

Scherer Honors Scholarship Criteria

Current year high school graduates

Scholarship provides up to two years tuition (60 credit hours) to current year graduates from high schools in Richland's District who have a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale or a 4.375 on a 5.0 scale. Non-public high schools must be registered with and recognized by the State Board of Education and published in the most recent Directory of Illinois Recognized Non-public Schools.

Scholarship provides up to 30 credit hours per year (no summer school.) Credit hours supported by the scholarship are capped at 15 credits per semester.

Interested students must complete and/or submit the following materials:

1. Richland online Scholarship Application
2. ACT/SAT scores and 7th semester transcripts
3. Essay 1: Academic and/or professional goals
4. Essay 2: Extracurricular activity, work experience, or community service project
5. Letter of recommendation from high school faculty or staff.

All materials, aside from the online application, must be mailed or brought in to the Foundation Office. **No emailed materials will be accepted.** Please use the following address:

Richland Community College Foundation
Attention: Tricia Cordulack
One College Park
Suite N179
Decatur, IL 62521

Recipients will be determined by the selection committee. Recipients must complete an online Scholarship Application each semester.

Students must mail a sealed copy of their final high school transcript with proof of GPA to the Richland Registrar's Office and be enrolled at Richland Community College the semester immediately following high school graduation and remain continuously enrolled.

Students must have no need of developmental courses and must be college ready. Students are required to take at least 12 credit hours of 100-level or above courses and must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25.

Students must complete at least one Honors course in both the fall and spring semester during year one and must complete an Honors course or Honors project in both the fall and spring semester during year two.

Non-current year high school graduates/Current Richland students

Scholarship provides tuition (up to 60 credit hours) to selected students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 for 12 or more semester hours in courses numbered 100 or above at Richland.

Scholarship provides up to 30 credit hours per year (no summer school.) Credit hours supported by the scholarship are capped at 15 credits per semester.

Interested students must complete and/or submit the following materials:

1. Richland online Scholarship Application
2. Essay 1: How has your Richland experience impacted your academic or professional goals?
3. Essay 2: How has your campus or community involvement, or work experience challenged you?
4. Letter of recommendation from Richland faculty or staff. **Sent separately to Foundation Office**

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Students must have no need of developmental courses and must be college ready. Students may be enrolled full-time or part-time (6 credit hours minimum) in 100-level or above courses and must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25. Students must remain continuously enrolled and must complete 20 credit hours within the academic year.

Students must complete at least one Honors course in both the fall and spring semesters during year one and must complete an Honors course or Honors project in both the fall and spring semesters each subsequent year. A certificate or degree must be completed within 3 years.

Richland graduates

Scholarship provides tuition assistance to Richland graduates to attend an Illinois public 4-year institution. Selected students must have graduated from Richland with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher and be enrolled full- or part-time in an Illinois public 4-year institution. Preference will be given to current year Richland graduates who have continuously received the Scherer Honors Scholarship at Richland.

Interested students must complete and/or submit the following materials:

1. Richland online Scholarship Application
2. Essay 1: Academic and/or professional goals
3. Essay 2: Extracurricular activity, work experience, or community service project
4. Letter of recommendation from Richland faculty or staff. **Sent separately to Foundation Office**

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