

Incarcerated Re-Entry Correspondence Education:
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Incarcerated Re-Entry Correspondence Education Matching Scholarship Application

Rio Salado College Incarcerated Re-Entry Scholarship Program:

The purpose of the IRE Scholarship program is to help students complete a degree or certificate prior to release. Students with prior credits are encouraged to work towards an associate degree. **Self-pay may be needed to help the student complete the program along with IRE scholarship (matching).** *If a student is accepted for a certificate and completes the courses with a "C" or above the student will not need to re-apply, only submit course continuation form.*

- Students are **accepted for program of study** and are **expected to continue the sequence of course work to complete the program prior to release. If a student drops or withdraws from a course, the student will no longer be eligible for scholarship.** Students will not be placed in a new program if course work has been completed for an existing certificate.
- Students are expected to **use their education to contribute to their community** i.e. become a peer mentor or tutor to help prepare the incarcerated student for returning into society.
- Applications are accepted throughout the academic year and a student may be accepted at any point throughout the academic year.
- Available to students currently residing in a facility within Arizona, who do not have a degree/certificate and who demonstrate financial need.
- Funds a minimum of a 3-credit course, includes tuition, registration and course material fee, and textbook*.
- Follows Department of Corrections DO910 criteria and Rio Salado Incarcerated Re-Entry criteria.

DO910 Education Criteria:

1. High School diploma/GED and passed mandatory literacy
2. Not have a major ticket within six months of the scholarship evaluation date
3. Not be in a special unit such as detention or in lockdown (Facility specific)
4. Signature of approval from educational contact at facility (Facility specific)

IRE Scholarship Criteria:

5. **Priority is given to students with demonstrated progress towards a certificate or who have not dropped or withdrawn from a correspondence class.**
6. Academic Progress earning a "C" or higher in prior correspondence coursework.
7. Students who have not taken a class in the last 2 semesters with Rio Salado College must return the ***Student Admission Application Form (front and back)*** with the scholarship application.
8. No debt or account holds with a Maricopa County Community College.
9. New applicants who do not have enough time to complete a certificate prior to release may not be approved.
10. Applicants with a life sentence may not be accepted for scholarship assistance.
11. Incomplete applications will not be approved i.e. missing essay on additional piece of paper.
12. Return the **Course Continuation Form**. This will check in your book* and authorize IRE staff to enroll in next course. **Students must mark "yes" to taking more than one class at a time to help ensure the student completes the program of study.**
13. Write a **thank you letter to the IRE staff** and submit it with the Course Continuation Form.

Attach an essay on an additional piece of paper discussing one or more of the topics below. To have previous coursework considered, please provide unofficial transcripts.

- Describe community betterment programs in which you are involved to apply your degree?
- How will the degree or certificate benefit you upon release?
- Have you recently earned a GED and how well did you do?
- What problems have you faced while incarcerated and how have you overcome them?

See reverse side for more information

Acceptance and course selection subject to change depending on availability of funds, the course, the number of students for a course, and textbooks for courses in the Incarcerated Re-Entry library. *Due to DOC policy, scholarship textbooks will be returned to Rio. If you would like to collect your book post release, please contact our office to check for availability.

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Incarcerated Re-Entry (IRE) Correspondence Education Matching Scholarship Application

Name: _____ ADC: _____

Student Identification (SID): _____ Release Date: _____

Facility: _____ Unit and Housing Location: _____

Name of contact person/phone number on your behalf: _____

If you have questions about the correspondence program, this person can contact our office on your behalf. We may need a FERPA form.

List other funding sources: _____

Please select only one program of study you plan to focus on prior to your release. You may be placed in any course in that program leading to completion. Students with prior credits (Electrician, Carpentry, Plumbing etc.) are encouraged to take classes towards an associate degree.

- ☐ Arizona General Education Courses(AGEC 11-16 classes) Core courses for Associate of Arts Degree
- ☐ Addictions and Substance Use Disorder Level I/II (16 classes) **Not needed if student has certificate.**
- ☐ Quality Customer Service (6-8 classes) **Not needed if student has certificate.**
- ☐ Small Business Start-Up (6 classes) **Not needed if student has certificate.**
- ☐ Workforce Development and Community Re-Entry (6 classes) **Not needed if student has certificate.**
- ☐ Sustainable Foods (4 classes) **Not needed if student has certificate.**
- ☐ Associate Degree: Completed Certificate and or has 13 to 29 prior college credits (19-26 classes)

Are you willing to take more than one class a semester to complete a program of study? **Yes / No**

Please list degree or certificate currently held: _____

- I understand I need to submit a thank you letter with the course continuation form.
- I understand that if I am accepted, I will be expected to continue the sequence of course work to complete the program prior to release and I may need to take more than one class a semester.
- I understand that I will not be placed in a new program if I have started course work in an existing program. After I have completed the present course, I may then apply for a degree program.
- I understand that the course material/textbook might arrive after the start date of the class and I will communicate with IRE if this happens and will continue with the course once the material arrives.
- I understand I may be placed in alternate course applicable to the current program.
- I understand that this information is truthful to the best of my knowledge.
- **I understand that the IRE Scholarship is NOT guaranteed.**

Student Signature

Date

Approval of CEPM/CEPS/Education Coordinator

Date

DO910 Facility Criteria

| Compliance Issue | Initials | Date | Comments |
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| Major Disciplinary within 6 months of application | | | |
| GED/HS Diploma | | | |