



UPDATES

FAFSA

All Rising Star students are required to update & complete FAFSA forms no later than **April 15th** of each year.

US Citizens and Permanent Residents are encouraged to complete the FAFSA application online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please make sure to include the school code for Richland (008504) to ensure proper processing and contact the campus financial aid office to check the status of your file.

All other students will need to come to the Rising Star office to get a Campus FAFSA and submit it along with proof of income. Proof of income forms include: the 2010 W-2's and income tax returns. Male students need to show proof their registration with selective service. Students submitting a campus FAFSA, must also attach a low-income verification form.

Failure to complete your 2011-2012 financial aid form will affect your participation in the program.

√ View comments regarding your financial aid file on eConnect under the Financial Aid menu.

VERIFICATION

Verification is the process that confirms the information provided on your FAFSA. Students are selected randomly by the federal processor or by the campus Financial Aid office.

If your file is selected for **verification**, you must complete a 2011-2012 Financial Aid Verification Form and submit it to Richland College Financial Aid office. You will be required to attach a signed copy of your and/or parents' or spouses' 2010 Federal income tax report and W2 forms.

To get a copy of the verification form, go to:

<http://www.rlc.dccd.edu/finaid/forms.htm>

Please note:

Completing the verification process take up to 60 business days. It is important to stay in contact with the financial aid office to know the status of your file.



No funds will be released until this process is complete!



Spring 2011 Holidays

- February 17 & 18 —STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
- March 14— 20 SPRING BREAK
- April 22— SPRING HOLIDAY

PROGRESS REPORTS

ALL approved Rising Star students regardless of whether you still have program funds or not, are required to submit progress reports.

The reports are submitted to the Rising Star office and will only be required during the Fall & Spring semesters.

SPRING 2011 REPORTS DUE ON:

- February 28, 2011
- March 28, 2011



DROP DATE

Last day to withdraw with a grade of "W" for Spring is **Thursday, April 14th**.

Please see a RS advisor for assistance.

UNIVERSITY VISITS

The following universities will be visiting Richland. All visits will take place in El Paso Hall and some will require individual appointments.

- 2/8—Bethel U., & Kaplan U.
- 2/9—TAMU Commerce & UTD
- 2/10—SMU, UTA, & DBU
- 2/14—Northwood U.
- 2/15—Bethel U., & UTD
- 2/16—TWU & Argosy U.
- 2/21—UNT
- 2/22—UTD
- 2/24—Bethel U., & UTA

For a list of times, view the campus event calendar

<http://www.richlandcollege.edu/calendar/>

To set up an appointment, visit the Transfer Center in El Paso Hall—085

DEGREE PLAN



- * Do you have an official degree plan on file?
- * Have you completed 30 or more credit hours?
- * Are you still undecided about your major?
- * Do you know which classes are needed for your Bachelor Degree?
- * Are you ready to graduate?

A degree plan is a road map that can help you visualize which classes are needed to complete your degree and to stay on track towards graduation.

When was the last time you looked at your degree plan?

To revise your plan or to complete the graduation forms, come by the Rising Star office in Crockett Hall or send us an email to schedule an appointment.

www.RLCRisingStar@dccc.edu

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

UNT Dallas Campus only

Complete the Dream Transfer

Scholarship:

Deadline: May 16, 2011

Provides up to \$12,000 for tuition and fees for undergraduate education for classes taken on-site at the Dallas Campus for academic programs offered by the UNT Dallas Campus.

- Pick up an application from the Rising Star office. Or from the link below:

<http://www.unt.edu/unt-dallas/finaid/scholarships.htm>

Texas Woman's University

Dream Come True Transfer

Scholarship:

Deadline: March 1, 2011

Awards are \$2,000 per year. Students transferring from a Rising Star program in the Dallas County Community College District may be eligible. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and 60 credit hours.

Pick up an application from the Rising Star office in Crockett Hall



GRADUATION APPLICATION

Spring 2011

March 11, 2011

Summer 2011

May 20, 2011

Commencement Ceremony

Garland

Special Event Center
Thursday, May 12, 2011

Looking for Scholarships?

Find some at these sites:

<http://scholarship.lifetips.com/TipSiteMap.html>

<http://maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/index.html>

<http://latinocollegedollars.org/>

<http://www.thesalliemafund.org/smfnew/sections/search.html>

<http://www.foundation.dccc.edu/>



UPCOMING UNIVERSITY TOURS



SMU

Saturday, March 26, 2011

More details forthcoming!

Upcoming Event

Spring Job Fair

March 23, 2011

For information, contact
Richland's Career Center
in El Paso Hall-090
972-238-6921