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RCC workshops to cover financial aid, including scholarships

The time to apply for scholarships and financial aid for 2006-07 is drawing near, according to Rogue Community College financial aid experts. Thousands of college scholarship opportunities are available for students in Oregon.

“The prime window of opportunity to apply is January and February each year for the following school year,” said Anna Manley, director of Financial Aid at RCC. “Students who plan ahead, apply early, and submit multiple scholarship applications do best.”

To help applicants, RCC is holding a series of free financial aid and scholarship workshops in Jackson and Josephine counties. Representatives from the RCC Financial Aid office and the RCC Foundation will provide information on how to submit a winning scholarship. Financial aid workshops will cover what is available and how to apply.

The 2006-07 RCC Foundation application deadline is March 6. Funds will be awarded for fall 2006 through spring 2007 terms. By completing one application, students will be considered for multiple scholarships. The RCC Foundation awarded over $350,000 in scholarships for the 2005-06 academic year.

A state-administered scholarship application process is available at www.getcollegefunds.org. This single application process allows students to apply for multiple scholarships. In 2005-06, the Oregon Student Assistance Commission awarded over $10 million in scholarship funds to Oregon students.

Following is the schedule for RCC-sponsored financial aid and scholarships workshops:

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FINANCIAL AID

Redwood Campus, Grants Pass
- noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 10, T Building, Room 1
- noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 7, T Building, Room 1

Riverside Campus, Medford
- noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 10, G Building, Room 12
- noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 7, G Building, Room 12

Table Rock Campus, White City
- noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 11, Room 126
- noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 8, Room 126

SCHOLARSHIPS

Redwood Campus, Grants Pass
- 6-7 p.m. Jan. 24, Rogue Building
- noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 25, Rogue Building
- 6-7 p.m. Feb. 15, Rogue Building
- noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 16, T Building, Room 2

Riverside Campus, Medford
- noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 24, G Building, Room 12
- 6-7 p.m. Jan. 25, A Building, Room 11
- noon to 1 p.m., Feb. 15, A Building, Room 12
- 6 to 7 p.m. Feb. 16, A Building, Room 12

Table Rock Campus
- 3-4 p.m. Jan. 25 from, Room 126

For additional information contact Rogue Central Services for Students at 956-7501 in Josephine County or 245-7501 in Jackson County.

Many financial aid applications can be completed on the Internet. One of the most important applications to complete, as soon after January 1 as possible, is the 2006-07 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov. In submitting this single application, the student is applying for federal and state grant aid as well as an opportunity to participate in secondary application processes for student employment, student loans, and need-based scholarships.

To assist students in finding and applying for scholarships, the college has developed Scholarship Central, a Web-based scholarship search tool at www.roguecc.edu/FinancialAid/Scholarship.asp. The use of www.fastweb.com is also recommended for profile-based, nation-wide scholarship search.

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