

WHAT IS PAY-IT-FORWARD?

At RSCC, sometimes students are on track to complete their college degree or certificate program when an unexpected life event stands in their way. Whether it's a vehicle breaking down or a loss of necessary childcare, we believe that these challenges should not prevent our students from reaching their academic goals.

That's where the Pay-It-Forward program comes in. Pay-It-Forward provides critical aid to students to eliminate barriers that could prevent them from moving forward with their education, bridging the gap where other college programs, local aid, and government safety programs cannot.

Pay-It-Forward funds are distributed in three ways:

- Emergency Aid
- Licensing/Certification Exam Fees
- Finish Line Scholarships

Eliminating Barriers:
**PAY-IT-FORWARD
PROGRAM**



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EMERGENCY AID

Emergency Aid is available for students who encounter unforeseen financial stress in the course of a semester that would keep them from continuing to attend class, such as loss of income, transportation, etc. Roane State Foundation partners with the RSCC Dean of Students to work directly with students in determining specific needs, screening Emergency Aid awards on a case-by-case basis. Awards are limited to a maximum of \$500 per student annually.

Covered:

- car repairs
- gasoline
- childcare *(limited duration)*
- utility bills
- other items as approved

Not Covered:

- medical bills
- dentistry
- glasses
- medicine

FINISH LINE SCHOLARSHIPS

Finish Line Scholarships are available to students who are in the final semester of classes and on track to complete a degree or certificate at RSCC. Eligible students have exhausted any available financial aid or scholarships for which they qualify and are seeking funds for classes required to complete their program.

LICENSING/CERTIFICATION EXAM FEES

Financial assistance is available to students of any program requiring licensure or certification. Applications for licensures or certifications must be signed by the Program Director and approved by the program's Academic Dean before being reviewed by Roane State Foundation.

ELIMINATING BARRIERS

Pay-It-Forward program funds are provided solely through donations from faculty, staff, and foundation donors. Awards are considered on a case-by-case basis and are determined based on student need and funds available. As participants in the program, Pay-It-Forward awardees agree to pay their award amount back to the foundation when they are gainfully employed in order to help other Roane State students with similar needs through this program in the future.

Support a
**ROANE STATE
STUDENT**

When it comes to higher education, Tennessee Promise and Tennessee Reconnect pay the last dollar tuition for eligible students - but they don't cover all costs that are vital to student access and success. **You have the power to bridge that gap.**

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