

**STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY.
INSPIRING EXCELLENCE.
TRANSFORMING LIVES.**



OUR STUDENTS ARE AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO.

According to a recent internal survey of Roane State students,



55% had experienced at least one form of basic needs insecurity in the past year



33% had experienced food insecurity in the past 30 days

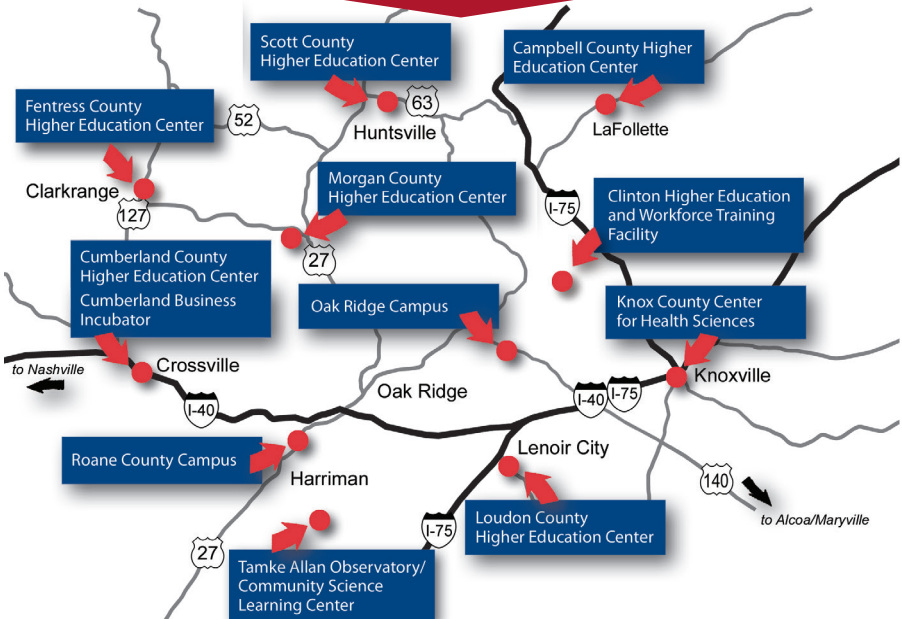


43% had experienced housing insecurity in the past year



8% had experienced homelessness in the past year

Since 1979, Roane State Foundation has been on a mission to strengthen communities and eliminate barriers to student success. With your help, we provide financial support to students and programs on nine Roane State campuses across ten counties of East Tennessee.



Initiatives to support Roane State students and communities can take many forms. **At the end of the day, our purpose is simple:** we partner with friends like you to build bridges to the future, one student at a time.

HOW WE HELP



Transforming lives through annual student scholarship opportunities for high school students, traditional students, and non-traditional adult students

Inspiring excellence with the provision of faculty development opportunities and support for RSCC programs



Strengthening community by supporting initiatives and capital projects that fuel student growth



OUR PROGRAMS

Transforming Lives:

STUDENT SUPPORT

When it comes to higher education, Tennessee Promise and Tennessee Reconnect pay the last dollar tuition for eligible students - but they do not cover all expenses vital to student access and success. **You have the power to bridge that gap** by supporting the more than 500 scholarship opportunities for RSCC students made possible through Roane State Foundation each year.

- **The Raider Fund** is a growing endowment that supports a variety of scholarships for students of all counties, majors, and economic backgrounds across the RSCC district. Raider Fund scholarships are awarded based on both merit and need.
- **Annual and endowed scholarships** are funded by annual donations and/or investment earnings and make up the most significant number of scholarships awarded to RSCC students each year. Like Raider Fund scholarships, these are awarded based on both merit and need.
- **The Pay-It-Forward program** provides critical aid to students to eliminate barriers that could prevent them from moving forward with their education. Funds are distributed in three forms: Emergency Aid, Licensing/Certification Exam Fees, and Finish Line Scholarships.
- **Dual enrollment scholarships** are awarded to high school students based on locally identified needs and recommendations.
- **Middle College** compresses the time it takes to complete a high school diploma and the first two years of college, enabling students to graduate high school and earn an associate degree at the same time.

Inspiring Excellence:
**RSCC PROGRAMS AND
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Inspiring excellence at Roane State Foundation reaches beyond support for student scholarship programs. When you give to the Foundation, you are also supporting RSCC programs like athletics, theater, art, and music. But inspiring excellence doesn't stop there: with your help, Roane State Foundation invests in professional development opportunities for RSCC faculty and staff.

Strengthening Communities:
**INITIATIVES AND
CAPITAL PROJECTS**

At Roane State Foundation, we believe that when communities are strengthened, all boats rise—which is why we foster a spirit of collaboration to enhance the educational environment across our ten-county service area. By investing in institutional facilities and equipment, supporting community programs like Lab-in-a-Box, and fueling economic development and educational initiatives in our service area, we aim to pave a way forward not only for students, but for entire communities, too.

"I was raised by

a single mother in a low-income household, and for much of my life, college was a daunting uncertain future for myself. With the help of generous donors and through the Middle College program, I was able to begin creating the future I had always wanted for myself but wasn't sure I would ever have."

- Katie, Elementary Education

RSCC students who receive at least \$1,000 in scholarships (\$500/semester) at Roane State are more than twice as likely to graduate on time.*

*Invest in students like Katie.
Give today.*

*i.e., Within two to three years, according to RSCC's Office of Institutional Effectiveness & Research via email July 20, 2020.



Three of the ten counties in Roane State's service region are defined by the USDA as being in **persistent poverty**, meaning that 20% or more of the population has lived in poverty over the last 30 years.

But you can help turn the tide.

The mission of Roane State Foundation is to maintain and enhance the quality of life, including economic development, in Roane State's service area - **but we can't do it alone**. Your support not only transforms the lives of Roane State students: it creates new possibilities, paves a way forward for families, and strengthens East Tennessee communities for generations to come.

SUPPORT OUR MISSION



Give to support student scholarships, academic programs, faculty/staff development, and capital projects



Honor the life or memory of a loved one by setting up a scholarship fund



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