

2020/2021 Scholarship Application

Please print clearly and fill out this form completely and accurately.

The information on this form will be kept confidential (for Scholarship Committee review only).

Personal Data

Last Name

First Name

Sex

Male

Female

Mailing Address and Contact Information (for correspondence about this application)

Street Address

Postal Code

City

State

Telephone

Fax

Mobile Telephone

E-mail address

Academic Information and Student Profile

Year of initial enrolment at RIT Croatia (check appropriate)

11/12

12/13

13/14

14/15

15/16

16/17

17/18

18/19

19/20

In the academic year 2020/2021 I will be (check appropriate)

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

GPA (60%)

I will use my cumulative GPA after Fall (2191) _____

I will use my cumulative GPA after Spring (2195) _____

Note: The minimum required GPA is 3.0.

Volunteering Activities (15%)

In the total score, each category is worth 2.143 percent.

I have participated in Volunteer Work and/or Community Service during the academic year 2019/2020 (check all that apply). Please note that all indicated activities will be verified by the RIT Croatia administration.

- Peer Mentoring
- Career Education Day (Zagreb/ Dubrovnik students- although ZG CED did not occur, volunteer activities will be counted)
 - Recruitment activities
 - Involvement in 3 or more enrollment activities will yield additional percent which must be approved and specified by the Recruitment and Enrollment Manager.
Please specify: _____
- Involvement in Student Government activities
 - Greater level of involvement/ownership/initiative will yield an additional percent which must be approved and specified by the Student Government Advisor.
Please specify: _____
- Other support provided to RIT Croatia . Other support involves special projects/activities that occur throughout the AY such as Imagine Festival, and similar. All projects that are result of paid position (student employment) or regular course work will not be considered. In order to qualify for this category you must attach a letter of recommendation from Faculty or Staff Member leading the project with details of your involvement.
Please specify: _____

Are you the recipient of any RIT Croatia scholarships or financial aid (please specify amounts)?

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Essay Questions – Personal Essay (25%)

Personal Essay Instructions

A personal essay of 300 to 500 words is worth 25% of your scholarship application score. This assignment asks you to describe and reflect upon your own personal, real life experience and explain your own opinions and ideas. This is not a research assignment.

In order to do well on this essay, you should:

- Understand the topic and stick to it
- Describe real life events in clear detail with specific examples
- Use paragraphs to progress from one idea to the next
- Write well organized, grammatically correct sentences in English
- Give your essay an interesting title
- Show your own unique and creative style

Please choose one of the following essay topics. Then carefully read the instructions below.

1. Some people believe that university studies are not necessary in today's world. Some people even claim that university in general is a waste of time and money. But you have obviously enrolled in college, expecting to get some benefits from it. What is the purpose and value of a college education, to you? Why is college important at all? (Keep your focus on the purpose of college study in general. Please do not write an essay about why you chose RIT Croatia instead of some other college.)
2. The trend towards online education through a variety of platforms has been gaining attention for several years. Now, you and millions of other students around the world have just completed your first entirely online semester. Reflecting on your experience with online learning so far, make some recommendations to both students and professors for how to improve online education in the future. Your essay may include a list of tips, or do's and don'ts, along with reasons.
3. At the time of writing this essay, our area is emerging from an extended self-quarantine period in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. Most of us have spent almost two months in a sort of lockdown. Think back over your own experience during this time, and explain what you learned from this experience, and how it affected your perspective, behavior or opinions.

Instructions:

- Type your essay in English on the computer and submit it as a text file attachment along with your scholarship application. Submit in one of the following file formats: Word (.doc or .docx), Open Office (.odt), Rich Text Format (.rtf), Portable Document Format (.pdf)
- Type your full name on the top left corner of the first page only. It will be removed for the anonymous grading.
- Your essay should be 300 to 500 words, double spaced, 2.5 cm margins all sides, Times New Roman 12pt
- This essay must be your own, original work, written by you alone. Your essay will be checked against plagiarism prevention software. Do not copy parts of other essays into your own text! If your essay turns out to be wholly or partly plagiarized, your scholarship application will be rejected.
- If you have previously written about the selected topic for any of your RIT Croatia courses, please indicate this in your paper.
- All submissions must be carefully spellchecked in English and proofread. Any essay which is not spellchecked will not be accepted.

Work carefully! If your essay does not meet all the above criteria, your scholarship application will not be considered.

Application Review Process

A Scholarship Committee consisting of a number of faculty and staff members reviews all applications and ranks students based on a weighted score.

The components of the weighted score are:
GPA (60%), volunteer work (15%), essay (25%)

Each component carries points that are allocated by the Committee. Points for GPA and volunteer work are derived from a straight formula while points for the other components have a degree of subjective determination by the Committee built into their total. For example, faculty and staff evaluation may influence the score an applicant receives. Essay component will be based on a blind review of both Dubrovnik and Zagreb Campus Faculty members.

The Scholarships are awarded to those students who have the highest percentages after the weighted formula is calculated. If you have any questions about the scholarship awards or the process itself, please feel free to contact Finances.

Only complete applications will be considered.

Distribution Ratios

RIT Croatia Scholarships will be awarded based on below distribution diagram. The distribution is based on enrolment percentages of each program in previous academic years.

RIT Croatia Scholarships are awarded for full time studies (12-17 credits). If a student does not meet full time requirements for Fall or Spring Semester, scholarship amount will be prorated. For example, if a student is registered for 10 credit hrs in Fall semester, and 15 credit hrs in Spring semester his/her scholarship would be 416,66Eur for Fall ($500,00 / 12 * 10$) and 500,00Eur for Spring semester.

SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION FOR 2020/2021				
	HTM	IB	IT	TOTAL
Sophomore status in 2020/2021	1	5	3	9
Junior status in 2020/2021	2	6	3	11
Senior status in 2020/2021	2	5	3	10
TOTAL	5	16	9	30

Certification

I, _____, hereby state that the information provided in this application and accompanying attachments is complete and accurate and understand that any misrepresentation or omissions may void my application.
(Print first and last name)

By signing you acknowledge that personal data submitted in this document will be used for purposes of reviewing and awarding your need for financial assistance with tuition. This data will be shared with Rochester Institute of Technology, New York, USA, and will not be used for any other purposes. All information about the personal data protection may be requested through the following e-mail: dpo@croatia.rit.edu

Student Signature

Date