

Scholarships for Adults

While learning is undoubtedly a lifelong process, adults who wish to return to college face several obstacles when it comes to financing their education.

- The majority of scholarship opportunities are designated specifically for graduating high school seniors.
- Awards intended for incoming college freshmen often exclude adults who transfer credits from a community college.
- A large number of scholarships require a student to be enrolled full-time, while many adults attend classes on a part-time basis.
- Since most adult students work full-time and have their own assets, they are often disqualified from need-based scholarships and expected to rely on student loans or their own savings to pay for college tuition expenses.

However, this does not mean it is pointless for the adult student to search for scholarship opportunities. It simply suggests that more effort is necessary to achieve the desired result. Adult students need to search for scholarships from employers, professional associations, and national organizations, as well as awards sponsored by the college or university they wish to attend. Visit [College Scholarship](#) and review need-based scholarships as well as scholarships that are provided for [student-specific](#) audiences from adult, married, military to vegan.

Paying for College as an Adult

Students and their families are expected to contribute to the cost of college to the extent that they're able. Use the [Expected Family Contribution \(EFC\) Calculator](#) to estimate how much your family will be expected to contribute. After all, you can't make a realistic plan to cover your share if you don't have an idea what your share could be. That's how the financial aid system works. The difference between the total cost and your EFC is considered your "financial need" and the amount of aid you're eligible to receive.

Learn more about your financial aid eligibility. If you're unable to contribute the entire cost of college, financial aid may be available to bridge the gap. Visit the financial aid office to discuss your options.

Undergraduate Scholarship Opportunities at Rutgers

Scholarship opportunities at Rutgers are available for first-year and transfer students at the point of [admissions](#) through [financial aid](#). Continuing adult students are encouraged to review their schools' scholarship opportunities for more details:

- SAS:** <http://sasundergrad.rutgers.edu/studentsvcs/scholarships.html>
SEBS: <http://foodsci.rutgers.edu/undergrad/scholarships.html>
ENG: <http://soe.rutgers.edu/oa/scholarships>
PHARM: https://pharm.rutgers.edu/content/pharmacy_scholarships
MASON: <http://www.masongross.rutgers.edu/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid>
SMLR: http://www.smlr.rutgers.edu/BALER/internships_info.html
SC&I: <http://comminfo.rutgers.edu/current-students/scholarships-and-awards.html>
Bloustein: <http://policy.rutgers.edu/prospective/funding.php>

P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education for Women

The Philanthropic Educational Organization ([P.E.O.](#)) Program for Continuing Education was established in 1973 to provide need-based grants to women in the United States and Canada whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to support themselves and/or their families. In the future learn more about [P.E.O. "women helping women to reach for the stars."](#)

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Academic Planning

Pre-Registration for Spring 2010

Beginning Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 10:00pm through November 20, 2009, undergraduate students will be able to pre-register in the order of highest to lowest degree credits earned to date (which does not include credits that students are enrolled in during the current Fall 2009 semester).

Registering in advance is an important part of proactive academic planning for all students, especially UCC affiliates. As continuing students, you are expected to register in advance to ensure you get the courses you need at times and locations suitable to you.

Pre-registration is offered in order to give you an opportunity to schedule courses prior to new students.

By registering early you allow departments to gauge the demand for courses, which in turn could impact the addition of more sections and allow UCC to promote the opening of more courses.

Major/Minor Fair Awareness

Have you decided on a major or minor? Attend the SAS Major Fair and meet department representatives to discuss questions on Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

The event runs from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the College Ave Campus—Rutgers Student Center - MPR. Can't make the time? Visit the [New Brunswick Academic Department and Programs](#) site and the [SAS Major/Minor site](#) for additional details.

Policy Awareness

Taking a leave of absence from school requires much thought on how it may impact your return, your finances, and your goal of attaining a degree. Speak to your advisor to ensure that you are aware of financial aid requirements and limitations before you postpone your academic plans.

Choosing a Schedule

Adults and working professionals encounter many challenges when registering for courses. Ideally, courses are chosen to fit academic requirements, but in many cases adults make course choices based on circumstances impacting their work schedule, family schedules, parking permit location, and on the availability of courses.

Do you consider final exam schedules when choosing courses? Students are encouraged to view the on-line final exam look-up or click on "Exams" to see exam grids, exam look-up, and common hour exams.

<http://finalexams.rutgers.edu/>

Nontraditional Student Resources

Sakai & You: Perfect Together

You should already have a UC Community tab in your Sakai project site. As part of our continuing advocacy endeavors for adult and nontraditional students, University College Community has created an online "NTS in Transition Services," great for part-time and non-matriculated students. UCC created the service for nontraditional students so that they have direction to the abundance of resources available to them. We also wanted to help students reduce the amount of time they might spend looking for a particular resource. Since this is a service, you are not required to pay any fees.

We highly recommend that you go to the [Sakai site](#), ensure the tab is available to you, and complete the assignments in the order that they are given. You can opt to complete assignments or not. There are no grades. The site has been created to help you find the resources you need. The degree of your involvement is completely up to you. You are free, however, to click on any site you desire.

There is also a Veterans@Rutgers folder as part of Sakai that encourages interaction with other veterans on campus. Also visit: <http://veterans.rutgers.edu/>

FALL 2009– SPRING 2010 IMPORTANT SEMESTER DATES	
Winter Session Registration	Mon Oct 5
Spring 2010 Pre-Registration	Sun Nov 8 though Fri Nov 20
Thanksgiving Recess	Wed Nov 25– Sun Nov 29
Classes Resume	Mon Nov 30
Regular Classes End	Fri Dec 11
Reading Days	Mon Dec 14 & Tue Dec 15
Fall Exams Begin	Wed Dec 16
Fall Exams End	Wed Dec 23
Winter Recess Begins	Fri Dec 25
Winter Session Classes Begins	Mon Dec 28
Winter Session Ends	Fri Jan 15
Spring Semester Begins	Tue Jan 19
Regular Sat Classes begin	Sat Jan 23
Spring Recess	Sat Mar 13 — Sun Mar 21
<p><i>Note: Dates may be subject to change. Review site often http://nbregistrar.rutgers.edu/undergrad/calendar.htm</i></p>	

Dean's Forum

The annual Dean's forum will take place on Friday, October 23, 2009, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the [University Inn & Conference Center](#). Adult and nontraditional students are encouraged to attend to meet with Deans from the School of Management and Labor relations, the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Communication and Information, the Bloustein School and the University College Community.

The Dean's Forum is an annual event in which nontraditional students are asked to share their experiences and provide information in areas where Rutgers can improve on the academic success of nontraditional students. Adults and nontraditional students can express practical needs and steps that Rutgers can take to support their academic success.

RSVP at http://ucc.rutgers.edu/deans_rsvp.shtml

Leadership Seminar

Rutgers Army ROTC is hosting a leadership seminar. [William McGurn](#) -speaker, columnist and author- will address ROTC cadets and friends of ROTC. You are encouraged to attend:

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Time: 2:00-4:30 pm

Location: Rutgers Student Center, Multipurpose Room
College Avenue Campus

ROTC 5K Run

Runners and walkers are invited to attend the 2nd Annual ROTC 5K Run hosted by Rutgers Army ROTC.

Saturday, November 7, 2010. President McCormick, The Rolling Thunder, and many more will be in attendance. Event begins at 8:30 am. Register at <http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/>

The Run For The Warriors™ is a unique event dedicated to the men and women wounded in the global war on terror. It is a celebration of their strength and resolve as well as the Welcome Home they deserve. By uniting the entire community, military and civilian alike, this event embraces Wounded Warriors and their families in the shared belief that there is hope beyond recovery. Racing venues are offered in a 10k, 5K, and a 1 mile run. For more information about timing and chips, please see the race [FAQs](#).

University College Community Location

University College Community is located in the University Inn and Conference Center on Douglass Campus, 178 Ryders Lane. Our location offers parking convenience for our students, and it has a large rustic lounge area where adult and nontraditional students can do their homework, work on their computers, or simply unwind and relax before class. Our offices are on the 3rd floor. Please visit us to get academic advising, help in solving a problem, or to gather information about the resources available to adult and nontraditional students.

Nontraditional Student Future Events

Mary I. Bunting Program

The Mary I. Bunting Program was established in 1958 by Mary I. Bunting, the Dean of Douglass at that time. This program, which is a part of Douglass Residential College, provides individualized advising and support services for mature women students. Women enrolled full-time or part-time in any of the undergraduate schools at Rutgers-New Brunswick are eligible to join Douglass Residential College

Mark your calendars for the [Bunting Spring 2010 Forum](#).

Veterans' Appreciation Reception

Mark your calendars for the 5th Annual Veterans' Appreciation Reception, April 9, 2009. Each year veterans and dependents of veteran who are students are encouraged to attend the reception to network with their fellow veterans and mentors.

Let Us Feature Your Story

Are you an adult nontraditional student with a story to help inspire other adult nontraditional students at Rutgers-NB? UCC has begun featuring stories by adult and nontraditional students in our newsletters. Your experience can help another fellow adult, nontraditional student save valuable time and energy.

Submissions will be collected on an on-going basis. If interested, email us using "*Inspiring Adult*" or "*Inspiring Nontraditional Student*" as the subject line. You will be contacted prior to publishing to confirm your submission. Email your full name, RUID and story to:

ucc@rci.rutgers.edu

Attention Juniors Interested in Government and Politics

Apply now for the Eagleton Undergraduate Associates Program. Juniors are encouraged to apply to this certificate program, which offers an opportunity for select students to share in the activities and real-world experiences of government and politics at the Eagleton Institute of Politics during their final three semesters as a Rutgers undergraduate.

If you are in your junior year and majoring or minoring in political science, economics, history, or a related SAS major, we encourage you to apply! Your application, unofficial transcript, and two letters of recommendation can be submitted by email. The deadline to apply is October 19. Please call or email Sarah Kozak for more details or visit the website for an application at www.eagleton.rutgers.edu

October is "What's On Your Mind Month"

[RUSA](#) is the student government that represents the undergraduate student population of Rutgers-New Brunswick. While each geographic campus and professional school maintains its own respective governing council, RUSA is the one body that unites these organizations to advocate on behalf of students with one unified voice.

October is officially the "What's On Your Mind Month" at Rutgers. The student governing bodies want to know what the day to day concerns of the students are so they can be represented to the higher officials.

Click here for the survey: <https://vovici.com/wsb.dll/s/52f9g4093>

A Note From Your UC Council President

I would like nontraditional students to know that the UC Council is participating in October's "What's on Your Mind Month." We welcome any nontraditional students' critiques of their experiences and struggles at Rutgers University so that we may better serve you and address your needs. The UC Council cares about the struggles of nontraditional students, and we will do everything we can to alleviate them. I would like to invite nontraditional students to complete the above survey. Please be sure to indicate that you are a nontraditional student or send concerns via email to me at: ammlhussein@gmail.com.

At the last meeting, representative Sara Afayee from the Undergraduate Social Work Organization (USWO) requested funds from the UC Council for their Domestic Violence Walk. The UC Council donated \$600 to their cause. I welcome any suggestions for programs and events that nontraditional students would like to see implemented. You can email me, the UC Council President at ammlhussein@gmail.com.

We ask that you consider attending a UC Council meeting. You can simply drop in if you have some time. The University College Council meetings, which advocate for nontraditional students at Rutgers, New Brunswick, are held every other Monday, 7:30pm, in the Cap & Skull, 4th floor, CAC Student Center. The next meeting is on Monday, October 26, 2009. Please attend so that you can gather more information about the UC Council and its function within Rutgers, New Brunswick. We also encourage you to RSVP and attend the University College Community Dean's Forum on October 23, 2009.

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