



# PRESIDENTIAL START SMART SCHOLARSHIP

Rowan College at Gloucester County (RCGC), in cooperation with the Rowan College Foundation at Gloucester County, has established the “Presidential Start Smart Scholarship,” an initiative created to provide qualified first-year students with a \$1,000 tuition award. Each Gloucester County school district allocation is based on student enrollment.

## Student Eligibility

- Be a high school senior ranked directly under the top 15 percent for the seventh semester graduating class ranking, who has completed a college preparatory program of study and is selected by the high school to be a recipient
- Complete an RCGC application, RCGC Financial Aid Disclosure and Release form by **June 1** and file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Apply for State and Federal need-based grants and merit scholarships, and submit requested documentation required for completion and verification of application data within the established deadlines (June 1)
- Enroll for the fall semester at Rowan College in a full-time course of study immediately after graduating from high school
- Take a minimum of 12 credits each semester
- Be a permanent New Jersey resident (parents/guardians and student) pursuant to regulations established by the College at the time of high school graduation and upon college enrollment
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen *and* a legal New Jersey resident for a minimum of 12 consecutive months prior to high school graduation
- NJ STARS recipients are ineligible for the Presidential Start Smart Scholarship

## Scholarship Renewal

- Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher at the end of the fall semester to receive the scholarship for spring (summer, dual credit and HSOP courses included in determining GPA)
- Scholarship funds awarded two semesters — \$500 in fall and \$500 in spring — credited to the Rowan College student account

## Books and Lab Fees

- The funds can be used towards books or fees, regardless if the student receives Financial Aid

## Contact

Financial Aid Coordinator  
Email: [startsmartscholar@rcgc.edu](mailto:startsmartscholar@rcgc.edu)  
Phone: 856-468-5000, ext. 6629



## Application Process

- Apply for admission to Rowan College by June 1
- Meet all admission and application requirements established by RCGC
- File a FAFSA form
- Submit an RCGC Financial Aid Disclosure and Release form and other requested verification items by June 1

Students will be notified by their high school of “Presidential Start Smart Scholarship” eligibility. Qualified students will receive award letters from the high schools to be submitted to the RCGC Start Smart Scholarship coordinator. High schools will notify scholarship recipients prior to graduation. See the high school guidance counselor for more details.



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## Scholarship Allocation by High School District

The following is the proposed Presidential Start Smart Scholarship allocation for each high school. This information is based on present grade 11 enrollments by high schools and projections of historical grade 12 enrollment data provided by the NJDOE. Neither taxpayer funding nor tuition revenue will be used to support the Start Smart initiative.

| High School                     | Scholarship Allocation |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Clayton                         | 2                      |
| Clearview Regional              | 10                     |
| Camden Catholic High School     | 4                      |
| Delsea Regional                 | 8                      |
| Deptford Township               | 7                      |
| Gateway Regional                | 4                      |
| GED/Continuing Education        | 2                      |
| Glassboro                       | 4                      |
| Gloucester Catholic High School | 4                      |
| Gloucester Co. Special Services | 1                      |
| GCIT                            | 8                      |
| Kingsway Regional               | 10                     |
| Monroe Township                 | 13                     |
| Paulsboro                       | 3                      |
| Pitman                          | 3                      |
| Washington Township             | 18                     |
| West Deptford Township          | 6                      |
| Woodbury                        | 3                      |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>110</b>             |



“At such a pivotal time in a student’s life, support from family, mentors and teachers are vital to assure a successful outcome as each student embarks on their individual career path. I am pleased to continue the Presidential Start Smart Scholarship to 110 deserving students. The \$1,000 scholarship is more than financial backing to assist with educational endeavors. The Presidential Start Smart Scholarship recognizes all the hard work achieved up to this point and serves as an incentive to excel in the future. I wish all recipients much continued success and welcome them to Rowan College at Gloucester County.”

— Dr. Frederick Keating, *President*

