



Family & Community Liaison Certificate

Pilot Program October 2009

Dear applicant:

Welcome to Rio Salado College and thank you for considering the Family and Community Liaison Certificate Program. The purpose in designing this innovative pilot program is to elevate student success through meaningful parent involvement by educating and training parent liaisons that have the academic background and field expertise to engage all parents. This program is made possible through a community collaborative effort that includes Creighton School District, Helios Education Foundation, Arizona Parent Involvement Resource Center, Arizona Department of Education, and Rio Salado College.

We believe that family, school, and community partnerships are critical in addressing gaps in students' social and academic success. This joint effort also fosters the development of a rich learning environment in the home. Family and Community Liaisons are essential in:

- Implementing innovative strategies that support parents as first teachers
- Strengthening communication between school and families
- Creating a school culture that motivates parents to be involved and informed
- Coaching parents to understand the school system, assessments, and achievement goals
- Engaging families to assist schools in developing and sustaining academic excellence

This certificate program will provide you with the courses in foundational knowledge and field expertise to engage all families in the education of their children.

We value your expertise and your commitment to your school community!

Applicant criteria:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Arizona resident
- School employee or school volunteer experience
- Commitment to complete this certificate program

Program requirements:

- Submit a complete application by August 20, 2009
- Attend an annual Parent Involvement Resource Center training
- Required attendance for all classes
- Required completion of all class assignments
- Maintain an interactive reflective journal throughout the program
- Maintain a minimum of 2.75 grade point average (C+)
- Participate in additional professional development as assigned by course instructor
- Complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Program Design:

- Certificate Program requires completion of 8 courses totaling 26 credit hours
- Courses include:
 - Creating College Success
 - Parent Engagement in Education
 - Child Development/Adolescent Behavior
 - First Year Composition
 - Communication/Public Speaking
 - Cultural Diversity in Education
 - Introduction to Education
 - Leadership Development
- Courses are 8 weeks long, and classes meet on Wednesdays from 5-9 p.m. at the Community Education Department in the Creighton Elementary School District.

Program Outcomes:

- Contribute as a key member of the educational team
- Align parent training with academic standards and school goals
- Empower parents to identify and request excellence in educational services
- Plan, organize, and implement nonconventional parent engagement
- Organize and maintain parent involvement records needed for federal and state audits and evaluations
- Partner with teachers to target parents in need

- Teach parents to become meaningfully engaged
- Coach parents to understand the school system, assessments, and achievement goals
- Use pre and post data to measure engagement outcomes
- Organize and maintain Parent Action Team
- Assist parents in developing partnerships with teachers

Program Fees:

- Cost of tuition is \$1900.00. Other program fees may apply.
- Tuition coverage opportunities may include:
 - Title 1 and Title III funds
 - ARRA Family Engagement grant
 - Scholarships, grants, and loans available through the Rio Salado College Financial Aid Office.

Letter of Principal Support Academic Development for Parent Liaisons

To become a student in the Family Engagement Specialist pilot program at Rio Salado College, the applicant needs the signature and support of their principal or school administrator.

The purpose of this innovative program is to elevate student success through meaningful parent involvement by providing parent liaisons with the academic background and field expertise to engage all parents.

Families, schools, and community partnerships are critical in addressing gaps in students' social and academic success. Family Engagement Specialists are essential in:

- Implementing innovative strategies that support parents as first teachers
- Strengthening communication between school and families
- Creating a school culture that motivates parents to be involved and informed
- Coaching parents to understand the school system, assessments, and achievement goals
- Engaging families to assist schools in developing and sustaining academic excellence

Upon completion of this certificate program your Parent Engagement Specialist will have the ability to:

- Contribute as a key member of the educational team
- Align parent training with academic standards and school goals
- Empower parents to identify and request excellence in educational services
- Plan, organize, and implement nonconventional parent engagement
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I support the selection of the applicant named below as a participant in the Family Engagement Specialist Program at Rio Salado College.

Applicant Name	Principal/Administrator Name	Date
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Applicant Signature	Principal/Administrator Signature	Date
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Rio Salado College
 Financial Aid Office
 2323 W. 14th Street
 Tempe, AZ 85281
 (480) 517-8310
 Fax: (480)517-8329

**Phoenix Women's Commission
 International Women's Day
 Scholarship Application
 2009-2010 Academic Year**

Type or write legibly.

Name: _____ SS #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Work #: _____

Cell # _____ Email: _____

Do you have a degree? Yes _____ No _____

Type of degree: _____

Do you have a High School diploma or a GED? Yes _____ No _____ Year _____

Have you applied for Federal Financial Aid this year? _____

List the courses you expect to enroll in for the Fall 2009 semester:

Course	Section	Title	Cr. Hrs	Start Date

On a separate page, please write one paragraph for each item listed below:

- The factors that have influenced your decisions to begin or continue your education
- Your (specific) future educational goals
- A statement of financial need. Consideration will be given to income, financial hardships and other obstacles or circumstances which impact your ability to obtain an education. Please be specific.

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE BY 8 PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

**FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
RIO SALADO COLLEGE
2323 W. 14th ST.
TEMPE, AZ 85281**

**The Phoenix Women's Commission International Women's Day
Scholarship for Re-Entry Women**

Criteria

- The scholarship applicant must be a female college re-entry student or a female beginning her educational studies and has been out of high school for more than three years.
- The applicant must be registered or accepted to begin a course of study at Rio Salado and pursuing her first undergraduate degree or technical training.
- The applicant must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- The applicant must reside within the city limits of Phoenix, Arizona, and be a U.S. Citizen.
- The applicant must have a minimum 2.50 grade point average based on high school or current college transcripts. (Transcripts must be attached: Unofficial is acceptable.)

Please submit the following to the above address, to the attention of the Financial Aid Office.

1. The enclosed application, with statement page
2. Two letters of reference
3. An official or unofficial copy of your college transcripts from all colleges attended. Or, if you have never attended college, a copy of your high school transcripts. Transcripts must demonstrate a minimum 2.50 grade point average.

DEADLINE: MONDAY, AUGUST 24th, 2009

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR REVIEW



DOUGHERTY FOUNDATION, INC.
(A Non Profit Educational Trust)

The Dougherty Foundation is named for the late M.J.G. Dougherty and Bess Dougherty, his wife. Together, they placed their estate in trust for the education of qualified students with financial need. The Dougherty Foundation has scholarship and loan programs for Arizona students in both undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Name _____ Social Security Number _____
Address _____ Telephone Number _____
City _____ Date of Birth _____
State _____ Zip _____ Place of Birth _____
Arizona Resident () YES () NO United States Citizen () YES () NO
Name of High School Attended _____ In _____

(City State)
Month and Year of Graduation or GED _____
Marital Status: () Single () Married () Separated/Divorced () Widowed
Number of dependent children _____ Ages _____

ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION, EVEN IF YOU ARE AN INDEPENDENT STUDENT BY FEDERAL DEFINITION:

Father's Name _____	Mother's Name _____
_____	_____
(Street Address)	(Street Address, if different from father's)
_____	_____
(City) (State) (Zip)	(City) (State) (Zip)
_____	_____
Area Code- Phone Number	Area Code- Phone Number
_____	_____
Deceased Address Unknown	Deceased Address Unknown
_____	_____
Are you currently employed? () Yes () No	Number of hours per week _____
Company _____	Position _____
Do you plan to continue your employment while attending school? () Yes () No	
College Major _____	Expected Graduation/Transfer Date _____
If transferring, to what school _____	When _____

List all colleges you have attended including present attendance:

School	Hours Completed	From/To
_____	_____	_____/_____ /
_____	_____	_____/_____ /
_____	_____	_____/_____ /
_____	_____	_____/_____ /
Total Hours _____		Cumulative G.P.A. _____

List any honors, scholarships, and/or awards you have received or anticipate receiving: _____

Have you previously received a Dougherty scholarship? () No () Yes: () College () High School
() ACE Program /ACE Plus () Other

List any community, high school, and/or college volunteer service you have done: _____

Briefly state your career goals and any further information you feel is pertinent to your application: _____

AUTHORIZATION: I certify that the information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the release of academic or financial information to the Dougherty Foundation, Inc. for consideration of awards. If a loan is part of my award package, I will notify the Dougherty Foundation of any change in address or telephone number until the loan is fully repaid and give permission for the schools to release student addresses. I also agree to pay this obligation according to the terms indicated and to answer promptly all communications from the Dougherty Foundation, Inc. or their billing agent.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

The student agrees to furnish official transcript and/or permit the Dougherty Foundation, Inc. to request their transcripts from the school.

All applicants receiving a loan must sign the Student Loan Agreement and notes appertaining thereto.

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FAFSA Completed () Yes () No Financial Need \$ _____ Total Other Awards \$ _____

Loans \$ _____ CWS \$ _____

Comments: _____

Dougherty Scholarship Application

Please check all of the following items for compliance, before submitting application for review. Incomplete application will not be reviewed.

- The student must be a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the state of Arizona as determined by the state authority administering the program.
- Applicant must provide proof of academic achievement (cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher). Academic transcripts must be attached to the scholarship application, for every college you have listed as have been attended.
- Applicant must be enrolled full-time (12 credits or more per semester) in a degree program at Rio Salado College.
- Completed and signed application

Application DEADLINE: 5:00pm Monday, August 24, 2009.