## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

- 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.



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#### **WHY APPLY?**

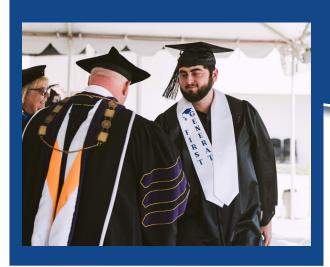
In a recent internal survey of Roane State students, 55% stated that they had experienced at least one form of basic needs insecurity in the past year. But at Roane State Foundation, we believe that every student should have the opportunity to pursue their goals.

### **ACCESS AND SUCCESS**

In order to provide students in our region with access to higher education and successful pathways to gainful employment, each year we award more than \$450,000 in scholarships to traditional and adult students, dual enrollment students, and Middle College students on nine Roane State campuses across ten counties of East Tennessee.

#### STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

By applying for a scholarship through Roane State Foundation, students have the opportunity to compete for one of more than 500 scholarships awarded to RSCC students each year. Any part-time or full-time RSCC student with a minimum 2.5 GPA is eligible to apply. RSCC students can visit roanestate.edu/foundation to learn more and apply.



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.

"Thanks to the help of this scholarship, I can focus more on my studies and worry less about financial burdens."

- Tyler, General Transfer (A.S.) Student

RSCC students who receive at least \$1,000 in scholarships (\$500/semester) are more than twice as likely to graduate on time,\* giving them increased opportunities to obtain gainful employment and contribute to the overall economic growth of our East Tennessee communities.

Join Roane State Foundation as we support the State of Tennessee's Drive to 55 - a statewide initiative to equip 55% of Tennesseans with a college degree or certificate by the year 2025.

Learn more at driveto55.org.

Visit roanestate.edu/foundation to learn more and support a Roane State student today.

Your financial support has the power to make that difference.

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