

# Honors Program Scholarship

## Award

I am pleased to announce that the Honors Program has a limited number of one-time-only, competitive scholarships for the upcoming academic year. These scholarships can be put toward things like tuition, fees, room and board, room and board upgrades, commuter meal plans, books, background checks, parking, and graduation fees.

Current Honors students who are paying university tuition are eligible to apply for one of three scholarships; each scholarship award is up to \$1000.

Current Honors students who are paying community college tuition are eligible to apply for one of two scholarships; each scholarship award is up to \$500.

Incoming Honors students are eligible to apply for one of two scholarships; each scholarship award is up to \$500.

These scholarships are for one year only. If a scholarship recipient drops below a 3.25 cumulative GPA at the end of the fall semester, the scholarship money for the spring semester will be revoked.

## Application

To apply, current students must have at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA and have taken – or are in the process of taking – at least one Honors course. Current students must also be registered for fall courses at the time of their application.

Incoming students must be accepted to both the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College at the time of their application.

The application packet must include the following items:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Recommendation letter. For current students, the recommendation letter must come from an Honors course faculty member. For incoming students, the recommendation letter must come from a teacher.
- Application Essay. The application essay should explain why the student has chosen to participate in Rio Grande's Honors Program as well as how participation in the Honors Program will help the student with his/her professional and/or personal goals. Application essays should be 500-750 words in length.

The application packet must be emailed to Dr. Heather Duda ([hduda@rio.edu](mailto:hduda@rio.edu)) as one PDF file. Multiple files and/or non-PDF files will not be accepted.

**The application deadline is 5:00 PM, EST, Thursday, June 13, 2016 .**

## Review

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of Honors Program faculty members.

If applicants have any questions, they can contact Dr. Duda at the email above or 740-245-7258.

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