

ROGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

2010-2011 Ann & Wirt Cogswell Scholarship Application

IMPORTANT! You must complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA)**, if you wish to be considered for scholarships that require "financial need," *even if you believe you won't qualify*. You can pick up a paper FAFSA form at an RCC Rogue Central Service Counter or you may apply online (preferred) at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

Complete this application if you meet all the following guidelines:

- You are:
 - Graduating from a Josephine County high school in June 2010
 - Applying for renewal of the Cogswell Scholarship you received last year.
- Have financial need as determined by submitting a FAFSA application.
- Will be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits per term for the 2010-11 academic year, beginning Fall 2010, working toward a certificate, degree, or an academic award offered by any college, university, technical, or vocational school other than RCC.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS DUE
NO LATER THAN
5PM MARCH 1, 2010

Scholarship Awards Begin
Fall Term 2010

Full Legal Name: (Please Print)

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First Middle Initial Last

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Permanent Mailing Address

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City

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State

Zip

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County

Phone

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Email Address

*This will only be used for RCC Foundation contact purposes.

College Student ID Number: (if available)

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Social Security Number: (if no ID number available)

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Providing your social security number is voluntary. If you do so, the foundation will only use your social security number for keeping records, doing research, reporting, and in crediting any awards to your student billing. (Please read the federal information section of the schedule of classes for more information.)

High School & Date of Graduation:

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MAJOR 1: _____

Must be consistent with official registration records.

MAJOR 2: _____

Must be consistent with official registration records.

Undecided

Professional/Technical
e.g. Electronics, Nursing, etc.

► Program: _____

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For RCC Use Only

Office:		
Reader Initials:		

High School Students: Return applications to your HS counselor by 3/1/10
Renewal Applicants: Return applications directly to the RCC Foundation by 5PM 3/1/10

EDUCATION HISTORY

Complete this section if you are a Graduating High School Senior:

A copy of your high school transcript is required.

1. Rank _____ in a class of _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average (7th semester) _____
2. **PSAT** scores: Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing skills _____
3. **SAT** scores: Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing skills _____
4. **ACT** scores: Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing skills _____
5. I plan to take the **ACT/SAT** on (date) _____

List schools attended and/or training received (high school and beyond), list most current first.

	School	City, State	Dates Attended	Field of Study	Graduation date/Credits earned/Degree earned	GPA
1						
2						
3						
4						

SCHOLARSHIP HISTORY:

- I am a first-time applicant for an RCC Foundation Ann & Wirt Cogswell Scholarship
- I was previously awarded an RCC Foundation Ann & Wirt Cogswell Scholarship:
- ▶ Year(s) scholarship awarded: _____

Telling your story may help the Foundation's efforts to secure additional scholarship funding. If you agree to the following statement, please check the box:

- By checking here, I authorize the RCC Foundation to use my photograph and/or publish stories or use quotes for purposes deemed appropriate by the College, and/or the Foundation. *This is optional and will not affect your application.*

In order to process your application, the Foundation may need to access your RCC Financial Aid information. If you agree to the following statement, please check the box:

- By checking here, I authorize the release of need-to-know individual information from RCC's Financial Aid Office to the RCC Foundation for determination of scholarship eligibility. *Not checking this box may affect your eligibility for scholarships requiring "Financial Need."*

I certify that all statements made in this application are true. I understand that if awarded I must maintain a minimum term GPA of 2.50 and enroll in and complete a minimum of 6 credits per term, or as otherwise specified by my RCC Foundation Award Letter, to receive and remain eligible for scholarship funds. I authorize the review of application information in the selection process. If awarded, I agree to notify the RCC Foundation of any changes that would affect my eligibility, otherwise the RCC Foundation has the right to terminate or change my scholarship.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PLEASE READ APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS ON FOLLOWING PAGE

A COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE

TWO RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include **two** completed RCC Recommendation forms from *instructors, counselors, employers, etc.*, in *sealed and signed* envelopes. Carefully select the individuals recommending you, as their assessment of your academic eligibility will be important to the selection committee. *(Only two recommendation forms will be accepted. If you submit more than two recommendations, extras will be discarded.)*

ONE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FORM:

Include a completed Activities Form with information about your school, community, family, and volunteer service. In addition to listing your community and volunteer activities, complete three of your most significant or favorite jobs. This section is very important to the selection committee selection process; use this form to demonstrate why you are their best choice. *List everything that applies, however, the committee recognizes that not all students will have numerous entries in every category; see the enclosed sample for ideas.*

ONE PAGE PERSONAL STATEMENT:

On a separate sheet of paper, include a statement of **ONE page or less** (no smaller than 10 pt. font) describing your educational and career goals, while indicating your planned major field of study. This section is also important in determining your eligibility. It is your opportunity to make a personal statement directly to the selection committee. **PLEASE LIMIT TO ONE PAGE.** *Essays exceeding the one page limit will not be evaluated.*

Your Personal Statement should include reference to some, or all, of the following:

- Life and Career goals
- Adversities you may have overcome
- Special qualifications
- Unique Family Circumstances
- Extra-curricular activities
- Honors & Awards received
- Organizations affiliated with & offices held
- What you are doing or will do to give back to your community
- Your main area of academic interest and why you chose it
- Your financial circumstances and how this scholarship will assist you

Your Personal Statement will be judged on content and persuasiveness, as well as spelling, grammar, and neatness. It is highly suggested that essays be in a typed format in Times New Roman font, no smaller than 10 pt.

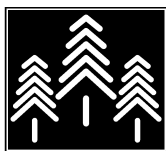
A complete application MUST have:

- a complete and signed application form. *(Incomplete forms are ineligible.)*
- two** completed Recommendation Forms in signed and sealed envelopes. *It is the responsibility of the student to make certain these recommendation forms are included in the application package when submitted.*
- a complete Community Activities Form.
- a Personal Statement, *of ONE page or less*, as described above.
- If you are new to RCC*, a current official or unofficial transcript from your high school and/or college. *(Transcripts for continuing RCC students will be printed by the RCC Foundation)*
- Submission of a **Free Application for Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA)**, in order to be considered for scholarships requiring determination of “financial need.” FAFSA applications may be obtained at an RCC Rogue Central Service Counter or you may apply online (preferred) at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. MARCH 1, 2010

All applicants will receive written notification of award status in May 2010

Please return to a RCC Rogue Central Service Counter, or to the RCC Foundation:
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SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

The Rogue Community College Foundation is a private, nonprofit corporation founded in November 1980. The foundation provides scholarships based on donations from individuals and groups, bequests to the foundation, as well as dollars raised through the foundation's fund-raising efforts. Usually the donor determines criteria for the scholarship, and occasionally the foundation determines the criteria. The amounts to be awarded are determined either by the size of the donation or based on the annual income from endowed funds.

After all applications have been received and grades have been entered for winter term, RCC transcripts are printed and enclosed with the applications. During the first weeks of April, applications are read and scored by foundation members and community volunteers selected by the foundation. Each application is read and scored by a minimum of two readers. Scores are based on family responsibilities, community activities and volunteer service, employment, goals, interests, financial need, recommendations, academic standing and the personal statement. Scores are averaged and tabulated. Awards are then made based on scores and specific criteria of individual scholarships. The process is completed during the first week of May with announcement of awards through letters sent to all applicants at their listed address.

Scholarship certificates will be presented at the Annual Rogue Community College Foundation Awards Ceremony on May 26, 2010. Funds will be applied to student accounts beginning Fall Term 2010 once the student registers for a minimum of 6 credits (unless otherwise specified by award). Awards of \$500 or less are awarded in fall term; awards of \$501 or larger are disbursed in thirds between fall, winter, and spring terms.

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