RCC Foundation scholarship deadline nears

Students enrolling at Rogue Community College who are interested in receiving RCC Foundation scholarships have until March 2 to apply.

The foundation has more than 170 individual scholarship funds and last year made awards to 75 percent of the 800 students who applied. More than 500 students were awarded over $650,000 in scholarship support in 2008-09, with individual awards ranging in size from $50 to $6,000. Some students received multiple awards.

“Many students never apply because they don't know how, they don't feel they have the time, or they're convinced they aren’t eligible,” said Ann Manley, director of financial aid at RCC. “The truth is, there is real money out there, and every dollar awarded in scholarships is one dollar less a student will have to borrow and repay or earn by working.”

The RCC Foundation has an online application that allows students to apply for many scholarships at once, available at www.rccfoundation.org. Additionally, the college offers free scholarship workshops that provide tools to help students through the application process.

Workshops are scheduled at the following times and locations:

- 12-1 p.m. Feb. 11, Coates Hall, Room 7, Redwood Campus, 3345 Redwood Hwy., Grants Pass
- 5:15-6:15 p.m. Feb. 12, and 9-10 a.m. Feb. 14, RCC/SOU Higher Education Center, Room 322, 101 S. Bartlett St., Medford
- 3-4 p.m. Feb. 12, Table Rock Campus, Room 124, 7800 Pacific Ave., White City

For those who need help writing a scholarship essay, RCC offers WR199 Special Studies: Scholarship Essay Writing. This 1 credit class is scheduled spring term from 3-4:50 p.m. Wednesdays at the RCC/SOU Higher Education Center.

Students already enrolled at RCC can access an online tutor that helps them with the short essay that is part of the application process. Students simply submit a draft of their essay, which is returned within 24-48 hours with constructive feedback.

“There's nothing RCC would love more than the opportunity to encourage students through the process of applying and see them access thousands of dollars toward the pursuit of their educational goals,” Manley said.

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