MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Honors Achievement Award
APPLICATION CHECK LIST
Rio Salado College

Step 1. Review the eligibility requirements of the Honors Program Honors Achievement Award Informational Agreement.

Step 2. Complete and submit documents #1 - #3 to the Rio Salado Honors Program:

___ #1. A signed Maricopa Community College Honors Program Honors Achievement Award Application. Type or print legibly.

___ #2. A personal statement of 100-250 words explaining why you would like to join the Honors Program. Include your educational and career goals and how program membership will affect them. (See attached template.)

___ #3. A copy of one of the following documents:

• An Arizona driver license issued after 1996 or an Arizona non-operating identification license.
• A birth certificate issued in any state, territory, or possession of the United States.
• Other evidence of legal presence in the United States per Admissions & Records policy for acceptable documents. If you have submitted this in the past, you do not need to resubmit.

All documents may be sent as an attachment to the Honors Office by sending them to victoria.rosales@riosalado.edu

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us:
Phone (480) 517-8284

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Director of the Honors Program, Joyce Janiga, joyce.janiga@riosalado.edu

Rio Salado Honors Program
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Tempe, AZ  85281

Important to note, even if you have fulfilled the HB2008 (proof of citizenship) requirement you may not be eligible for a REFUND. If you have received a federal financial aid package that has maxed out your Cost of Attendance, you will receive your Honor’s Achievement Award via a reduction in your unsubsidized loan package. For more information about Cost of Attendance please click the hyperlink or visit, http://www.riosalado.edu/financial_aid/Pages/CostofAttendance.aspx.
RIO SALADO COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

Who is eligible to apply? Students who have completed at least 12 college-level graded credits (courses numbered 100 or above) within the Maricopa County Community College District and who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher may apply for admission to the Rio Salado College Honors Program. (All course work completed within the MCCCD system will be used to determine GPA.)

Name ______________________________________ Student ID# _______________________
Address___________________________________ City_________________ Zip_____________
Home phone____________________________ Cell phone______________________________
Maricopa email_____________________________________________
Total credit hours completed at Rio Salado College___________ Major______________
Honors course_________________ Section # ___________ start date _______________
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Have you completed course work at other Maricopa Community Colleges? YES NO (circle)

If yes, which college(s)________________________________________

Only those with lawful presence in the US may qualify for MCCCD scholarships or federal financial aid. Any information you provide about your legal status when you apply for financial aid or scholarships may be subject to mandatory reporting to federal immigration authorities under Arizona law.

By signing this application, I swear under penalty of perjury that the document(s) that I have submitted to demonstrate lawful presence in the United States are true.

I have read the Honors Achievement Award Agreement and made a copy for my personal files. I understand that failure to comply with these requirements will result in the loss of my award, which I may have to repay if requirements are not met.

__________________________________________    ______________
Student Signature           Date

If submitting electronically, type your full name. This will be considered your virtual signature.

Rio Salado College, one of the Maricopa Community Colleges, is an EEO/AA institution.

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Honors Program Eligibility Requirements

A Rio Salado College student who has completed at least 12 college-level graded credits (courses numbered 100 or above) within the Maricopa County Community College District and has a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher may join the Honors Program and may be eligible to receive an Honors Program Achievement Award (see below “Award”) during the semester in which an Honors course and one co-curricular activity are completed.

All completed MCCCD course work is included to determine number of credits and cumulative grade point average. All non-MCCCD course work is excluded in determining eligibility requirements.

Awards

State law requires that a person who is not a citizen or legal resident of the United States or who is without lawful immigration status is not entitled to classification as an in-state student pursuant to A.R.S. Section 15-1802 or entitled to classification as a country resident pursuant to A.R.S. Section 15-1802.01.

According to state law, a person who is not a citizen of the United States, who is without lawful immigration status, and who is enrolled in any community college under the jurisdiction of an Arizona community college district is not entitled to tuition waivers, fee waivers, grants, scholarship assistance, financial aid, tuition assistance or any other type of financial assistance that is subsidized in whole or in part with state monies.

An Honors Achievement Award is earned at the end of the semester when a student successfully meets all the requirements to receive an award:

--Completion of six or more credits in college-level graded credits
--Completion of an Honors class with a grade of C or better
--Completion of at least one co-curricular Honors event

The award amount is determined by how many college-level graded credits (including the Honors course) a student completes at the end of the semester:

--Twelve or more graded credits, $500 award
--Nine to eleven graded credits, $325 award
--Six to eight graded credits, $244 award
--Students completing fewer than six graded credits are not eligible for an award.

A student may enroll in more than one Honors course each semester. However, the maximum award remains $500 per semester.

Any student who drops or withdraws from his/her only Honors course, or does not complete the required co-curricular activity during the semester is not eligible to receive the award for that semester.

Membership Renewal

A student may automatically renew Honors Program membership and award eligibility if she/he maintains a cumulative MCCCD grade point average of 3.25 or higher, successfully completes an Honors course each semester and successfully completes one co-curricular activity each semester.

Honors Program Graduation

A student who successfully completes 15 or more Honors credits with a graduation grade point average of 3.5 or higher graduates from the Rio Salado College Honors Program, earns an Honors Program graduation cord, and earns the “Honors Program” notation in the graduation program.
Honors Application Personal Statement

Directions: In the space provided write a personal statement of 100-250 words explaining why you would like to join the Rio Salado Honors Program. Include your educational and career goals and how program membership will affect them. Submit this statement along with your application and other documents by email as an attachment to victoria.rosales@riosalado.edu.

Name:

Today’s Date:

Personal Statement: