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2024/2025 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)

☐ 15/16   ☐ 16/17   ☐ 17/18   ☐ 18/19   ☐ 19/20   ☐ 20/21   ☐ 21/22   ☐ 22/23   ☐ 23/24

In the academic year 2024/2025 I will be (check appropriate)

☐ Sophomore   ☐ Junior   ☐ Senior

GPA (75 points)

My cumulative GPA after Spring (20235) is _____ .
Note: The minimum required GPA is 3.0

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In the total score, each category is worth 1,67 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 2023/2024 (check all that apply).

- ☐ Peer Mentoring
- ☐ Community Service day
- ☐ 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 Volunteering in recruitment fairs and school visits, participating in Marketing & Communication activities (events, interviews, media articles) 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 detailsof your involvement

Please specify:

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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, so no references or citations are necessary.

A word about AI: Keep in mind that AI generated text is usually technically correct, but boring, and often very cliche. That is not what we are looking for in these essays. The faculty members evaluating your essay want to see you as a person: your unique ideas, point of view and writing style. Essays generated by AI tend to all sound about the same. So, using AI to create your text will not give you an advantage. You should, however, use online tools to carefully check grammar, spelling and word choice after you have finished drafting.

In order to do well on this essay, you should:

- take some time to carefully select the topic that is most interesting to you,
- understand the topic and stick to it,
  take time to plan your essay, using real details and 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.

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.

2024 Topics (choose one)

1. Generative AI: How do you use it in your daily life, and for what purposes? What do you think it does well? What, in your experience, is Gen AI not very good at? Using examples and details from your personal experience, explain how you create your prompts and what do you do with the output that AI gives you.

2. Generation Z: Misunderstood? You are a member of Generation Z, born between 1997 and 2012. A lot of media attention has been paid to describing the characteristics and preferences of this generation. What kind of image do you think your generation has? Do you find generalizations about your generation unfair, or do they have some basis in truth? What would you want older generations to understand better about Gen Z? Use specific examples and details from your experience in your answer.

3. Most of us spend several hours each day consuming online content. Which YouTube channels, podcasts or online influencers do you follow or subscribe to, and why? What kind of online content do you seek out in your free time? Is there any type of content or behavior that annoys you in this online world?

4. Cash vs. electronic payments. Many experts predict that we are moving towards a cashless society in the near future. What is your experience and opinion on the use of, and possible disappearance of cash currency? Do you have any concerns regarding privacy, security, or convenience? What would you suggest that governments and consumers do in this regard?

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Application Review Process

A Scholarship Committee consisting of a number of faculty and staff members reviews all applications and ranks students based ona 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 1,67 points for each volunteering activity used: For example if someone volunteers on CED activity then their GPA is 73,33 points, volunteer work 1,67 points and essay 25 points.

Each component carries points that are allocated by the Committee. Points for GPA and volunteer work are derived from a straightformula 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 youhave any questions about the scholarship awards or the process itself, please feel free to contact Finances.
Only complete applications will be considered.

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Distribution Ratios

RIT Croatia Scholarships will be awarded based on below distribution diagram. The distribution is based on enrollment 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 2023/2024					
		HTM	IB	IT	NMD
Sophomore status in 2024/2025		3	5	3	2
Junior status in 2024/2025		3	4	3	1
Senior status in 2024/2025		1	3	2	
TOTAL		7	12	8	3

Certification

I, _____ , hereby state that the information provided in this application and accompanying attachments are complete and accurate and I 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