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TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
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<u>2023–24 RAMP GRANT APPLICATION</u>

The RAMP Grant is an opportunity for eligible participants to supplement their Pell Grant. A limited number of grants are available. Depending on the number of submissions, it is possible that not all applicants will receive an award. To be eligible to apply, you must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- ❑ freshman or sophomore standing
- ❑ receiving a Pell Grant
- ❑ have an unmet financial need of at least $767*
- ❑ good academic standing (by the end of fall 2023 semester)
- ❑ enrolled full-time (12 units per semester)
- ❑ no INC/W/WU in any fall 2023 courses

Please verify that you meet all of the above criteria before you submit your application.

*If you have an unmet need of less than $767, you may be able to adjust your budget or reduce your loan to qualify. See a RAMP staff member for further information.

Carefully read the application instructions. There are several required activities and an essay prompt. **You cannot apply without completing all of the requirements.** You have until the deadline to complete the requirements. If you have any questions, email your RAMP Advisor.

NAME: _____

BRONCO ID#: _____ **EMAIL**: _____@cpp.edu

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

10 RAMP Tutorial Sessions *(enter date attended; your RAMP advisor will confirm your attendance)*
Unexcused absences or "no shows" for tutorial sessions will negatively affect your application score.

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10

4 RAMP Events *(enter date attended; your RAMP advisor will confirm your attendance)*
With the exception of peer mentoring, events take place during U-hour; please plan accordingly.

Professional Spotlight	Group Peer Mentoring Session
Oct 12 or Mar 21	Sign up with your tutor or email ramp@cpp.edu
First-Gen Crew Meeting (F), Workshop (F), or First-Generation College Student Panel (Sp)	**Financial Aid OR Financial Literacy Workshop**
Oct 17, Oct 31, Nov 7, Nov 21; Nov 6; Feb 27, Mar 5	Information on RAMP website under Events; see dates on the following pages

2 RAMP Advisor Meetings *(enter advisor name & date attended; your RAMP advisor will confirm)*

Fall 2023		Spring 2024	
Advisor:	Date:	Advisor:	Date:

ESSAY

Social media can be ubiquitous in our everyday lives. It can serve as a tool, resource, or method for staying connected. On the other hand, it can be a distraction or source of negativity. Describe your perspective on and experience with social media. Explain how social media impacts your life and the broader society, both positively and negatively. If you don't use social media, please share your reasons for not engaging in social media, what other tools or resources you use instead, and address the rest of the prompt.

Once you have drafted your essay, make an appointment with the Writing Center or EOP to have it reviewed. Be sure to get a stamp or signature as proof of attending the appointment and submit it with your application. Revise your essay based on the feedback you receive. Essays that demonstrate substantive revision beyond the first draft will receive higher scores. Your final essay needs to be approximately 300-500 words, double-spaced with one-inch margins and 12-point Times New Roman font.

Your essay will be scored based on the following criteria: 1) adequately addresses the prompt; 2) expresses ideas in a thoughtful, fully developed manner; 3) attended Writing Center or EOP tutoring and demonstrated effort in revision; and 4) followed the specified format.

In addition to your essay, your fall GPA and number of no shows from RAMP tutorial sessions will be factored into your final application score.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ❑ Grant application
    - o Fill out the application completely (including your name, Bronco ID#, and CPP email)
    - o Save and name the document the document using the following format: LastName _FirstName (example: Rumpak_Jane)
- ❑ 10 RAMP Tutorials
    - o RAMP tutorial appointments attended fall 23 and/or spring 24 prior to the application deadline including reading, graduate test prep, graduate school prep, and peer coaching
- ❑ 1 Professional Spotlight
    - o Fall event (10/12)
    - o Spring event (3/21)
- ❑ 1 Group Peer Mentoring Session
    - o Fall peer mentoring (weeks 9-12)
    - o Spring peer mentoring (weeks 8 or 9)
- ❑ 1 First-Gen Crew Meeting, Workshop, or Panel
    - o Fall First-Gen Crew meeting (10/17, 10/31, 11/7, or 11/21)
    - o Unwritten Rules: First-Gen's Guide to Success (11/6)
    - o First-Generation Undergraduate Student Panel (2/27)
    - o First-Generation Graduate Student Panel (3/5)
- ❑ 1 Financial Aid, Financial Literacy, or Academic Success Workshop
    - o Making the Most of the Career Fair (9/12)
    - o Planning for Your Success: Time Management Strategies (9/26)
    - o Exploring Scholarships (10/24)
    - o Writing Winning Scholarship Essays (10/26)
    - o Financial Aid Review & FAFSA Updates (2/13)
    - o Exploring Scholarships & Writing Winning Essays (2/22)

- o Applying to Graduate School 101 (3/7)
- o Understanding Your Credit Score (3/12)
- o Investing and Making Major Purchases (3/27)
- o Prepare Now for Your Future Career (4/25)
- o Bonus option: TRIO Day (Sat, 2/24)
- ❑ 2 Advisor Meetings
  - o Fall Advisor Meeting
  - o Spring Advisor Meeting (if you joined RAMP in spring, schedule two meetings in spring before the application deadline)
- ❑ Essay (put your name and BID on your draft and final essay)
  - o Address the prompt
  - o Well-developed essay
  - o Draft with WC or EOP feedback and proof of attendance/stamp
  - o Demonstrated effort in revising between initial draft and final essay
  - o Double-spaced
  - o 1-inch margins
  - o 12-point, Times New Roman font

Deadline to submit: Friday, March 29, 2024 by 4:00 pm

Submit your completed application, essay, and draft with Writing Center or EOP feedback/proof of attendance to ramp@cpp.edu.
You will receive an email acknowledging your submission.