

**SR-Rio Grande College/Southwest Texas Junior College
Ten Thousand Dollar Bachelor's Degree Proposal**

PROPOSED TITLE: 10 K Scholars Program

OVERVIEW

Program to make available a bachelor's degree for \$10,000, excluding textbooks and some fees. Students will earn associate and bachelor degrees. Available majors for the bachelor degree are Biology, Chemistry, and Mathematics. Students will pay \$10,000 split between SWTJC and SR-RGC. Program will employ a deferred scholarship plan to cap the student cost at \$10,000. The scholarship will be applied at key times to serve as an incentive for completion.

DETAILS

- 30 Dual credit hours which apply to the Core Curriculum
- 30 hours at SWTJC to complete core curriculum and A.S. degree
- 60 hours to complete the major, minor, electives, and required upper level hours
- Available majors: Biology, Chemistry, and Math majors

Scholarship application points:

- Upon successful completion of first semester courses at SR-RGC in one of the designated majors, SWTJC will apply a scholarship to the student's account for any excess over \$1500, excludes any specialized fees such as online, lab, other specific use fees, and textbooks.
- Upon graduation from SR-RGC with BS degree in one of the designated majors, students will receive a scholarship for any excess over \$8500.

Conditions for acceptance into program

1. Eligible for full admission
2. 2.5 high school GPA
3. Apply to both SWTJC and SR-RGC

Conditions for receipt of the scholarship

1. Full time enrollment in all fall and spring semesters – 15 hours each term
2. Maintain a 2.5 GPA
3. Scholarship eligibility ends if student drops any courses or withdraws
3. Total completion time 6 semesters (fall and spring) summer excluded unless courses needed for the major are only offered during summer terms.
 - a. Completion of SWTJC A.S. degree in 1 year
 - b. Completion of SR-RGC B.S. degree in 2 subsequent years
4. Student pays all other costs. Student may use financial aid, loans, or personal funds

Scholarship application details

1. Student will receive approval into the program and be informed of eligibility for the scholarship.
2. Student will be charged full tuition and fees for each term of enrollment
3. Scholarships will be credited to the student's account according to the schedule details above.
4. Student must have been enrolled full time, maintained required GPA, and completed approved courses on their designated degree plan.