



**Rio Salado College Teacher Education Program  
Helios Scholarship Program  
50+ Encore Program**

**2009-2010**

The mission of Rio Salado College is *to create a climate of high expectations and outcomes, prepare competent, quality educators and practitioners for success, and provide accessible opportunities for a life of learning through customized unique programs and partnerships via accelerated formats and distance delivery*

**DESCRIPTION**

- The purpose of the Helios Scholarship Program is to enrich the lives of individuals in Arizona by creating opportunities for success in postsecondary education.
- Awards will range from \$500 to \$1000
- The scholarship award will be made available through college financial aid offices.
- An individual may receive the scholarship award only once per academic year.
- Award available for distribution by December 15th, 2009 and must be used before February 1, 2010.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Each applicant must meet **all** of the following eligibility requirements:

The applicant must:

1. be at least 50 years of age and able to provide verification
2. enroll at Rio Salado College;
3. be a U.S. citizen or eligible U.S. permanent resident;
4. be able to provide proof of residency in Arizona
5. be enrolled in and maintain a minimum of six semester credits
6. possess a bachelor's degree from a Regionally Accredited College

**PREFERENCE GIVEN TO candidates that:**

1. seeking certification in a high-need content area such as math, science or special education
2. can verify financial need via household size and income or extenuating circumstances

## **APPLICATION MATERIALS**

Applications will be scored based upon how well applicants address required elements, as well as the professional appearance of the overall application packet.

To be considered for the scholarship, applications must include **all** of the following elements:

1. A completed application form including:

2. **ON A SEPARATE PAGE.**

A typewritten list/description of teaching, community and/or campus service experiences. Documentation should include dates and roles. This may include teaching experiences, club activities, and/or work/volunteer activities with PreK-12 children.

*This list/description must be double-spaced and a maximum of one page in 11 or 12 point font.*

3. A **handwritten** essay (no more than 750 words) describing:

- two concrete reasons regarding why you have chosen to pursue a career in the teaching profession;
- how your previous career field will enhance your classroom instruction.
- your career plans upon completion of a bachelor's degree in education or post-bacc certification program (including grades/subjects you plan to teach); and
- how this scholarship will help you overcome specific barriers to completing your teaching certificate.

4. Unofficial Transcripts from your most recent degree granting institution and

5. Unofficial Transcripts from Rio Salado College if you have previously or are currently taking coursework towards your teaching certificate.

## **TIMELINE**

Applications are due in to Rio Salado by November 30, 2009. Faxed copies will NOT be accepted. Award and regret notifications will be sent within two weeks of the application deadline.

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

Rio Salado College  
Attn: Scholarship Committee - Helios  
2323 W. 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
Tempe, AZ 85282

QUESTIONS?

Please contact  
Rio Salado College – Teacher Preparation Program  
480-517-8414

**APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS OR INCLUDE ALL DOCUMENTS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED.**

# RIO SALADO COLLEGE

## Helios Scholarship Program Application: 2009-2010

Student Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone #

Other Phone #

E-mail

Student ID Number (if already taking Rio Salado Coursework)

Date of Birth

Social Security Number (if not yet registered at Rio Salado)

Citizenship:  U.S. Citizen  U.S. Permanent Resident

**Household size:**

**Annual Income:**

Gender and ethnic group  
are requested for  
statistical use only  
(optional)

Gender  Female  Male

Ethnic Background

American Indian/Alaska Native  Asian or Pacific Islander  Black/African American  
 Hispanic/Latino  Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander  White, non-Hispanic  
 Two or More Races  Other

1. Highest Degree earned:

Name of University/College:

Year Graduated:

2. Are you a member of Teach for America?

Yes  No

3. Have you ever held an Intern Certificate?  
skip questions 5-6)

Yes  No (if you answered No – you can

4. What is the date of expiration on your intern certificate?

5. Are you employed full time as a teacher for the 09-10 school year?  Yes  No If yes, please answer

Name of School:

Grade Level:

Content – if applicable:

6. Certification area: (Choose one)

a. Early Childhood Education (birth – grade 3)

b. Elementary Education (K-8)

c. Secondary Education: Please provide the subject area in which you will seek certification, i.e. Math, English, etc

d. Special Education (K-12)

I certify that the above information is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

# CHECKSHEET SHOULD BE RETURNED WITH MATERIALS:

- Application
- Handwritten Essay (750 words or less)
- Typewritten page of teaching/community experiences.
- Unofficial Transcript from most recent degree granting institution
- Unofficial Transcript from Rio Salado if you have been enrolled at Rio Salado within the last 12 months:
  - YES
  - NO

Please return applications and requested materials to:

Rio Salado College  
Attn: Scholarship Coordinator  
2323 W. 14<sup>th</sup> St.  
Tempe, AZ 85281-6942

**APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE RECEIVED by November 30, 2009**