



## City of El Monte Promise Scholarship



The City of El Monte is pleased to announce their educational scholarship program, also referred to as “El Monte Promise Scholarship Program”, for current residents and/or a former graduate of a high school in the City of El Monte who are striving to further their education by attending an accredited college and are in need of financial assistance. The purpose of this program is to ensure students are receiving quality educational experience and to alleviate any financial burdens students may have during their studies. With this scholarship program, the City of El Monte hopes to lead students to a road of self-sufficiency where they would learn how to be significant contributors to society as doctors, teachers, public administrators, and much more.

The City of El Monte understands that college expenses such as dormitory fees and text books have increased tremendously in the last few years. To proactively assist those students, the City has partnered with Rio Hondo College Foundation at Rio Hondo Community College, a collaborative center of lifelong learning which provides innovative, challenging, and quality educational offerings for its diverse students and community.

The Rio Hondo Foundation has been in existence for over twenty (20) years seeking to secure financial assistance for scholarships, programs, equipment, and projects that meet the needs of the College’s growing student population. The El Monte Promise Scholarship program is currently funded through El Monte’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), a funding source provided by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The goal is to award up to eighty (80) students from low- to moderate-income households.

### **Award Amount**

Up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) bookstore scholarship per recipient.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Interested applicants are welcome to apply for this scholarship program and must meet all of the following requirements:

- Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen
- Applicant must be 18 years or older or enrolled at Rio Hondo College
- Applicant must be enrolled in at least 9 units per semester
- Applicant must currently reside in El Monte and/or have gone to high school in El Monte, CA
- Priority for scholarships will be given to income-eligible Rio Hondo College students in the following rank order:

1. GPA of 2.5 or above and El Monte Resident
2. GPA of 2.5 or above and 2 years attendance at an El Monte High School
3. GPA of 2.0 or above and El Monte Resident
4. GPA of 2.0 or above and 2 years attendance at an El Monte High School

- Applicant's household income must be 80% or lower the Los Angeles Area Median Income (AMI). Based on the household size, the applicant's house hold income must be below the following amount:

| Household Size | Moderate Income<br>51% to 80% of Area<br>Median |
|----------------|---|
| 1              | \$46,650  |
| 2              | \$52,200  |
| 3              | \$58,700  |
| 4              | \$65,200  |
| 5              | \$70,450  |
| 6              | \$75,650  |
| 7              | \$80,850  |
| 8              | \$86,100  |

Based on 2014 Median Family Income for the Los Angeles – Long Beach Metropolitan Area

### Instructions on How to Apply

1. Please complete the attached application.
2. Utilize the checklist to ensure all other required documents are submitted with your application. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all required documents are complete and submitted. Failure to submit any documents will result as an ineligible application.

### Important Dates

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| August 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2014        | Applications will be released  |
| August 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 3 p.m. | First Review Application Deadline;<br><b>Applications will continue to be accepted until all scholarships have been awarded.</b> |

### Priority Submission Deadline

Complete application package must be submitted in person and/or postmarked no later than **Tuesday, 8/26/14 at 3 p.m.** to the following address:

ATTN: El Monte Promise Scholarship Program  
 Rio Hondo College  
 3600 Workman Mill Road  
 RHC Foundation Office, L401  
 Whittier, CA 90601

**\*\*Scholarship applications will continue to be accepted until all scholarships are awarded.**

If you would like more information, please call (562) 908-3476 or email [foundation@riohondo.edu](mailto:foundation@riohondo.edu)

**2014-2015 El Monte Promise Scholarship Program  
Checklist (Include with completed application)**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure the following information is included in your package. Failure to submit any required documents will result as an ineligible application.

- Application for the 2014-2015 El Monte Promise Scholarship Program (5 pages)
- Governmental Identification Card
  - o If El Monte resident, please provide:
    - A copy of your governmental I.D. showing city residency
  - o If you are a former graduate from a high school in the city of El Monte, please provide:
    - A copy of your governmental identification card showing city residency; and
    - A copy of your El Monte high school student identification cards or transcripts for 2 years.
- A copy of your unofficial transcript from Rio Hondo College or past colleges (or high school if incoming Freshman) from most recent semester.
- Supporting income documentation is **required** for each household member 18 years and older (If applicable)
  - Examples of supporting income documentation include:**
    - o Complete copy of last filed and **signed** Federal Income Tax returns and copies of last three (3) consecutive months pay stubs.
    - o Supplemental Security Income/Disability (SSI/SSD) – Copy of most current year award letter.

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| <p><b>Office Use Only:</b><br/>Date &amp; Time Complete application received by office: _____<br/>Received By: _____</p> |
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## 2014-2015 El Monte Promise Scholarship Program Application

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rio Hondo College Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Rio Hondo AccessRio Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

*If different from the address above:*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 1: Household Composition & Income

Please complete the required information for all household members: **Income verification is required for all household members 18 years or older. If 18 or older and a student, unofficial college transcript required.**

| List All Household Members | Name | Date of Birth | Check All that Apply   | Relationship to Head of Household  | Annual Income (Check all that apply)   |
|----------------------------|------|---------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Name of Applicant</b>   |      |               | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> Son<br><input type="checkbox"/> Daughter<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (list):  | \$ _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Employed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Retired<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed |
| <b>Head of Household</b>   |      |               | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> Father<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mother<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (list): | \$ _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Employed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Retired<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed |
| Member 3                   |      |               | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> Son<br><input type="checkbox"/> Daughter<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (list):  | \$ _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Employed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Retired<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed |
| Member 4                   |      |               | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> Son<br><input type="checkbox"/> Daughter<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (list):  | \$ _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Employed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Retired<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed |
| Member 5                   |      |               | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> Son<br><input type="checkbox"/> Daughter<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (list):  | \$ _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Employed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Retired<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed |
| Member 6                   |      |               | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> Son<br><input type="checkbox"/> Daughter<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (list):  | \$ _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Employed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Retired<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed |

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**Section 2: Race & Ethnicity Information**

1. Ethnic Background (**Required-Check One**)       Hispanic       Non-Hispanic  
 2. Racial Background (**Required-Check One**):

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| White                            | American Indian/Alaskan Native & White |
| Black/African American           | American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black |
| Asian                            | Asian & White                          |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native   | Black & White                          |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | Other Multi-Racial                     |

**Section 3: Education Information**

1. Are you currently enrolled in at least 9 units? Yes No Number of units \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Information**

|                           |     |    |                |
|---------------------------|-----|----|----------------|
| High School Name:         |     |    |                |
| Address:                  |     |    |                |
| Did you obtain a diploma? | Yes | No |                |
| Did you obtain a GED?     | Yes | No | Not Applicable |

**Undergraduate School Information**

|                                    |     |    |                  |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|------------------|
| College Name:                      |     |    |                  |
| Address:                           |     |    |                  |
| Did you obtain a degree?           | Yes | No | Graduation Date: |
| Year in college? 1 2 3 4 5 or more |     |    |                  |

|                                    |     |    |                  |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|------------------|
| College Name:                      |     |    |                  |
| Address:                           |     |    |                  |
| Did you obtain a degree?           | Yes | No | Graduation Date: |
| Year in college? 1 2 3 4 5 or more |     |    |                  |

**Graduate School Information**

|                                    |     |    |                  |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|------------------|
| College Name:                      |     |    |                  |
| Address:                           |     |    |                  |
| Did you obtain a degree?           | Yes | No | Graduation Date: |
| Year in college? 1 2 3 4 5 or more |     |    |                  |

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**Section 4: Extracurricular Activities**

Please list any extracurricular activities, organizations and/or volunteer activities you are currently participating in at this time.

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| Activity 1: | Description: |
| Activity 2: | Description: |
| Activity 3: | Description: |
| Activity 4: | Description: |

**Section 5: Employment Information**

Please list your last two employers (if applicable).

**Employer 1:**

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Name of Employer:              |  |
| Address of Employer:           |  |
| Dates of Employment:           |  |
| Job Title:                     |  |
| Duties:                        |  |
| Supervisor's Name & Phone No.: |  |
| Reason for Leaving:            |  |

**Employer 2:**

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Name of Employer:              |  |
| Address of Employer:           |  |
| Dates of Employment:           |  |
| Job Title:                     |  |
| Duties:                        |  |
| Supervisor's Name & Phone No.: |  |
| Reason for Leaving:            |  |

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**Section 6: Consent Information**

According to Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. Code, it is a felony for any person to knowingly and willingly make false or fraudulent statements to any department of the United States Government. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that all statements contained herein, are true and correct to the best of knowledge and belief. I understand the information I provide in this certification is a subject to verification, and I agree to provide necessary documentation if requested to do so.

**Under the penalty of perjury, I certify that the above information is true and correct.**

**U.S Citizen**

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*Applicant Signature*

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*Date*