GRACE Application Packet 2014-2015

Mission
GRACE connects students who have interests in government relations or public relations with opportunities to learn what is needed to maintain healthy government and community relations and to provide courteous, timely, and professional representation of Rio Hondo College. By providing servant leadership at events on and off campus, GRACE helps enhance the image of Rio Hondo College.

Vision
The Office of Government & Community Relations (GCR) trains Rio Hondo College students who have interests in the area of government relations, community relations, or public relations, so that they are equipped with experiences in GRACE which will enable them to succeed in government relations jobs and/or careers.

Requirements
Students applying to GRACE must meet the following minimum requirements:
- Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Not be on academic or disciplinary probation
- Pay the $9 transportation fee
- Be able to commit to Spring 2015 (with the opportunity to renew in summer 2015)
- Must be available for monthly mandatory meetings on Friday mornings (exact time to be determined)
- Not currently be an ASRHC Ambassador
- Be a current Rio Hondo student (i.e. not be in high school)
- Accept that GRACE is a volunteer, non-paid position

Expectations
Students who pledge to participate in GRACE will be expected to have or value the following:
- Sensitivity to diversity
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of current events at the federal, state, and local levels of government and how they impact students at Rio Hondo College
- Appreciation of professional development and a willingness to undergo personal and professional growth

Training
All students in GRACE are required to attend an orientation/training meeting. All training dates will be provided in advance and all members of GRACE are expected to attend. Furthermore, all students will be asked to participate in the Student Leadership Institute which will be organized by Student Life and Leadership in partnership with ASRHC and Cal State Fullerton.

Evaluation
At the end of the first six months GRACE members are evaluated based on their performance and in turn have an opportunity to evaluate the GRACE program. If the Office of GCR and the GRACE members mutually agree to continue, GRACE students may renew their service in Summer 2015.

Application Procedures
Please complete the Application Packet, including application form and sealed recommendation form found at www.riohondo.edu/gcr/g-r-a-c-e/

1. Submit GRACE Application Packet (including sealed recommendation form) to the Office of Government and Community Relations (L401) by Friday, September 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
2. If selected for an interview, candidates will be contacted to arrange an interview time. Interviews will be held on Friday, October 3.
3. All selected GRACE members will be notified no later than Tuesday, October 7, 2014.
4. There will be an orientation meeting for all GRACE members on Friday, November 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., at L402, located on the fourth floor of the “L” tower.

If you have any questions, please contact: Office of Government and Community Relations, Tel: (562) 463-7268 Email: rcastaneda-calleros@riohondo.edu
GRACE Application Form 2014-2015

Please type or print neatly.

Applicant Information

Name: __________________________________________ Date: __________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ___________ Zip Code: ________________
Home Phone: (______)_________________ Cell Phone: (______)_________________
RHC Student ID#: ______________________ Email address: ______________________

Have you ever been convicted of any felony, a misdemeanor, or drug charge, or a misdemeanor moral turpitude (sexual offense) crime?* Yes ________________ No ________________
* Your honest answer will not disqualify you from consideration.

Academic Information

If you are a first-year college student, please include a copy of your high school transcript. If you are a second-year college student, please include a copy of your college transcript.

Last high school attended: __________________________ Year of Graduation: ________________

RHC entrance date: __________________ Expected Graduation Date: ________________
Semesters completed at RHC: __________________ Units completed: ________________
Overall GPA: ________________ Reason for enrolling at Rio Hondo College: __________________________

Educational goal:________________________________________________________________________

Will you be attending RHC at least two semesters? Yes ________________ No ________________

If you have attended other Colleges/Universities, please state the name, location, years attended, and degree if any: __________________________________________________________________________

About You

What languages other than English do you speak, read, or write fluently? __________________
Please list the extra-curricular activities you have participated in during high school and at RHC, (As you describe activities, leadership positions, clubs, societies, volunteer experiences, awards, and scholarships, please be clear which were in high school and which at RHC).

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Hobbies: ______________________________________________________________________

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List three personal qualities you possess that would enable you to be an effective member of GRACE? ____________________________________________________________________________

Additional information you want the selection committee to know: _______________________

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Applicant’s Availability
Please indicate your hours of availability for Fall 2014 and anticipated availability for Spring 2015. If available time is not in an hourly increment, please specify time format in the appropriate box (i.e.: Mon - 10:45am/Friday - 3:10pm).

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**List of References:** Please list two references we can contact if necessary. Include the individual’s name, title, phone number, email, and indicate their relationship to you:

1. Name: _______________________________ Title: _______________________________
   Phone#: _____________________ Email address: ______________________________
   Relationship: ____________________________________________________________________

2. Name: _______________________________ Title: _______________________________
   Phone#: _____________________ Email address: ______________________________
   Relationship: ____________________________________________________________________

**Consent for verification of student records:**

I hereby certify that all statements made on this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and authorize investigation of all statements herein recorded. I release from all liability persons and organizations reporting information required by this application. I grant permission to an authorized representative of Rio Hondo College to verify my student records for purposes of this application.

Signature: _______________________________ Date: _________________

Applications must be submitted by Friday, September 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in order to receive priority selection.

Applications may be submitted by hand-delivery to L 401, mailed to, or scanned & emailed to:

Russell Castañeda-Calleros,
Director of Government and Community Relations
3600 Workman Mill Road.
Whittier, CA 90601-1616
**Tel:** (562) 463-7268   **Email:** rcastaneda-calleros@riohondo.edu
GRACE Recommendation Form 2014-2015

This portion of the application is to be filled out by a reference, signed and enclosed in a sealed envelope. Some examples are your professor, counselor, or employer.

GRACE Applicant: I, ____________________________________, waive the right to review this recommendation.

Name of Person Completing Recommendation: ________________________________

The above candidate is applying to be a member of Government Relations Advocates for Community Events (GRACE). GRACE connects students who have interests in government or public affairs with opportunities to learn what is needed to maintain healthy government and community relations and to provide courteous, timely, and professional representation of Rio Hondo College. By providing servant leadership at events off campus, GRACE helps enhance the image of Rio Hondo College to the surrounding community.

Please answer the following questions:
1. How long have you known the candidate and in what capacity? ____________________________

2. Describe your experience with the candidate: ____________________________

3. Please rate the candidate on the following:

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How strongly do you support this applicant?

Strongly support  Support  Support with reservations  Do not support

Explain/ Additional comments: __________________________________________________________
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Signature of reference: __________________________________________________________

Title: _________________________________________________________________________

Date: _______________________________________________________________________

All recommendations must be submitted by Friday, September 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in order to receive priority selection.

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