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Reisher Foundation Scholarships

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Reisher Scholarship Overview

Brief History:

- Roger and Margaret started the Reisher foundation in 2001
- Roger and Margaret came from the modest of means
- Roger graduated in 1950 with the support of the GI bill and began a career in banking
- To Roger the impact of going to college would change his life and he wanted to pass that on to other students
- Roger and Margaret decided to start a program through First Bank of Colorado to minimize the college debt they had experienced
- The program was called the Reisher Scholars Program and is administered by The Denver Foundation

Institutions with the Reisher Scholarship



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
PUEBLO



University of Colorado
Colorado Springs



FORT LEWIS
COLLEGE



UNIVERSITY OF
**NORTHERN
COLORADO**



University of Colorado
Denver



COLORADO STATE
UNIVERSITY



WESTERN
COLORADO UNIVERSITY

Statewide Reisher Scholarship Overview

Awards and Populations Served:

- \$39.9 Million in grants 2001-2023
- \$4,800,000 awarded to 2023/2024 Reisher Scholars in Colorado
- The average Reisher award is \$8,454
- Schools receive funds to support Reisher scholars
- 507 Current Reisher scholars as of December 2023
 - 70% are first generation students
 - 50% identify as BIPOC

Graduation Rates:

- 61% of Reisher Scholars graduate on time
- 85% of Reisher Scholars graduate

Applicant Requirements

- Be a Colorado resident
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Full-time college student working towards their first four-year degree at one of the partnered universities
- Show one or more of the following qualities: highly motivated, goal oriented, responsible, and/or likely to contribute to society as evidenced by community service, leadership activities, work experience, or unusual experiences
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0
- Be able to graduate within time receiving Reisher scholarship- 3 years for current freshman, 2 years for incoming transfer students
- Transferring from a community college
- Transfer students must start at the transfer institution the year the Reisher scholarship starts- i.e. for Reisher fall 2024 cohort students need to start at transfer institution spring, summer, or fall 2024
- Have a financial need with a total unmet need of at least \$4,000
 - Scholars receive \$4,000 - \$15,000 from Reisher and matching funds from the institution to meet full cost of attendance

To Maintain Reisher Eligibility

- Work at least 10 hours per week while receiving the Reisher scholarship
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA
- Complete at least 12 credits fall and spring semesters
- Enroll in at least 9 credits of in person (not online) classes each fall and spring semester
- Graduate within the time they are receiving the scholarship
- Meet any institution specific program requirements

Reisher at MSU Denver

- The Reisher scholarship has been at MSU since it started in 2001
- Since 2001, 449 Reisher Scholars have received over \$7 million in scholarship support
- The 2023-2024 cohort is 63 students – about half transfer and half continuing students
- Two out of three of Metro Reisher scholars were the first in their family to attend college and nearly half identified as students of color.
- Graduation Rates since 2001:
 - 49% of scholars graduated on time
 - 79% overall graduation rate

The Transfer Reisher Scholars program at MSU Denver includes

- \$4,000- \$15,000 from Reisher plus matching funds from MSU to meet full cost of attendance for 2 years
- Personalized, holistic support from the Reisher Coordinator and Reisher Peer Advocates- scholars have a go-to person on campus for:
 - Degree planning
 - Resource referrals
 - Important date reminders
 - Help navigating MSU systems and policies
- Reisher staff hosts events to expand knowledge, connect with other scholars, and have fun
- Scholars are connected with events and opportunities on and off campus
- Scholars are part of a cohort of other Reisher scholars
- Reisher graduation stole

Reisher Scholar Recruitment

Recruiting Transfer students for the Reisher Scholarship has traditionally been challenging due to:

- Students finding out about the scholarship
- Deadline for applications are when students are still at their community college
- Many transfer students are online learners
- Challenges getting accurate lists of qualified students for outreach
 - Missing financial aid information
 - Unknown number of credits transferring in

Reisher Bridge Scholarship

- The Denver Foundation granted CCCS a 5 year, \$5 million grant to bolster our Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program (B2BD) .
- The program targets CCCS students transferring to one of the nine Reisher Degree 4-year partners.

- How it works

- Students must:

- Be Colorado Residents
 - Have less than 30 credits remaining to complete an associate's degree and create graduation plan showing degree completion by spring or summer prior to transfer
 - Have and maintain 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
 - Complete FAFSA by March 1 each year and qualify for Pell Grant or have AGI less than 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level
 - Plan to transfer to one of the nine partner institutions participating in the Reisher Scholarship Program

Students will receive up to \$2,000 awards for the fall and spring semesters of final year prior to transfer



Reisher Bridge Program - CCCS

- Financial Support
 - \$1000 per semester in last year at a Colorado Community College System institution
- Program Support
 - Annual curriculum of transfer support through
 - Summer Scholar Orientation
 - Student Success Workshop Series
 - Assignment to CCCS Navigator for connection to 4-year institutions
 - Assistance with Reisher Transfer Scholarship Application





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