

# 3 Admission, Registration & Educational Costs

## Admissions: Becoming a Río Hondo Student

Students who are high school graduates or individuals 18 years of age or over who show evidence that they can benefit from instruction may apply and will be admitted to Río Hondo College. All classes are open to those who meet the necessary prerequisites. No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity sponsored by Río Hondo College. See Non-Discrimination Policy in Chapter 2 and Administrative Procedure 3410.

## Who May Apply

You may be eligible for admission to Río Hondo College if you are:

- A high school graduate or GED recipient
- Not a high school graduate but over 18 years of age
- A current high school student who is recommended by the school principal or designee for advanced academic or vocational classes, has the approval of the student's parent(s), and meets the college's special admissions criteria. (High school students may apply, but are LIMITED to 11 UNITS of non-remedial coursework per session.)
- A current K-8 student who is recommended by the school principal via a letter recommendation listing the course/s they are requesting to register for college-level courses which include advanced academic or vocational classes, has the approval of the student's parent(s), and meets the college's special admissions criteria. (K-8 students may apply, but are LIMITED to one college-level/non-remedial course per session.)

## Student Classification

Students are classified according to the following classifications for the purpose of registration:

**New Student:** A student who has never enrolled in a credit course at any college, including Río Hondo, or has only enrolled as a K-12 Enrichment Student.

**Returning Student:** A returning student is a student who did not register the previous semester but has registered in the past. Students who are returning after an absence of a semester or more (not including summer) must submit a new application for admission online.

**Continuing Student:** A continuing student is a student who attended the previous semester. To be classified as a continuing student with registration priority privileges, a student must maintain continuous enrollment (enrolled in at least one course each semester, not including summer).



**Enrichment Student:** An enrichment student is a student who is currently enrolled in grades K-12 or is home-schooled.

- **Permission**  
A Dual Enrollment Petition must be submitted to the college. The petition must be signed by an approved designee by the school or district; the parent(s) of the student; and the student. A school or district must submit a designee letter to the Río Hondo College Admissions Office that lists the names of the individuals who are authorized to sign the petition, and must be signed by the Principal.
- **Parameters**  
Students in K-12 may enroll in classes for college credit. Permission to enroll must be obtained in advance from their school and a parent or guardian.
  - **High School Students:** Are limited to 11 units of non-remedial college-level coursework each term.
  - **K-8:** Are limited to one course of non-remedial college-level coursework each term.

Interested K-12 students may obtain information from the Admissions webpage at <http://www.riohondo.edu/admissions/>. Additional information may be obtained by calling or visiting the Admissions and Records Office.

## Residence Requirements

If asked, a student must provide proof of California residency (or in some cases, parent residency) for the past 12-24 consecutive months. If the student is unable to document proof of California residency, he/she may still enroll but must pay nonresident fees. To establish residency, a student must be able to prove eligibility, through physical presence and intent to make California their state of residency for one (1) year and one (1) day prior to the first day of the term. Federal law precludes some visa types

from establishing residency. Selected exemptions from nonresident fees are provided in law: such as certificated public school employees, agricultural workers, military personnel and their dependents. If you feel that you might qualify for an exemption or have questions about residency, please contact the Admissions and Records Office.

**Nonresident Students** – Legal Requirements-Education Code Section 76140 requires that tuition be charged to students who are not residents of the State of California and who attend public community colleges within the state.

The nonresident/international student fee of \$265.00 per unit (subject to change) plus a per unit enrollment fee is charged each semester/ summer session. Tuition charges must be paid at the time of registration.

The Admissions and Records Office should be consulted concerning the determination of residence.

### **AB540 Students**

On October 12, 2001, Governor Davis signed into law Assembly Bill 540 which added a section to the California Educational Code, section 68130.5. Section 68130.5 created an exemption from payment of nonresident tuition for certain nonresident students who have attended high school in California and received a high school diploma or its equivalent.

1. The laws do not grant California residency.
2. Students exempt from paying nonresident tuition pursuant to section 68130.5 do not become residents and may not be eligible for state-funded programs which require residency.
3. Students who meet the exemption requirements and who are unlawful immigrants are not eligible for any federal financial aid programs. Many private sources have created scholarships specific to students not eligible for traditional financial aid programs.
4. Students exempted from paying nonresident tuition pursuant to section 68130.5 are not eligible for the Governor's Merit Scholar Programs because these scholarships are only available for California residents.
5. Students must meet all requirements in section 68130.5 (a) (1) – (4) to be eligible for the exemption.
  - a. The student must have graduated from a California high school which he/she attended for three or more years. There are no provisions for partial attendance (e.g. two years and 7 months). The law does not require consecutive attendance nor require that the student attend the last three years in California (in the case of four-year high schools).
  - b. Such attendance could be at multiple California high schools.
  - c. The law does not distinguish between public and private high schools. There is no time limit on how far in the past the student might have attended a California high school.
  - d. The student must have graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent thereof (e.g., a GED or a high school proficiency exam).
  - e. Except for nonimmigrant aliens, any nonresident student who meets the first two requirements shall

be exempted from nonresident tuition even if he or she is a US citizen or lawful immigrant.

- f. If the student has filed an application with the INS to legalize status, the student may already be eligible for resident fee status if the student has resided in California for more than one year and one day since the time of INS application. (See Title 5 Section 54045.)

6. Students who are nonimmigrant aliens (the most common being the F series student visas and B series visitor visas) are not eligible for this exemption. (A full description of nonimmigrant alien classifications may be found in paragraph 15 of subsection (a) of Section 1101 of Title 8 of the U.S. Code.) People who entered the country as nonimmigrant aliens but subsequently have gone out of status are not eligible for this exemption until they apply to INS to change their status to something other than nonimmigrant.

The following Assembly Bills allow undocumented students to qualify for in-state tuition at California Community College and the California State University campuses:

Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540), passed in 2001, grants students meeting certain criteria an exemption from paying non-resident tuition at California Community Colleges.

Assembly Bill 2000 (AB 2000) passed in 2014. This is an expansion of AB540. It increases the scope of student eligibility for students who graduated early from a California High School with the equivalent of three or more years of credits. If a student graduates early, they must have attended CA elementary or secondary schools for a cumulative total of 3 or more years. It allows students meeting the criteria below to pay in-state tuition, the same as resident students.

Senate Bill 68 (SB 68) passed in 2017. This public postsecondary education exemption from nonresident tuition was approved by the governor and filed with the Secretary of State on October 5, 2017. This legislation amended Education Code, section 68130.5, changing the criteria for students eligible for a nonresident tuition exemption, as previously defined in Assembly Bill 540 (2001). Senate Bill 68 expands the requirements of AB 540/ AB 2000 to include attendance at California Community Colleges and attainment of an associate's degree.

The California Dream Act (Assembly Bills 130 and 131) were signed into law in 2011. Together these bills compose the California Dream Act and give AB 540 / AB 2000 students the right to apply for state financial aid, including Cal Grant A & B Entitlement awards, Cal Grant C awards, institutional grants and community college fee waivers.

### **International Students**

Students from outside the United States are welcome to pursue higher education at Río Hondo College. The college values the presence of students from diverse cultures on the college campus. Río Hondo College is a Student & Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) approved institution to admit F-1 students. The International Student Program admits new and transfer students every semester who meet the requirements. All F-1 visa students must be accepted by the International Student Specialist before registering.

After being accepted to the college, all students must take an assessment test to determine level of English, Math and Reading. Each student is expected to register and complete 12 units in both the Spring and Fall semester with an overall grade point average of 2.0.

International students pay out of state fees which are subject to change without prior notice. Financial Aid is not available; students are expected to be financially independent. It is mandatory that all international students provide proof of health insurance coverage, by an approved insurance company, while attending Río Hondo College.

A Counselor is available to help students with a variety of issues; educational planning, choosing a major, graduation requirements, transfer requirements to 4-year colleges and Universities, tutoring and communication with a professor.

For information regarding the International Students Program, please visit the website at [www.riohondo.edu/admissions/international-students/](http://www.riohondo.edu/admissions/international-students/) or call (562) 463-7643.

#### **Admissions Requirements for Overseas Students**

- International Student Application
- Application processing fee of \$40.00 (non-refundable)
- Copy of Passport
- English Proficiency must be met by one of the following methods
  - English is the students primary language
  - TOEFL 45iBT
  - IELTS 5
  - iTep 3
- Bank Certification (original bank statement or a letter from a bank, on bank letterhead, signed by a bank official, showing a minimum \$20,000 USD available to the student)
- 18 years of age by the time the semester begins

#### **Admissions Requirements for Transfer Students**

- International Student Application
- Application processing fee of \$40.00 (non-refundable)
- Copy of Passport, Student Visa, I-94 and I-20 form
- English Proficiency must be met by one of the following methods:
  - College Level English Completed (official college transcripts must be submitted)
  - TOEFL 45iBT
  - IELTS 5
  - iTep 3
  - Completion of appropriate level of English at an approved Language School (see list of institutions and minimum level required [www.riohondo.edu/international-students](http://www.riohondo.edu/international-students))
- Bank Certification (original bank statement or a letter from a bank, on bank letterhead, signed by a bank official, showing a minimum \$20,000 USD available to the student)
- 18 years of age by the time the semester begins

### **Open Enrollment Policy**

The policy of this district is that, unless specifically exempted by statute or regulation, every course, course selection, or class, reported for state aid, whenever offered or maintained by the district, shall be fully open to enrollment and participation by any person who has been admitted to the college and who meets such prerequisites as may be established pursuant to regulations contained in Title 5.

### **Unit Limitations**

Students are limited to 18 units per session (15 units for summer) unless they receive approval from a counselor for additional units. Students must meet with a counselor and complete a Unit Overload form. High School students are limited to 11 UNITS of non-remedial college-level coursework. K-8 students are limited to one non-remedial college-level course.

### **Adding/Dropping Classes**

**Adding Classes:** Students may add classes (including a change of section of the same course) during or after the assigned registration time, prior to the semester/course start. See the Admissions page on our website for more information on important dates and deadlines. The class add must be processed via AccessRío, and students who complete this process are officially enrolled in the class.

If the class and wait list are full, the student must attend class on the first day of instruction and request an add code from the instructor. If the instructor provides an add code, the student can then use the add code to register for the class via AccessRío by the published deadline.

**Dropping Classes:** It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw (drop) from classes prior to the drop deadline. Students must drop before the "Last day to Drop with a Refund" to avoid fees or drop before the "Last day to Drop With a "W" to avoid receiving a failing grade.

**Student-Initiated Withdrawal:** While it is the student's responsibility to withdraw by the deadline, an instructor may drop a student with poor attendance. To find the drop deadlines for a particular course consult the online Class Schedule and click on the CRN number of the course. There students will find information on critical dates for the specific course, including drop dates.

The student must withdraw from the class via Access Río by the established deadline. Failure to follow through with the drop procedure may result in the student receiving a failing grade. Students may contact the Admissions and Records Office if they need assistance in withdrawing from class(es).

**Instructor-Initiated Withdrawal:** A student may be withdrawn before the drop deadline (75% of course length) by the instructor of the course if the student is no longer participating in the course. Definitions of non-participation shall include, but are not limited to, excessive unexcused absences. While an instructor may drop a student from class for poor attendance, it is the student's responsibility to withdraw if the student is no longer attending the class.

**There are five types of course withdrawal notations:**

**1. Withdrawal with a refund** – A student who withdraws from a course before the published deadline to drop with a refund (10% of the course) will not be responsible for the fees for the course and no notation will be on their student record (transcript) for the dropped course.

**2. Withdrawal without receiving a "W"** – A student who withdraws from a course after the refund deadline and before the published deadline to drop without a "W" (30% of course length) will receive no notation on their student record (transcript) for the dropped course. A student is still responsible for enrollment fees. A student who withdraws from all classes prior to the "drop without a 'W'" deadline will no longer be classified as a continuing student for priority registration purposes.

**3. Withdrawal with a “W”** – A student who withdraws from class between 30% to 75% of the course length (after the drop without a “W” but before the drop deadline) will receive a “W” notation on their student record (transcript). The “W” is not used to calculate a student’s grade point average (GPA) but may affect academic progress and result in progress probation/dismissal.

**4. Military Withdrawal “MW”** – A student serving as an active or reserve U.S. military serviceperson who receives orders compelling a withdrawal from courses may request a military withdrawal. Upon submission and verification of such orders, a student can petition to withdraw from classes with a “MW” notation on the student’s transcript. Military withdrawals are not counted in progress probation and dismissal calculations. Military withdrawal petitions are available in the Admissions and Records Office. A Military Withdrawal is eligible for a full refund.

**5. Excused Withdrawal “EW”** – A student may submit a petition to withdraw from a course(s) due to specific events beyond their control which affects their ability to complete a course(s). These events may include a job transfer outside the geographical region, an illness in the family where the student is primary caregiver, the student is subject to immigration action, or other extenuating circumstances. The excused withdrawal “EW” notation is not counted in progress probation and dismissal calculations. An Excused Withdrawal is not eligible for a refund.

## Evaluation of Transcripts

All students enrolled at Río Hondo College should have official transcripts from their high school on file.

Students with previous coursework from a regionally accredited college/university should have official transcripts from all colleges attended sent directly to Río Hondo College. Hand carried transcripts are not accepted. These transcripts can verify completion of prerequisite courses and assist the counselors in working with the student. Official transcripts from all regionally accredited colleges are required for evaluation towards a certificate, associate degree, or meeting general education requirements for transfer.

Transcripts from foreign universities must be evaluated by an approved credential evaluation service.

All transcripts must be sent directly to the Admissions and Records Office. Transcripts become the property of the college and cannot be returned to the student, copied, or forwarded to another institution.

## Student Success and Support Program (formerly Matriculation)

Senate Bill 1456 revised and renamed the Matriculation Act of 1986 as the Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012. Signed by Governor Brown on September 27, 2012, the program began on January 1, 2013 and will be implemented in stages over a five-year period.

The Student Success and Support Program supports the transition of new students into the college by providing them services that promote academic achievement and successful completion of degrees, transfer preparation, career technical education certificates, or career advancement. Based on student responses to the Río Hondo College Application for Admission, students

self-identify as either matriculating or non-matriculating. Students identified as matriculating are referred to core services: placement, orientation, and counseling. Students must complete the Placement Tool and orientation in order to receive priority registration. They also need to develop an educational plan which can be accomplished by enrolling in a counseling course, attending an educational planning workshop, or by scheduling an appointment with a counselor. Non-matriculating students are exempt from participating in core services, but they are advised to access these services if they decide to pursue a degree or certificate.

The Student Success and Support Program is the process responsible for bringing together the college and a student, who enrolls for credit, into an agreement for the purpose of realizing the student’s educational goals through the college’s established programs, policies, and requirements. The primary purpose of the Student Success and Support Program is to enhance a student’s success at the college. A student is expected to participate in these services unless the student requests an exemption from a particular service. Exemption forms may be obtained in the Counseling Department. All students are strongly encouraged to participate in the process.

Military Veteran students must participate in all matriculation components as required by the Veterans Administration (VA).

## Five Steps to Becoming a Río Hondo College Student

Included in the following section are the Five Steps to becoming a Río Hondo College student.

### Non-Exempt Students:

All new non-exempt students (“non-exempt” refers to students seeking an AA-T/AS-T degree, a certificate or transfer) are required to complete Placement (Assessment, if needed), Orientation, and Educational Plan (prior to registration for classes). A hold may be placed on a student’s registration if they fail to complete their Placement, Orientation, and Educational Plan. Non-exempt students who do not complete their Placement, Orientation and Educational Plan will receive an immediate hold on their registration.

### Step 1: Application

Río Hondo College uses Open CCC for application processing. To submit an application for admissions log on to [www.riohondo.edu](http://www.riohondo.edu) and click the “Apply Now” button.

### Step 2: Orientation

Orientation to the college is an important part of the matriculation process and should be completed prior to the first semester of coursework. It provides students with information on college services, registration procedures, course placement, and recommended courses to register for in the first semester. Students can complete the online orientation through the AccessRio student portal.

### Step 3: Placement

Starting in Fall 2019, all students will have the opportunity to enroll in transfer-level English and Math. Current students have the opportunity to complete an updated Placement Tool to update their placement levels in English and Math. Students are asked to complete the Placement Tool which can be obtained through the AccessRio student portal.

In order to successfully complete the Placement Tool students will need their high school grade point average, highest level high school English course completed, as well as highest level of high school math course completed.

Depending on the results and information that is submitted through the Placement Tool students may be placed into a support class for both English and math, as an added support course. Students are encouraged to take the highest level course that they feel comfortable with. Basic skills courses are still available. If needed, a student can also complete the placement process by meeting with a counselor for placement.

In accordance with AB 705, we are no longer permitted to administer an assessment for placement starting fall 2019. An exception is provided for international students, English Language Learners, and K-8 students. For eligible students, an assessment is available by appointment. For information, please contact the Río Success Lab at (562) 463-7226 or visit LR-130.

#### **Step 4: Educational Plan**

The Educational Plan process is designed to support students with the finest academic advisement and counseling possible. Placement information assists the counselor in outlining a useful and clear educational plan for the student's educational goals. Students can schedule an appointment throughout each semester and during the summer. For more information, please contact the Río Success Lab at (562) 463-7226 or visit LR-130.

#### **Step 5: Registration**

Upon completing steps 1-4, a student can register online on dates specified online under the admissions and records link.

**Registration Appointments** – The appointment time established for each student is the date and time the student can begin using the AccessRío online registration system for a given semester.

Students can find their registration appointment times by logging into their AccessRío account under Student, Registration and then clicking on Registration Status.

### **Student Success and Support Program Requirement**

All new students are encouraged to participate in the components of admission, orientation, placement, and educational planning. However, exemptions for these components may be granted if certain criteria are met. (See Matriculation Exemptions.) All new, non-exempt students who are unable to complete the placement process before their first semester of attendance may enroll; however, they must complete placement prior to registering for their second semester at the college. Students who have not completed the placement process may be unable to register for certain courses that require prerequisites.

### **College Responsibilities**

In the Student Success and Support Program process, the college has certain responsibilities. The college, to support student success, agrees to provide:

- Processing applications for admission
- Placement
- Orientation to college programs and services

- Counseling/advising to provide assistance in developing an educational plan
- Follow-up and referral to services

### **Student Responsibilities**

In the Student Success and Support Program process, the student also has certain responsibilities. The student, to support his/her own success, has the responsibility to:

- Express a broad educational intent upon admission
- Complete the Placement Tool or meet with a counselor and provide information to support placement
- Declare a specific educational goal by the time 12 semester units are completed
- Meet with a counselor to develop an educational plan within the same semester
- Participate in counseling/advisement
- Attend class, complete assignments, and maintain progress toward a defined goal
- Drop classes he/she no longer wishes to attend.

### **Student Rights**

In accordance with the matriculation agreement, the student has the right to:

- Challenge placement decisions and any prerequisite or corequisite by completing the appropriate form, which can be obtained from the Counseling Department.
- You may file a complaint of unlawful discrimination with the Dean of Student Affairs Office.

### **Matriculation Exemptions**

Students who meet one of the following exemption criteria for any of the matriculation components, may obtain an exemption form from the Counseling Department. Military students must participate in all matriculation components as required by the VA.

#### **A. Placement, Orientation, and Counseling**

– All students are encouraged to participate in these components; an exemption may be granted according to one of the following criteria:

- Students who are enrolled only in activity, skill building, or personal growth classes (e.g., acting, physical fitness, ceramics) or job skills training (e.g., computer literacy, accounting, brake service), or
- Students who have already completed an AA/AS degree or higher. Military students must participate in all matriculation components as required by the VA.

#### **B. Placement**

– Further placement exemption may be granted according to one of the following criteria:

- Students who have successfully completed the equivalent of ENGL 035 or ENGL 101 at another community college or university do not have to complete the Placement Tool for English, however this does not exempt them from Math.
- Students who have successfully completed the equivalent of MATH 020 or higher at another community college or university are exempt from completing the Placement Tool for Math, however, this does not exempt them from English.

### C. Orientation

– All students must complete the online orientation; an exemption may be granted according to one of the following criteria:

- Students who are concurrently enrolled at a four-year college or university, or
- Students who have previously participated in a Río Hondo College orientation.

### Assessment Retest Policy

English, Reading and Math assessment scores are valid for two years. After two years, students are advised to re-test or, when applicable, complete the Placement Tool. For more information, visit the Río Success Lab located in LR-130.

### Placement Appeals Procedure

All students have the right to appeal a placement via an assessment. An assessment placement appeal requires written documentation and an explanation of alternative coursework, background, or abilities that adequately prepare the student for the course. An Assessment Placement Appeals form can be obtained from the Counseling Department or the appropriate division office (either Communications and Languages or Math and Sciences). Reasons for appealing an assessment placement may include one or more of the following:

- the course recommended is not reasonably available, or
- the student believes the recommended course is not valid or necessary for success in the next course level for which it is required, or
- the student believes the placement results are discriminatory or are being applied in a discriminatory manner, or
- the student has the documented knowledge or ability to succeed in the next level course without taking the recommended course by the appropriate division office.

Upon filing the Assessment Placement Appeals form, the student may enroll in the desired class. If the appeal is not upheld, the student will be required to drop the class. The district will ensure that the appeal process is finished, and the student is notified in writing within five (5) working days. Students wishing to appeal this decision should contact the Dean of Counseling or designee.

### RHC Prerequisite/Corequisite/Advisory Definitions

The college REQUIRES students to meet prerequisite/corequisite requirements before taking the course in question.

**Prerequisites** – A course prerequisite indicates that the preparation or previous coursework is considered necessary for success in the desired course. In order for a prerequisite requirement to be met, the prerequisite course must be passed with at least a satisfactory grade. If a prerequisite course is taken at Río Hondo College, the grade of “P” or a minimum grade of “C” is required.

**Corequisites** – A course corequisite indicates another course that must be taken concurrently (at the same time) with the desired course.

Prerequisites/corequisites that are listed in the college catalog include:

- Courses for which specific prerequisites/corequisites have been validated,
- Sequential coursework in a degree-applicable program, and
- Courses in which a prerequisite/corequisite is necessary for transfer to a four-year college.

Questions about prerequisites/corequisites are best resolved with a counselor or instructor prior to the first day of class. If students are attempting to meet a prerequisite/corequisite through the placement process, they may appeal (challenge) their placement results.

**Advisories** – A course advisory indicates that if students have the designated preparation or previous coursework, they are likely to perform better academically in the course or program in question because of that experience or preparation. Unlike prerequisites or corequisites, advisories do not require that students have the suggested preparation; rather, it is strongly recommended.

### Clearing a Prerequisite

If a student believes he/she has met a prerequisite at another institution, he/she can see a counselor for a prerequisite clearance. Students must provide evidence of meeting the prerequisite using documentation such as an academic transcript. See a counselor for details.

### Prerequisite/Corequisite Challenge Procedure

All students have the right to challenge any prerequisite or corequisite. A prerequisite or corequisite challenge requires written documentation that should include an explanation of alternative coursework and/or background or abilities that adequately prepares the student for the course. A Prerequisite/Corequisite Challenge form can be obtained from the Counseling Department, division offices or at [www.riohondo.edu](http://www.riohondo.edu) under Academic divisions, Career & Technical Education, Counseling. The link will be at bottom of the page.

**Reasons for challenging a prerequisite may include one or more of the following:**

1. A prerequisite/corequisite is not reasonably available (must be made prior to the first week of the semester) or the student believes the prerequisite/corequisite is not valid or necessary for success in the course or which it is required, or
2. The student believes the prerequisite/corequisite is discriminatory or being applied in a discriminatory manner, or
3. The student has the documented knowledge or ability to succeed in the course without meeting the prerequisite/corequisite.

Upon filing the Prerequisite/Corequisite Challenge form, the student may enroll in the challenged class. If the challenge is not upheld, the student will be required to drop the class. The district will ensure that the challenge process is finished, and the student is notified in writing within five (5) working days. Students wishing to appeal this decision should contact the Dean of Counseling or designee.

## Educational Costs

**Enrollment Fee** – Students who have established legal residence in California must pay the enrollment fee established under state law and subject to change without notice. These fees will be waived at the time of enrollment if the student can demonstrate he/she qualifies under the exempt criteria specified by the State of California. Out-of-state and international students must pay nonresident tuition fees of \$290.00 per unit plus the \$46.00 a unit fee as required under state law (fees subject to change).

**College Services Fee** – The Associated Students of Río Hondo College is funded through the college services fee. The fee is \$7.00 for day, evening, and off-campus students during the fall and spring semesters and \$4.00 for summer sessions. The fee is automatically assessed at the time of registration. A waiver form is available in the Admissions and Records Office.

**GO RIO Fee** – This fee was approved by the Associated Students of Río Hondo College to subsidize costs of the GO RIO bus program. The fee is \$9.00 for Spring and Fall terms only. A waiver form is available in the Office of Government and Community Relations. Students must meet eligibility criteria to qualify for the GO RIO fee waiver.

**Student Parking Fee** – Under provision of Education Code 72247, a Student Parking Fee program has been established. This fee provides for the use of student parking lots, better traffic flow during peak hours, parking lot security, and use of the tram service.

The student parking fee for day and evening students during the fall/spring semesters is \$40.00. The fee for summer sessions students is \$20.00. Motorcycle parking is \$10.50 for fall/spring semesters; \$5.50 for summer sessions.

**Student Health Fee – Río Hondo College provides a health services program, as approved by the Board of Trustees, for students who formally register at Río Hondo College, are currently enrolled, and pay a \$21 health fee (\$18.00 for summer). Antibiotic medication and women-wellness laboratory tests are available for a nominal fee. Fee-exempted students include those who document religious reasons. A full refund will be made only if requested in writing prior to the semester refund deadline.**

**Student Representation Fee** – This \$2.00 fee provides support for students or representatives who may be stating their positions and viewpoints before city, county, and district government, and before offices and agencies of the state and federal government. Students may refuse to pay this fee on religious, political, or moral grounds by submitting a refusal in writing to the Office of Student Life and Leadership prior to registration.

**Books** – Students are required to purchase all books and supplies needed for their courses. Book costs will vary from semester to semester. Often purchasing used books can reduce this amount.

## Scholarships

A variety of scholarships are available to Río Hondo College students. For more information, contact the Río Hondo College Foundation at (562) 908-3476 or go online to [www.riohondo.edu/foundation](http://www.riohondo.edu/foundation) to view scholarship opportunities.

## Enrollment/Fees Refunds Resident Students

Resident students who drop by 10% of the course will receive a refund. Refunds are automatic and do not require any paperwork to be submitted. Please check the Río Hondo web site, under the Admissions Important Dates and Deadlines, link for specific deadline dates. Any enrollment fee refund is subject to a once-per-semester service charge of \$10.00. Last day to drop with a refund deadline may vary. Please visit the online Class Schedule and click on the course CRN for specific dates for each course.

### Nonresident Students

Nonresident students who drop by 10% of the course section will receive a refund. Refunds are automatic and do not require any paperwork to be submitted. Any enrollment fee refund request is subject to a once-per-semester service charge of \$10.00. Last day to drop with a refund deadline may vary according to the course begin and end dates. See Important Dates and Deadlines on the Admissions and Records webpage for specific dates.

The nonresident student will receive a 50% refund of out-of-state fees if the request for a refund is received in Admissions and Records during the third or fourth week of the fall/spring semester or during the second week of the summer session. No refunds will be granted after the fourth week of the fall/spring semester or after the second week of the summer session. Please check the Admissions webpage under Fees & Refunds [www.riohondo.edu/admissions/fee-refunds/](http://www.riohondo.edu/admissions/fee-refunds/) for specific deadline dates.

In the event that law mandates other fees and law does not prescribe the refund policy, the refund of such fees shall be in the same manner as the refund of health, college services, and parking fees.

