Student Highlights

Applying for scholarships through the RCCD Foundation was an easy process. I applied the previous year, so I knew exactly which scholarships to look for, and I only had to alter my personal statement slightly for this year. The statement does take time, but the SSS workshops are helpful with getting started and learning what information you should include in your essay. I feel it is important to have a faculty member or counselor review your essay before you submit it since faculty members are usually on the scholarship committees. Therefore, a well written personal statement is crucial! I obviously applied because I wanted to win the award money, but I was shocked last year when I got six letters in the mail notifying me that I had been awarded the scholarships. That was far more than I had hoped for...so this year I applied for even more scholarships.

Many of scholarships were awarded because of academic merit, so GPA is important. However, there are many that are not GPA dependent, or do not require as high of a GPA. I strongly encourage everyone to apply, even if you don't think you will be chosen...I applied for over 20 scholarships last year, and won 6 of them, totaling over $4,000, so the time spent on writing an essay and getting letters of recommendation from my professors was well worth the effort!

Applying for my first scholarship was scary at first but once I got over my initial fear, I felt ok. I had nothing to lose so I decided to give it a try, nothing ventured—nothing gained. Why not fill out the forms, submit my application and wait to see what would happen. When I began writing my essay I was stumped. I asked myself, “What can I write about? Or more importantly, What have I accomplished?” This was a huge struggle for me because I was unsure about how to put this into words.

Then I realized that each of us have so much to share about our lives. Everyone’s story is unique and different because it’s your story and no method is perfect. I believe that you should write your essay from your heart so that the reader will be engaged in your story. Currently, I was awarded the Molly Adams Scholarship and applied for twenty-six additional scholarships with no problems.
Information Workshops

Workshops are provided this semester to assist our students in gaining knowledge on scholarships, careers, financial literacy, transfer requirements, and the step by step application process to the University of California and the California State Universities. They will be facilitated by our SSS/SSS RISE Counselors who will be there to answer questions and guide you each step of the way. For details see the list below.

03/04/13 — Scholarships 101—Room: CACT 2 @ 5:00 PM & Suicide Prevention Event—Room CSS 217 @ 11:00am & 4:00pm.

03/07/13 — Scholarships 101—Room: CACT 2 @ 12:50 PM

03/11/13 — Scholarships: Essay Writing—Room CACT 2 @ 5:00 PM

03/14/13 — Scholarships: Essay Writing—Room CACT 2 @ 12:50 PM

03/18/13 — Scholarships 101—Room CACT 2 @ 5:00 PM

03/21/13 — Scholarships 101—Room CACT 2 @ 12:50 PM

04/01/13 — Resume Building—Room CACT 2 @ 5:00 PM

04/04/13 — Resume Building—Room CACT 2 @ 12:50 PM

04/22/13 — Personality/Careers—Room CACT 2 @ 5:00 PM

04/25/13 — Personality/Careers—Room CACT 2 @ 12:50 PM

-05/06/13—Transferring to a Cal State University (CSU)—Room CACT 2 @ 5:00 PM

-05/09/13—Transferring to a Cal State University (CSU)—Room CACT 2 @ 12:50 PM

-05/13/13—Transferring to a University of California (UC)—Room CACT 2 @ 5:00 PM

-05/16/13—Transferring to a University of California (UC)—Room CACT 2 @ 12:50 PM

05/20/13—Financial Literacy—Room CACT 2 @ 5:00 PM

05/23/13—Financial Literacy—Room CACT 2 @ 12:50 PM

These workshops are being replaced with “Time Management” instead of Scholarships 101.

These workshops are cancelled.

Instead you may attend the Transfer Center’s Transfer Information Workshops on:

- March 5, 2013, 1-2 pm IT206
- March 20, 2013 1-2 pm IT206
- April 16, 2013 1-2 pm IT 206
- May 2, 2013 1-2 pm IT 208
- May 15, 2013 1-2 pm IT208
Important Dates & Deadlines

- 1st Appointment with SSS/SSS RISE Counselors: March 1 to April 5, 2013
- Progress Reports are Due in the SSS/SSS RISE Office: March 28, 2013 @ 4:00 PM
- Complete 1st Tutorial Session w/Tutorial Staff, SSS/SSS RISE Peer Tutors or Professors (at least 1 hour) are due: March 28, 2013 @ 4:00 PM
- 2nd Appointment with SSS/SSS RISE Counselors: April 8 to May 24, 2013

Priority Registration: Summer 2013 is May 15, 2013 to May 17, 2013: For all eligible SSS/SSS RISE students that meet the following requirements:
- Complete 1 Appointment with SSS/SSS RISE Counselor and 2 Workshops/Activities before: April 5, 2013
- Complete Progress Report and 1st Tutorial Session: March 28, 2013 @ 4:00 PM

Priority Registration: Fall 2013 is July 17 to July 19, 2013: For all eligible SSS/SSS RISE students that meet the following requirements:
- Complete 2 Appointments with SSS/SSS RISE Counselors and 3 Workshops/Activities before: May 24, 2013
- Complete Progress Report and 1st Tutorial Session: March 28, 2013 @ 4:00 PM

Application for Graduation—Spring 2013: Now until April 1, 2013

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TUTORIAL SERVICES PROCEDURES
FOR
SSS/SSS RISE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

STEP 1: Student submits signed SSS/SSS RISE Tutoring Request Form to Tutorial Services when scheduling an appointment.

STEP 2: Tutorial Clerk will complete the Staff Initials, Appt. Date, Tutor Assigned and return form to SSS/SSS RISE student.

STEP 3: Student will take the request form to their first tutoring session. Tutor will complete the Tutor Name, Signature and date.

STEP 4: Student will submit completed form to Tutorial Department. Clerks will place form in: SSS-SPR2013 folder for Tutorial Coordinator to sign.

STEP 5: Tutorial Services will submit forms to SSS/SSS RISE Office on the due date of Thursday, March 28, 2013
Students,

We hope you started your semester with a bang! It’s never too late to change what is not working. Most important... remember to continue with your tutoring sessions each week. You will be happier with your progress reports and your final grades at the end of the semester.

Here are a few success tips:

- Study time outside of class (2 hours for each unit taken / 12 units = 24 hours of study time)
- Take the time to study more and work/socialize less
- Read and understand the syllabus for each class
- Ask questions!
- Finish your assignments early
- Get to know your Instructors
- Introduce yourself to someone in class and exchange contact information
- Form a study group with your classmates
- Get plenty of rest and eat right!
- Take advantage of the computer stations in our office. They are fully operational!

Hortencia Cuevas, Ladylyn Dominguez, Sandra Buenrostro, Patricia Gill, and Monica Esparza

SSS/SSS RISE Staff

Cultural Event For SSS RISE Program

Cultural Events are designed to enrich students’ cultural exposure and promote learning through visiting museums, theatres, and universities.

Location: AT THE SEGERSTROM THEATRE

When: March 15, 2013

Departure Time: 4:00 pm

Return Time: 11:30 pm

Cal Summer Experience—June 23-25, 2013

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions at UC Berkeley encourages your students to apply to an exciting summer program for prospective transfer applicants. The Cal Summer Experience—June 23-25, 2013 is a college prep program scheduled for three days and two nights stay on the Berkeley campus.

The Cal Summer Experience hosts (40) prospective transfer applicants and provides admissions sessions, lectures, Personal Statement writing workshops, application filing assistance, transcript evaluations, and a campus tour!

Selected participants will have current Berkeley students as resident advisors and will be able to interact and socialize with other students from all over the country.

We hope that we can continue to inform and expose students to the University of California, through the Cal Summer Experience. This valuable college experience will increase your knowledge of UC Berkeley’s academic community, prepare them for the UC application and the admissions process; we hope that they will gain additional motivation to excel in their academic accomplishments and leadership potential.

To complete the application and supporting documents: http://admissions.berkeley.edu/calsummerexperience to Applications and documents are due by April 2, 2013. If you have any questions or need more information please feel free to contact us at cal.experience@berkeley.edu. We hope to see you this summer on the UC Berkeley campus for the Cal Summer Experience program!

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