

MAKE HOPE PERMANENT

A WIN for Students, RIC and Rhode Island

Students Win

AFFORDABILITY:

High-quality 4-year degree for <\$25K empowers students to enter the workforce sooner with less debt and greater financial stability.

PERSISTENCE:

Addresses the leading barrier to completion by eliminating cost pressures.

GRADUATION:

Hope eligibility provides academic and advising supports to all students, regardless of financial need.

“I worked really hard to meet the requirements for the scholarship, and it paid off!”

- BRIANNA C., MUSIC EDUCATION



RIC Wins

MOMENTUM:

Enrollment (+15%, or 1,000 students), retention (+2%)* and 4-year graduation (+8%)** have increased under Hope.¹

INVESTMENT:

Increased enrollment funds stronger advising, data-informed scheduling and expanded student supports, creating a cycle of achievement and support for student success.

BUDGET:

Increased enrollment is strengthening housing and dining budgets, fueling steady investment in the college, expanding campus services, and generating new jobs that boost Rhode Island's local economy.

“The Hope Scholarship makes RIC an easy pick from a financial standpoint.

- MIGUEL H., ECONOMICS AND GLOBAL STUDIES

R.I. Wins

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

Hope, combined with new, career-focused majors that respond to R.I.'s needs, allows RIC to send more graduates into the workforce sooner with less debt.

CAMPUS TO CAREER:

R.I. residents make up 89% of enrollees at RIC, with over 70% of alumni working or living in R.I. upon graduation.

COMPETITIVENESS:

As many states adopt free tuition programs, R.I. has the opportunity to help more students succeed and strengthen the workforce for the future.

“The scholarship has encouraged me to achieve my dream of becoming a doctor.

- ELLA L., BIOLOGY

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4-YEAR GRADUATION RATE:
77% HOPE SCHOLARS

(vs. 29% all students)
Based on Fall 2021 cohort



“The scholarship has motivated me to keep pushing forward, ensuring I don’t take this incredible opportunity for granted.”

- VICTORIA G., NURSING (CENTER)

Why Now?

- Increases in enrollment, retention and graduation.
- Interruption in Hope could slow or reverse that momentum.
- Without action, Fall 2026 cohort will be last to receive full benefits under current pilot.

When RIC students have Hope, Rhode Island **WINS!**

Enrollment growth since the enactment of the Hope Scholarship has generated \$16M in additional tuition – revenue that is reinvested in student supports and programs that expand access, strengthen the workforce and increase **long-term economic value for RI.**
