



March Scholar Newsletter

Helloooo RP Scholars!

Happy March 🍀

In this month's newsletter, we have a number of important resources to highlight, including help with your FAFSA and CADAA renewals, upcoming Cash 4 College events and a great internship opportunity to check out from the Doctors on Board Program. We're also asking for your help in finding great RP Scholar stories to share, and we're constantly updating our [Career Hub](#) to give you the latest info on opportunities we think you might want to explore.

With this being March, we also want to make sure we highlight Women's History Month. This year's theme is "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion," and the [Smithsonian Institute has a great website](#) that offers lots of fantastic ways to learn more and celebrate the month.

For our RP Scholars who are local, you don't have to go far to seek out one of the country's most important tributes to Women's History. Right here in Richmond, the [Rosie the Riveter National Historical Park](#) celebrates the legacies of countless women who served their country during World War II. The impact that Rosies have had on our nation's history is immeasurable, and we can be proud that Richmond is home to such an important piece of American history.

Later this month, we'll be celebrating Women's History Month on our social media channels, so be sure to follow Richmond Promise ([particularly on IG](#)) to learn about some of the important women that a few of our RP Scholars are inspired by.

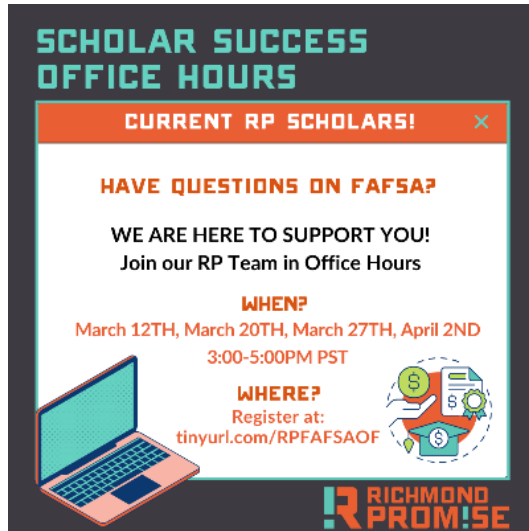
Best wishes,

*Dariana & Jasmine
Scholar Success Team*

Richmond Promise Resources

[Need Help With FAFSA or CADAA?](#)

The new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is leaving both college and high school students with a lot of questions this year. To answer some of those questions, as well as any questions you might have about the California Dream Act Application (CADAA), Richmond Promise is hosting a series of Scholar Success Office Hours. Check out the graphics below to find out when they're taking place and visit tinyurl.com/RPFAFSAOF to register for any of the sessions.



SCHOLAR SUCCESS OFFICE HOURS

CURRENT RP SCHOLARS!

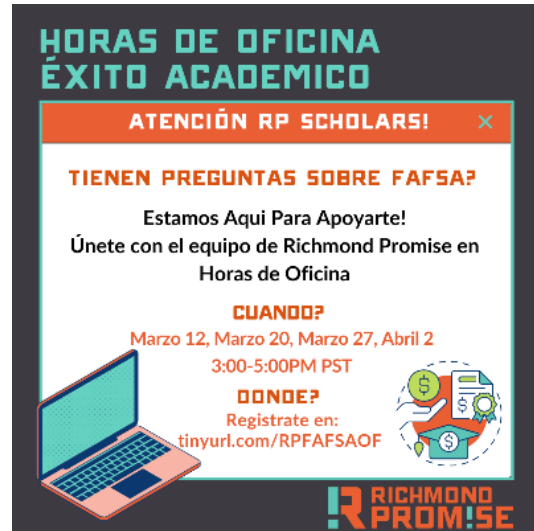
HAVE QUESTIONS ON FAFSA?

WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!
Join our RP Team in Office Hours

WHEN?
March 12TH, March 20TH, March 27TH, April 2ND
3:00-5:00PM PST

WHERE?
Register at:
tinyurl.com/RPFAFSAOF

RICHMOND PROMISE



HORAS DE OFICINA ÉXITO ACADÉMICO

ATENCIÓN RP SCHOLARS!

TIENEN PREGUNTAS SOBRE FAFSA?

Estamos Aquí Para Apoyarte!
Únete con el equipo de Richmond Promise en Horas de Oficina

CUANDO?
Marzo 12, Marzo 20, Marzo 27, Abril 2
3:00-5:00PM PST

DONDE?
Regístrate en:
tinyurl.com/RPFAFSAOF

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Upcoming Cash 4 College Events

Richmond Promise is partnering with the First Year Experience program and the Office of Financial Assistance at Contra Costa College to host a series of Cash 4 College events that can help RP Scholars and their families ensure they are receiving as much financial aid as possible. The events will be held on March 13 and 26 in Fireside Hall. For more information, check out the graphics below.



You are invited to join our financial aid experts to learn about and

File Your FAFSA or CADAA application

FREE CASH FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOP

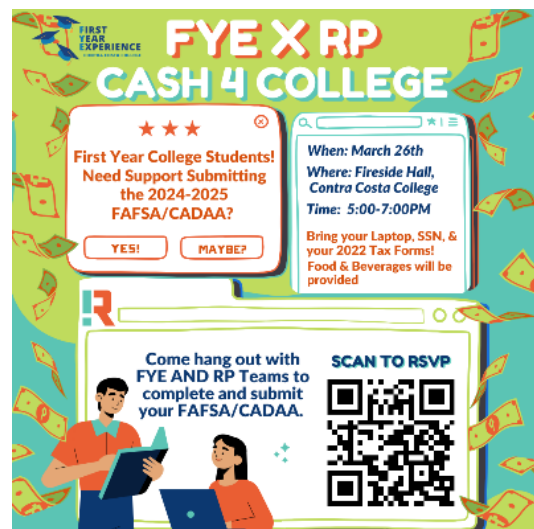
WHAT TO BRING:

- 2022 Tax Return
- 2022 W-2's
- Social Security Number (if applicable)

Students under age 24-Bring the documents above for your parents.

March 13th, 2024
05:30 PM - 07:30 PM
Fireside Hall
Contra Costa College

Register Today at <https://bit.ly/c4csp2024>



FYE X RP CASH 4 COLLEGE

First Year College Students! Need Support Submitting the 2024-2025 FAFSA/CADAA?

When: March 26th
Where: Fireside Hall, Contra Costa College
Time: 5:00-7:00PM

Bring your Laptop, SSN, & your 2022 Tax Forms!
Food & Beverages will be provided

YES! **MAYBE?**

Come hang out with FYE AND RP Teams to complete and submit your FAFSA/CADAA.

SCAN TO RSVP

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Scholarships Update

Have younger siblings or know students in your community who are about to graduate high school? Help us spread the word that the 2024 Richmond Promise Scholarship is open! The deadline to apply is **April 12**, so tell your friends and family to apply now! For more information visit our [website](https://richmondpromise.org).

Questions? Contact scholarships@richmondpromise.org or call (510) 775-1067.

**** NOTE: Current RP Scholars CANNOT use this to claim or renew your scholarship. You will receive more info on renewal closer to summer.****



RICHMOND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

- ☒ Are you a resident of Richmond or North Richmond?
- ☒ Will you graduate from a public, private, or charter school within the WCCUSD boundaries?
- ☒ Did you attend any school within the WCCUSD boundaries since the 9th grade?
- ☒ Will you complete your FAFSA/CA Dream Act Application by the time you enroll?

RECEIVE \$1500 EACH YEAR AND EXTRA COLLEGE SUPPORT BY APPLYING TODAY!

INTERESTED?
To Apply, Visit:
[RICHMONDPROMISE.ORG](https://richmondpromise.org)
Applications Open Jan. 29th

APPLICATION DUE
April 12, 2024



Questions? scholarships@richmondpromise.org; 510-775-1067

RICHMOND PROMISE

Full-Time Enrollment Appeal

If you need to complete a full-time enrollment appeal, the Richmond Promise staff will contact you **via email**. If this applies to you, please keep an eye out for further communication and complete the appeal as soon as possible!

Spring Scholarships Disbursement

Enrollment verification for students at Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos College, Berkeley City College, Laney College and College of Marin is underway! We will check in with the financial aid department

at your school to make sure you are enrolled full time before sending out scholarships for the Spring 2024 semester. The Scholarships team will contact you with updates, so be sure to check your email!

ALL OTHER SCHOOLS: Scholarship disbursement also began in late February if you didn't already receive your scholarship for the 2023-24 academic year.

If you transferred since last term or renewed recently, please be sure to check your email for communications from the Scholarships team and reply to any requests as soon as you can.

And, if your plans have changed and you haven't updated us, please do it now! Most of the time, we don't receive this information from anyone but you!

We will not disburse scholarships without confirmation.

Campus Resource Tips

Have you visited the food pantry on campus? If not, go check it out! They have all kinds of food options that are delicious and nutritious. Seriously, go get yourself some FREE groceries. If you don't know where to locate the food pantry, always feel free to contact the basic needs department on campus. 😊

Rivet School

Join the community of Riveters who are striving towards the next steps in their careers by earning an accredited, affordable, accelerated BA. [Rivet School's](#) flexible, online, and project-based program allows you to keep your job while earning your degree. You can make school work for your schedule, and still earn both your AA and BA in 2-3 years.

The next Rivet School deadline is on Sunday, March 17th! Submit an [interest form here](#) to learn more information and to receive a personalized application link in your inbox. Know someone who wants to earn their BA? [Nominate them here!](#) Curious to learn more? Check out these testimonials from recent alums: [Irene](#) and [Jose Luis](#).

Make an appointment for 1-on-1 support

The RP Team is here to support you! We know that being a Scholar can get tough at times, so we're here and happy to help. To schedule a time to talk, visit our [Office Hours page](#) and use the "Scholar Success" link.

If you would like to contact us via email, for any scholarship-related questions/concerns please reach out to scholarships@richmondpromise.org. You can also reach us via text at (510) 230-0422.

Additional Resources

- [Career Hub](#): Looking for job and/or internship opportunities? Browse our career database.
- Financial Aid Support: Access [FAFSA](#) and [California Dream Act](#) info.
- [Crisis & Support Resources](#): Access resources and support for topics such as homelessness and domestic violence along with LGBTQIA+-related resources and more.

Transferred Schools?

Did you transfer to a new school? Are you re-enrolling after some time away? Or, maybe you're taking some time off?

Update your info at tinyurl.com/RP-Enrollment.

Student Opportunities

Doctors on Board Program

The [Doctors on Board Program](#) is an internship opportunity being offered to support underrepresented students who are interested in becoming medical doctors. The program offers a variety of workshops for students to learn about the different aspects of medicine and get information on how to prepare for medical school. The internship is also a great way to network with physicians, medical students, educators, business professionals, and many others. This is great for anyone who is a post-baccalaureate, pre-med, college/university student, community college student, or high school student interested in becoming a physician. BIPOC students are strongly encouraged to apply!

Application deadline: March 22, 2024 at 5 p.m. PST

[Click here to apply!](#)

Share Your Stories!

Are you proud of the work you're doing on campus or know someone who has a story that you think other Richmond Promise Scholars would find interesting? RP is actively seeking good stories to tell so we can uplift the great work you're doing across the country. Here are a few recent examples, and we

have more coming soon!

[Richmond's Diamond Dreams: Rodney Green Jr.](#)
[Black History Month Spotlight: Jaszwan Veal, Howard University](#)
[Alumni Profile: Bianca Delgado](#)

We're also adding new content to our social media channels daily, so engage with us across all platforms using the links below! We'd love to let your fellow Richmond Promise Scholars know about the success stories we hear from you all the time!

To submit an idea for a Richmond Promise profile, send us an email at the addresses listed below!



Questions? Comments? Want to be highlighted in the newsletter?

Contact Dariana or Jasmine!

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