

## **Questions and Answers for Prospective Rollins College Students**

### **Q. Who is eligible to apply for an ACS/Tuition Exchange (TE) award to attend Rollins College?**

A. You are eligible to apply for an ACS/TES award if you have a parent who is employed at a participating institution (referred to as the home institution) and the home institution certifies your eligibility for consideration. The Liaison Officer at the home institution must electronically submit the TE Certification form to Rollins College. To view a list of ACS institutions, please visit <http://colleges.org/colleges/> and for TE institutions, please visit [www.tuitionexchange.org](http://www.tuitionexchange.org).

### **Q. How is the award determined?**

A. Students must first be admitted to Rollins College. Recipients will then be selected based on a comprehensive review of their application for admission. Specifically, students who have distinguished themselves through outstanding performance in a rigorous high school curriculum and demonstrated leadership in their schools and communities will be the most competitive. Additional criteria, such as SAT or ACT test scores, length of service of the parent at the participating institution, and other documents may also be considered.

### **Q. When should I apply for the ACS/TE award?**

A. Your admission application and ACS/TE certification are due by January 5, 2016. Applications and certifications will be accepted after this date and placed on a wait list. Students may be awarded off the wait list on a space available basis.

### **Q. Do I have to apply for financial aid in general in order to be considered for an ACS/TE award?**

A. No, however, we highly encourage every prospective student to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) for potential federal and state awards.

### **Q. When will I know if I am awarded an ACS/TE award?**

A. All notifications are mailed by the end of February. Students may be admitted to Rollins College without receiving an ACS/TE award. If additional awards become available, we will contact students on the ACS/TE wait list. Students admitted without an ACS/TE award may still qualify for a merit scholarship ranging from \$10,000 - \$30,000 annually.

### **Q. If I apply for Early Decision (ED) Admission and an ACS/TE award, will I have a better chance to be offered an ACS/TE award and find out sooner?**

A. No. ACS/TE notifications are sent by the end of February. Early Decision rounds have earlier deposit deadlines and are binding agreements by the student. Only apply Early Decision if your decision to attend Rollins College is not contingent upon receiving an ACS/TE award.

### **Q. What is the value of an ACS/TE award?**

A. ACS awards cover the cost of tuition. TE recipients will receive the “set rate” (\$34,000 award for the 2016-2017 academic year). Each year the TE Board of Directors establishes the minimum “set rate” value amount based on a weighted average of all participating TE school tuitions. This means that the set rate value can change annually. Typically, that means a modest increase in value. Since the “set rate” is less than the billed tuition and charges, the difference will be the

student's responsibility. ***Please note:*** There is typically a \$1,500 fee for ACS recipients and a \$35 fee for TE recipients billed by the home institution.

**Q. Are there any special, renewal conditions attached to an ACS or TE award?**

A. Recipients qualify for a maximum of eight (8) consecutive semesters. Students must meet Rollins College's standards of academic performance and must be certified eligible annually by his/her home institution. This award may also be used one time for a Rollins affiliated study abroad program. If an ACS or TE recipient is not in attendance at Rollins College for longer than one semester, the student will lose the award and will need to reapply and re-compete to receive any future funding.

**Q. Are transfer applicants or returning students eligible to apply for an ACS/TE award?**

A. No. ACS or TE awards are only available to first-year, first-time, full-time undergraduates.

**Q. Who administers Rollins College's ACS and TE program?**

A. Liaison Officer is located in the Admission Office and is responsible for the daily administration of the program.

**Q. Where can I get more information about ACS/TE?**

A. Contact the Liaison Officer at the home institution (where your parent is employed) or visit <http://colleges.org/programs/tuition-exchange-program/> (for ACS) or [www.tuitionexchange.org](http://www.tuitionexchange.org) (for TE).