

Receiving a scholarship can make a huge difference in whether a student can afford to attend college. We want to help potential Raiders secure scholarships so they can turn their dreams into a reality.

Whether you are a student with a dream to go to college or a parent who wants their child to attend college, this guide is here to help in your search for scholarships and financial aid.

The Rose State College Foundation currently awards \$218,000 through more than 400 student scholarships. These scholarships include those associated with the Rose State College Leadership Scholarship program as well as many division specific, military, and general scholarships.

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\$30 MILLION

Amount awarded in financial aid and scholarships at Rose State each year.

86% of parents plan for their child to attend college, but only 39% make a financial plan to pay for it.

- Sallie Mae

Nearly half of parents who send their children to college use scholarship money. With rising tuition costs nationwide, earning scholarships can truly make or break a student's chances of attending college. There are plenty of scholarships available, but it takes time and effort to apply and position yourself as a worthy candidate. Here are some tips to receiving funding for your education.

1. Get Involved at School and in Your Community

Getting involved in both your community and school is a wonderful way to help others and give your resume a boost. Consider where your passions lie and where you find fulfillment. There are many opportunities to help your community or school through getting involved in church, helping beautify the city, or tutoring students in a subject you excel in.

Scholarships are often provided to students who demonstrate compassion and a willingness to jump in and work hard.

2. Showcase Your Work Experience

Work experience adds positive reinforcements to your application and highlights your work ethic.

Include all your past work experience, whether it was a full-time, part-time, unpaid interning, or freelancing. It doesn't matter so much what the job was, but that you can share how the experience affected you.

3. Improve Your Writing Skills

Many scholarship applications have a written portion. While not everyone is a gifted writer, you should still strive for proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Before you hit apply, recruit a friend or family member to read through your writing and make any edits. You can even ask a teacher or professor to look over your essays for extra help.

4. Practice Your Interview Skills

Being able to present yourself well is an important skill that you'll use for scholarship interviews and throughout your life. Charismatic people, or those who can relate well to others, usually receive more opportunities.

Some larger scholarships require an in-person interview as part of the application process, so ask your friend, or even a business professional, if they'll conduct a mock interview with you so you can practice before the real thing. Through Rose State College you can also access free interview tutorials online through InterviewStream.

You must appear relaxed and confident in an interview, even if you don't feel that way inside. However, if you are nervous, it sometimes can be humanizing to show how much you care about the opportunity. No matter how nervous or anxious you are, look the interviewer in the eye and answer truthfully.

5. Keep Your Social Media Profiles Professional

People go online to learn more about you, so it's important that you aren't sending the wrong message on social media. Present yourself in the best light and check your social media profiles from the perspective of an employer or parent. Is there anything that you'd not want them to see? If so, remove it and clean up your accounts.

It's also a good idea to set up a LinkedIn account to showcase your work experience and everything you're involved in. LinkedIn provides a quick snapshot of who you are and what you've accomplished.

6. Research Past Scholarship Winners

It never hurts to do your research. See if you can find who has won the same scholarship. Consider what made them stand out as an applicant. Are they super involved, athletic, or intellectually gifted? The more you know, the more informed you can be about which areas you should focus on when applying for a scholarship.

Maximizing the amount of scholarship money you're awarded can go a long way in paying for tuition, textbooks, and anything else you need for your time at Rose State College. Here are some tips for finding scholarships to receive more financial aid.

Apply, Apply, Apply

You can't be awarded money if you don't apply. The odds are in your favor if you apply to more scholarships and apply for them often. You can start applying for Rose State College scholarships during your senior year of high school and can reapply each year you are enrolled as a student.

Consistently maintaining good academic standing and reapplying for scholarships each year is an easy way to maximize your total amount of scholarship money. You can also increase your chances of being awarded scholarship money by applying for scholarships before the priority deadlines. Those who submit their application prior to these deadlines have a greater likelihood of being awarded scholarships than those who submit their application after the priority deadline has passed.

At Rose State College, we make applying for scholarships as easy as possible. You can apply for more than 80 scholarships available to Rose State students just by filling out our one General Scholarship Application. It's easy!

Maximize Test Scores

For many high school seniors, it can be difficult to significantly improve your GPA in a single year. However, you can control how well you perform on your ACT or SAT college entrance exams. There are many resources out there for studying for the ACT or SAT that can greatly improve your score. You can also take both tests multiple times if you are not satisfied with your score the first time.

A good ACT or SAT score can not only increase your chances of getting accepted to a college or university, but has the potential to significantly increase the amount of scholarship money you are awarded. Like your GPA, your test scores are a good indicator of how well you'll perform in your classes once you arrive on campus.

"If you find anything that you qualify for, even if it's a lot of work and effort, you should apply because it could be life changing. Apply to everything you can and don't wait until the last minute."

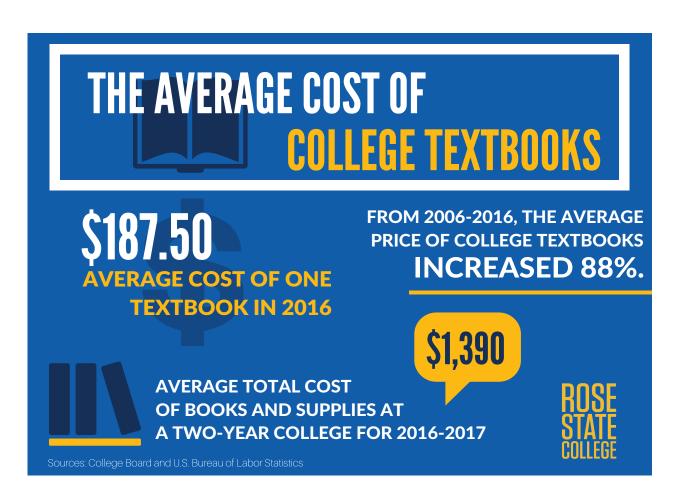
- Adrianna Rogers Rose State College Student

Don't Forget About Your GPA

Your high school and college GPA can have a big impact on the amount of scholarship money you're awarded. Any scholarship committee, whether at Rose State College or elsewhere, will look at your grade point average as an indication of your academic performance and may factor it into your eligibility for receiving scholarships.

If you're a high school senior, keep in mind that your GPA still matters for scholarship purposes even if you've already been accepted by the college. Don't let your grades drop and hurt your chances of getting some extra money to help pay for your tuition or books.

If you're already a Rose State student, focus on doing well in your classes and earning good grades to improve your chances of receiving additional funds. Many Rose State scholarships require a minimum GPA, so be sure to check the requirements before applying.



Research External Scholarships

While at Rose State, you aren't limited to receiving funds directly from the college. There are countless national and local organizations that provide scholarships for students every year. All you have to do is a little research to find them.

Check out scholarship search resources to find funding from companies across the U.S. or reach out to local community-based organizations or businesses in your area to see if they offer scholarships. Don't be deterred by smaller scholarship awards. Earning several smaller scholarships can quickly add up to make a huge difference in paying for your education.

Don't Be Afraid of a Little Extra Work

Some scholarship applications are more labor-intensive than others. Many people shy away from applying for scholarships that require extra essays or letters of recommendations. The secret is, so many people avoid these scholarships that the money often goes unawarded.

It's worth taking the time to write a few essays and put in extra effort to secure additional scholarship dollars.

Use Your Resources

Whether you're still in high school or a current Rose State student, there are many resources available to you for finding scholarship opportunities. Visit your high school counselor or the Rose State Financial Office to inquire about scholarship opportunities you may be eligible for based on your grades, community involvement, or degree track. They can provide information about scholarships you may not think you are eligible for or may not be aware of. Your counselors are there to help you succeed during your time at Rose State and can help you find ways to fund your college experience.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP EARCH RESOURCES

- OKCollegeStart
- ▶ Uniqo
- Fastweb
- Cappex
- Chegg
- - ▶ Niche
 - Scholarships.com
 - Scholarship Monkey



SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

President's Leadership Class

Rose State College offers one of the most prestigious President's Leadership Class (PLC) scholarships in the state of Oklahoma, distributing more than 150 of these scholarships annually. The PLC gives a select class of students the opportunity to learn new skills, improve campus life, and helps facilitate future leadership opportunities.

This comprehensive scholarship recognizes students for academic excellence, along with leadership and involvement throughout their high school years. PLC members are chosen based on their application and an accompanying interview.

The PLC program builds on each student's current foundation of leadership skills by:

- ▶ Providing the RSC leadership development course, leadership conferences, and culturally enriching experiences that hone those skills.
- Expecting members to be actively involved in student clubs, campus events, and community outreach programs.
- Building character traits through campus mentors.
- ▶ Increasing resources for the resume through development activities.

The preferred criteria to be considered for this program include:

- Active school AND community organization involvement.
- Membership and/or officer position in three or more school related clubs.
- ▶ Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above and minimum ACT composite score of 21.

Select graduating high school or home school seniors are awarded the PLC scholarship, which includes a **tuition waiver scholarship for up to 16 credit hours** provided by Rose State College. In addition, Rose State College and the Rose State College Foundation donors provide additional financial support each semester to these students for **books and fees**.

"The President's Leadership Class scholarship from Rose State paid for everything and allows me to get my associate's degree debt free. Rose State was a new environment for me and I took a chance on it. I love it!"

- Adrianna Rogers Rose State College Student

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

State Regent's Academic Scholars Program

Selected as part of the PLC, the State Regents' Academic Scholars Program provides scholarships to academically outstanding students who attend an Oklahoma college or university. Academic Scholars receive a scholarship to help **cover the cost of room, board, tuition, books and incidental fees**. Rose State College Academic Scholars will be able to transfer this scholarship from Rose State College to a public, four-year university in Oklahoma.

To be nominated for the Academic Scholars Program, members of the Rose State PLC must have a minimum ACT score of 29 on the National Test and maintain a 3.25 GPA. This scholarship covers up to **19 hours of tuition** plus **\$900 toward books and fees**.

Tinker Federal Credit Union Civic Leaders Scholarship

Thanks to an annual financial commitment from Tinker Federal Credit Union (TFCU), Rose State College created the TFCU Civic Leaders Program. This is the first RSC program focused on Tinker Air Force Base military spouses, as well as the adult student population in Eastern Oklahoma County.

Ten scholarships are available for the spouses of active duty military members stationed at Tinker Air Force Base holding the rank of E-1 to E-6, and ten scholarships are available for non-military adults, age 24 and older.

For the 2014-2015 school year, two-thirds of fulltime students in the U.S. paid for college with the help of financial aid in the form of grants or scholarships.

- The College Board

\$10,800 The average amount awarded to undergraduate students in the form of financial aid, scholarships, and grants.

- National Center for Education Statistics

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Frances White Hughes Scholars

The Frances White Hughes Scholars program is funded by a gift from the estate of former Rose State College Regent, Dr. Frances White Hughes. This program provides the Rose State College leadership development course, leadership conference, and culturally enriching experiences. To qualify for this scholarship, you must major in one of the following: Art, Library Technical Assistant (emphasis in fine arts), Photography, Music, Music Engineering and Industry Option, or Theatre.

The Frances White Hughes Scholars program:

- Requires each member to complete 90 hours as an intern in the RSC Performing Arts Theatre or Oklahoma City Civic Center Music Hall equivalent environment each semester.
- ▶ Requires each member to complete an approved business course each semester.

Those chosen to be a part of the Frances White Hughes Scholars program:

- ► Have earned and maintained a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA (high school or college).
- ▶ Enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per semester at Rose State College.

Ten students per year are awarded the Frances White Hughes Scholars scholarship which includes **\$3,000** per semester and may be used toward tuition, fees, books, and other approved related expenses. This scholarship is solely funded by Rose State College's Foundation.

Sarkeys Scholarship

Thanks to a generous grant from the Sarkeys Foundation, five Rose State College students will be designated as Sarkeys Scholars, in addition to being designated as a PLC member. Sarkeys Scholars will participate in the intense PLC leadership development program that includes character training, communication skills, teamwork, and much more.

For the 2017-2018 school year, students at public two-year colleges recieved an average of \$3,900 in grants and education tax credits and deductions—\$330 more than need to cover tuition and fees.

- The College Board

Applying for scholarships at Rose State College is simple! You can apply for ALL of the scholarships you'd like to be considered for by filling out our one General Scholarship Application. That's right. You only have to fill out one application to apply for more than 80 different scholarships available to Rose State Raiders.

APPLY HERE

The General Scholarship Application is open year-round, January through December. However, you are encouraged to complete the application at your earliest convenience to receive priority consideration.

If you wish to be considered for a Rose State leadership, division-specific, or tuition waiver scholarship, please review the priority deadline below and submit your application prior to the listed cut-off dates.



March 1st: Leadership Scholarships

Beginning January 1st, this application will be available for students to complete online. Candidates who have marked the appropriate box expressing their interest in a Leadership Scholarship and have submitted their application by the priority deadline of March 1st will be considered for scholarship opportunities associated with the Rose State College Leadership Programs for the upcoming academic year.

Note: If these positions are not filled by candidates who met the priority deadline, the Leadership Scholarship committee may review additional applications submitted after the deadline.

April 1st: Division-Specific and Tuition Waiver Scholarships

Applications submitted by April 1st will have the highest chance of consideration for division-specific and tuition waiver scholarships for the summer semester and following academic year.

July 15th: Health Science Scholarships

Health Science majors who have been offered placement into one of the Health Science programs will be considered for tuition waiver and scholarship opportunities after the letters have been sent out by the program directors and the participants have accepted their spots.

November 1st: Spring Semester Tuition Waivers

If you missed the above deadlines or will not be enrolling until the spring semester, there is still an opportunity for you to apply for a spring only tuition waiver. Applications submitted by November 1st will be considered for tuition waivers for the following spring semester if they have not already been awarded for the academic year.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you are not a current Rose State College student, you must complete an application for admission either online or in person and provide an official copy of your most recent transcript to our Office of Admissions and Records located in the Administration Building. If you are currently a senior in high school, an official 7th-semester transcript is acceptable at this time, but do not forget to provide the Rose State College Office of Admissions and Records your final Official High School transcript after graduation.

While you might want your child to be solely in charge of handling the applications and finding scholarships themselves, a little support can go a long way.

Create a Plan

Work with your child to set some goals around scholarship applications. It will help to have a structure to make the task less daunting and to make sure they get everything submitted prior to the deadlines. Encourage your child to consider their daily schedules and create a schedule that works best for them.

It's a good idea to agree on how many scholarships they will look into and apply for each week. For instance, should they work on it one hour each night, or over the weekends, or one night a week? A little structure goes a long way to keep your child motivated and relaxed during the process.

Use Your Connections

Another way you can help is through your employer. Ask if your company has any scholarships available for employees' children. If they don't, consider asking why not and if they would potentially create one as an added benefit. You don't have to be pushy, just ask!

Make a list of other people you could ask in your network. Does your church provide scholarships? How about any of your child's activities? Before you look elsewhere, consider all of your local connections.

Gather Relevant Information

One thing that most children really appreciate is having a parent to help provide the documents that are required in nearly every scholarship. Help them gather information, like tax returns and work history, so they can quickly pass through all of those monotonous steps.

of students at two-year universities recieved some form of financial aid, including scholarships, grants, loans, and federal aid in 2016.

- National Center for Education Statistics

Help When Asked

Be available to help edit anything if they ask for help. You don't need to be the one writing their essays, but you can offer suggestions to improve their writing.

While you should show support, don't overstep your boundaries if your child wants to do their applications alone. This can be a touchy, nerve-wracking time and some children might want some distance.

Reward Them for Applying

Providing some kind of incentive can be a good way to encourage your child to keep applying for scholarships even if they aren't seeing any immediate results.

Have questions about Rose State College's scholarship process? Contact our Financial Aid Office at (405) 733-7424 or finaid@rose.edu. Our financial aid and scholarship counselors are happy to answer any questions you may have.



LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

ADVANTAGE BANK BOOK SCHOLARSHIP EMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP BANCFIRST BOOK SCHOLARSHIP CHARLES AND LOLA HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP CHICKASAW NATION NATIVE SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP DAVID AND JO ANNE FOX SCHOLARSHIP DR. JIM COOK PLC SCHOLARSHIP ELIZABETH DECARLO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FNB COMMUNITY BANK SCHOLARSHIP JOE AND LAFERN BARNES BOOK SCHOLARSHIP JOE W. DAVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP JOY RUPP SCHOLARSHIP KATHERINE JOAN HARDIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP MARIE JORDAN SCHOLARSHIP MARY LOU HAWKINS/MIDWEST CITY LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP MELANIE MARIE EISENHOUR SALTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP CLASS SCHOLARSHIP PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP CLASS TUITION WAIVER REGENT JOE COLE SCHOLARSHIP ROBERT AND LINDA CROAK SCHOLARSHIP SAM AND JO HINOJOSA BOOK SCHOLARSHIP SARKEYS SCHOLARSHIP STEPHEN AND MIKELE LEONE SCHOLARSHIP SUSAN LOVELESS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP UNION LADIES AID SOCIETY OF SOONER (ULASS) BOOK **SCHOLARSHIP**

For full descriptions of all scholarships available at Rose State College, please click here.

MILITARY SCHOLARSHIPS

LT. VERNON R. BUTLER U.S. NAVY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

TINKER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION CIVIC LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP

TINKER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION SCHOLARSHIPS

BUSINESS DIVISION COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

BUSINESS DIVISION FACULTY/STAFF SCHOLARSHIP

BUSINESS DIVISION GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

BUSINESS DIVISION TUITION WAIVER

CLARENCE AND NANCY WEISANG BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

SUSAN LOVELESS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SUSAN WHITSON-ROGERS BUSINESS DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP

ENGINEERING & SCIENCES DIVISION SCHOLARSHIPS

ENGINEERING AND SCIENCES DIVISION GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

ENGINEERING AND SCIENCES DIVISION TUITION WAIVER

J.R. "BOB" HOOVER SCHOLARSHIP

MICHAEL FREEMAN CIT SCHOLARSHIP

NORTHROP GRUMMAN STEM SCHOLARSHIP

HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION SCHOLARSHIPS

ALLIANCE HEALTH NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

DR. JIM COOK HEALTH SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

ERMA JEAN NEWMAN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION TUITION WAIVER

LARRY AND JEAN NUTTER HEALTH SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

SENIOR PHYSICIANS/DR. LEE ISON AND DR. FELIX KAY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

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HUMANITIES DIVISION SCHOLARSHIPS

ALICE CANNON MCWATERS ENDOWMENT

CRAFT DESIGNERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

FRANCES WHITE HUGHES SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP

HUMANITIES DIVISION GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

HUMANITIES DIVISION TUITION WAIVER

LARRY AND JEAN NUTTER HUMANITIES SCHOLARSHIP

PARKER-TINKER-WELLS-HUGHES-SCHOLARSHIP

STACY MESSINGER HUMANITIES SCHOLARSHIP

TERRY AND KAY BRITTON HUMANITIES SCHOLARSHIP

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION SCHOLARSHIPS

APRIL PRIMO SOCIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

HEALTH AND SPORTS SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

LEADERSHIP MWC SOCIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

SENATOR CLIFF ALDRIDGE POLITICAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION TUITION WAIVER

VONCILLE ATTEBERY WINTER PHD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIPS

ACADEMIC SCHOLARS TUITION WAIVER

GENERAL SUMMER TUITION WAIVER

GENERAL TUITION WAIVER

RETURNING STUDENT TUITION WAIVER

SPRING RETURNING STUDENT TUITION WAIVER

STUDENT SUCCESS TUITION WAIVER

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ATHLETIC & OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

ACADEMIC SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP

BASEBALL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

CLASSIFIED STAFF ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

FACULTY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

G.L. "SHEP" SHEPPARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

MEN'S SOCCER ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION SCHOLARSHIP

PROFESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ASSOCIATION (PASA) SCHOLARSHIP

SOFTBALL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

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WOMEN'S SOCCER ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP



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