is...	<a href="#">Visit</a> 10/31/2024
\$1,000	<a href="#">Sage IT Scholarship</a> Sage IT is a leader in digital transformation and optimization. As a...	<a href="#">Visit</a> 11/03/2024
Varies	<a href="#">Panda Cares First-Year Scholars Program</a> The Panda Cares First-Year Scholars Program is a one-time postsecondary...	<a href="#">Visit</a> 11/11/2024

- To view a list of External Scholarships, click on “Opportunities” then select “External”
- To view requirements and apply for the scholarships listed, click on the name of the scholarship or “Visit” to be directed to the scholarship opportunity’s website
- We do not endorse any external scholarships; this list is informational only

# Questions

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## Contact Student Financial Services at MVC

In Person: Welcome Center Building

By Phone: (951) 571-6139

By Email: [Studentfinancialservices@mvc.edu](mailto:Studentfinancialservices@mvc.edu)

Enroll in SFS Canvas



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Events Calendar

