

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

- **The Raider Fund** is a growing endowment that supports a variety of scholarships for students of all counties, majors, and economic backgrounds across the RSCC district. Raider Fund scholarships are awarded based on both merit and need.
- **Annual and endowed scholarships** are funded by annual donations and/or investment earnings and make up the most significant number of scholarships awarded to RSCC students each year. Like Raider Fund scholarships, these are awarded based on both merit and need.
- **The Pay-It-Forward program** provides critical aid to students to eliminate barriers that could prevent them from moving forward with their education. Funds are distributed in three forms: Emergency Aid, Licensing/Certification Exam Fees, and Finish Line Scholarships.
- **Dual enrollment scholarships** are awarded to high school students based on locally identified needs and recommendations.
- **Middle College** compresses the time it takes to complete a high school diploma and the first two years of college, enabling students to graduate high school and earn an associate degree at the same time.

Transforming Lives:
**STUDENT
SCHOLARSHIPS**



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WHY APPLY?

In a recent internal survey of Roane State students, 55% stated that they had experienced at least one form of basic needs insecurity in the past year. **But at Roane State Foundation, we believe that every student should have the opportunity to pursue their goals.**

ACCESS AND SUCCESS

In order to provide students in our region with access to higher education and successful pathways to gainful employment, each year we award more than \$450,000 in scholarships to traditional and adult students, dual enrollment students, and Middle College students on nine Roane State campuses across ten counties of East Tennessee.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

By applying for a scholarship through Roane State Foundation, students have the opportunity to compete for one of more than 500 scholarships awarded to RSCC students each year. Any part-time or full-time RSCC student with a minimum 2.5 GPA is eligible to apply. RSCC students can visit roanestate.edu/foundation to learn more and apply.



Three of the ten counties in Roane State's service region are defined by the USDA as being in **persistent poverty**, meaning that 20% or more of the population has lived in poverty over the last 30 years.

But you can help turn the tide.

"Thanks to the help of this scholarship, I can focus more on my studies and worry less about financial burdens."

- Tyler, General Transfer (A.S.) Student

RSCC students who receive at least \$1,000 in scholarships (\$500/semester) are more than twice as likely to graduate on time,* giving them increased opportunities to obtain gainful employment and contribute to the overall economic growth of our East Tennessee communities.

Your financial support has the power to make that difference.

Visit roanestate.edu/foundation to learn more and support a Roane State student today.

Join Roane State Foundation as we support the State of Tennessee's Drive to 55 - a statewide initiative to equip 55% of Tennesseans with a college degree or certificate by the year 2025.

Learn more at driveto55.org.

*i.e., Within two to three years, according to RSCC's Office of Institutional Effectiveness & Research via email July 20, 2020.