

Richland College *ACES Scholarship Application Process*

The \$3,000 Academic Connections in Engineering Study (ACES) scholarships are awarded to qualified individuals who are either currently enrolled or who plan to enroll as full-time engineering students at Richland College. The scholarships are intended to assist a student in successfully completing an associate degree in engineering and transferring to a four-year engineering program. In addition to the financial aid, recipients will receive academic support and service learning opportunities to enrich their education. Eligibility requirements include:

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Financial need determined by FAFSA
- Full-time Richland student (12 credit hours/semester)
- College GPA of 2.5/4.0 or a high school cumulative GPA of 82/100
- Demonstrated mathematical ability at the college pre-calculus level
- Engineering major

HOW TO APPLY:

Complete the following application steps. An incomplete application will not be considered.

1. Submit a completed Richland College Application for Admission. This may be completed online at <https://www1.dcccd.edu/stuapp/>.
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application. Richland's school code is 008504. It is recommended that you apply online (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>) as the time to process is shorter than if the application is mailed. Contact the Richland College Financial Aid office at (972) 238-6188 if you need assistance.
3. Prepare and submit a portfolio in a ½-inch 3-ring binder (NO larger) to the Financial Aid office in T130. The portfolio should reflect your superior ability and will include:
 - ___ I. Academic Connections in Engineering Study (ACES) scholarship application form.
 - ___ II. A one-page typed essay addressing the following questions:

What has influenced your decision to pursue a career in engineering? How do you view education as a means of assisting you in achieving your goal?

- ___ III. Copy of college or high school transcripts
- College transcript for current Richland students or transfer students
 - High school transcript for current high school seniors or recent graduates with less than 12 college credits

Include items for sections IV – IX as applicable. Please note that not having entries for each section will not eliminate an applicant from consideration. Provide documentation for your entries. This includes such things as letters of achievement, letters of recommendation, certificates, photographs, articles of the event, event program, etc.

- ___ IV. Honors and awards (academic and/or community)
- Examples include honor societies, honor rolls, scholarships, civic awards, etc.
- ___ V. Clubs and organizations (academic and/or community)
- Examples include engineering club, robotics club, student government, rotary club, etc.
- ___ VI. Community / volunteer service projects
- Examples include church mission projects, habitat for humanity, special olympics, YMCA coach, etc.
- ___ VII. Related academic and/or professional projects
- Examples include an individualized class research and design project, professional engineering designs, professional service and repair experience, related home projects, etc.
- ___ VIII. Hobbies
- Examples include sports, crafts, travel, etc.
- ___ IX. Resume (one page)

For Additional Information:

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 (972) 238-6188

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 Sabine Hall, Room S150
 (972) 238-3797