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2023/2024 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)
☐ 14/15　☐ 15/16　☐ 16/17　☐ 17/18　☐ 18/19　☐ 19/20　☐ 20/21　☐ 21/22　☐ 22/23

In the academic year 2023/2024 I will be (check appropriate)
☐ Sophomore　☐ Junior　☐ Senior

GPA (75 points)

My cumulative GPA after Spring (20225) is＿＿＿＿＿＿＿.
Note: The minimum required GPA is 3.0.

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In the total score, each category is worth 2. points.

Activities stated below that are result of paid position (student employment) or regular course work will not be considered as volunteering activity.

Please note that all indicated activities will be verified by the RIT Croatia administration.

I have participated in Volunteer Work and/or Community Service during the academic year 2022/2023 (check all that apply).

- ☐ Peer Mentoring
- ☐ Career Education Day (Zagreb/ Dubrovnik students-)
- ☐ 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 Recruitment Activities, Imagine Festival,and similar.
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 points)

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

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Please choose one of the following topics for a personal, reflective essay of 300-500 words. This essay should present your own personal reflections, ideas and opinions. This essay does not require any research.

1. Each semester, RIT Croatia invites students to evaluate their instructors and the learning experience in their courses. What factors do you personally consider important in evaluating your learning experience? If you had the opportunity to create a course evaluation, what questions, topics, or issues would you ask students to consider? What suggestions do you have for improving the current course evaluation system overall?

2. As an RIT Croatia student, you are enrolled in a degree program which prepares you for a future career with industry specific skills and knowledge. However, our curriculum also includes general education courses in languages, social sciences, and humanities, which are not necessarily directly related to your specific degree program. Describe some specific experiences you have had in these courses and how you feel they have contributed to your personal and professional development. Do you think these courses should be included in your program of study? Explain why or why not.

3. Describe one or more influencers, podcasts, channels, or other social media accounts that you follow or subscribe to that have had a strong impact on you. What is it about these people or organizations that keeps you coming back? What have you learned or how have you changed because of them?

4. Generation Z has a reputation for being interested and involved in social issues. If you feel this applies to you, describe a specific issue (either global or local) that you care about and have taken some action on, whether through volunteering, community service, educating yourself and others, joining a group or organization, or any other form of engagement. This issue could be environmental, humanitarian, political or social. Describe the issue, how you became interested in it, why it is important to you, and what action you have taken or how you are involved. How has this experience changed you, and what are your hopes for the future?

5. Describe a recent uncomfortable or challenging situation that pushed you out of your comfort zone. The situation could be academic, personal, or social. What happened, and how did you respond? What do you feel you learned from this experience?

Instructions:

- Type your essay in English 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 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 using plagiarism prevention and AI detection 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 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.
Total of 100 points are:
GPA (75 points), OPTIONAL volunteer work (10 points) and essay (25 points)

Please note that if you are using volunteering points, GPA points will drop by 2 points for each volunteering activity used:
For example if someone volunteers on CED activity then their GPA is 73 points, volunteer work 2 points and essay 25 points.

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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 percentagesof 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 2022/2023					
	HTM	IB	IT	NMD	TOTAL
Sophomore status in 2022/2023	2	4	3	1	10
Junior status in 2022/2023	3	3	4		10
Senior status in 2022/2023	2	5	3		10
TOTAL	7	12	10	1	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 _____