

**Rio Salado College Incarcerated Re-Entry Scholarship Matching Program**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOC#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Identification (SID):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Release Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Facility:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit and Housing Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of contact person/phone number on your behalf: Please fill out the FERPA form**

*If you have questions about the correspondence program, this person can contact our office on your behalf.*

**Are you also attending another college or university? Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Official transcript needed if previous college credits are to be reviewed by Rio Salado.**

Please list the degree or certificate currently held: \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of the IRE Scholarship program is to help students complete their first degree or certificate prior to release. The scholarship committee reviews students' prior academic credits and where the prior credits apply toward an associate degree for the shortest path to completion (electrical, carpentry, plumbing etc.). The student will be placed in the program with closest path to completion prior to release. Other programs can be funded by self-pay. Indicate the Academic Pathway you are seeking:

- Associate Degree: Completed Certificate and/or has 13- 29 college credits (19 -26 classes)
  - Arizona General Education Courses (AGEC) applies to degree (11-16 classes)
  - Elective: Quality Customer Service (CCL) (6-8 classes)
  - Elective: Addictions and Substance Use Disorder Level I / II (CCL) (7 classes)
  - Elective: Small Business Management Level I (CCL) (6 classes)
  - Elective: Workforce Development and Community Re-Entry (CCL) (6 classes)
  - Elective: Sustainable Foods (CCL) (4 classes)

Are you willing to take more than one class a semester to complete a program of study? **Yes / No**

- I understand I need to submit a thank you letter with the course continuation form.
- I understand that if I am accepted, I will be expected to continue the sequence of coursework to complete a degree or certificate prior to release and I might be enrolled in more than one class a semester.
- I understand that I will **not** be placed in a new certificate if I have started coursework in an existing certificate.
- I understand that the course material/textbook might arrive after the start date of the class and will continue with the course once the material arrives.
- I understand I may be placed in an alternate course applicable to the current degree/certificate.
- **I understand that the IRE Scholarship is NOT guaranteed, may not cover all classes, and that I will lose the scholarship if I drop or withdraw or have a "D" or less in a class.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Approval of CEPM/CEPS/Education Coordinator**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

## Rio Salado College Correspondence Education Matching Scholarship Application

Compliance Issue DO910/Prison Criteria	Initials	Date	Comments
Major Disciplinary within 6 months of application			
GED/HS Diploma			

**Students with prior credits are placed in the program with closest path to completion prior to release.** Student should send official transcripts as soon as possible for evaluation. Additional funding such as self-pay may be needed to help the student complete a degree or certificate along with IRE scholarship (matching). *If a student is accepted completes the courses with a “C” or above the student will not need to re-apply for scholarship, only submit course continuation form.*

- **If a student drops or withdraws from a course, the student will no longer be eligible for scholarship.**
- Available to students currently residing in a facility within Arizona, who do not have a degree/certificate and who demonstrate financial need.
- **Students attending another college or university do not meet financial need criteria for this scholarship.**
- Students are expected to **use their education to contribute to their community** i.e. become a peer mentor or tutor to help prepare the incarcerated student for returning into society.
- Applications are accepted throughout the academic year and a student may be accepted at any point throughout the academic year.
- Funds a minimum of a 3-credit course, includes tuition, registration and course material fee, and textbook.
- Follows Department of Corrections DO910 criteria and Rio Salado Incarcerated Re-Entry criteria.

### IRE Scholarship Approval Priorities:

1. **Priority is given to students with demonstrated progress towards a certificate or who have not dropped or withdrawn from a correspondence class.**
2. Academic Progress earning a “C” or higher in prior correspondence coursework.
3. **FERPA and *Student Admission Application SAA (front and back) Forms are needed.***
4. No debt or account holds with a Maricopa County Community College.
5. Incomplete applications will not be approved i.e. missing Month Day Year on SAA for residency & GED/HSE or essay on additional piece of paper.
6. New applicants who do not have enough time to complete a certificate prior to release may not be approved.

**Attach an essay on an additional piece of paper** discussing one or more of the topics below.

- How will the degree or certificate benefit you, your family or community upon release?
- What problems have you faced while incarcerated and how have you overcome them?