Providing Science, Math and IT Students with a Leadership Edge

Radford University is looking for talented students in Science, Math, and Information Technology who may need additional financial assistance to make their educational dreams a reality.

The Bridges and Pipelines scholarships combine courses with leadership training to give graduating students an edge in an in-demand job market.

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Radford University will award approximately 20 scholarships per year, averaging $3,000 each, which are renewable through 2012–2013. Scholarship students receive individual attention from project staff with advising, academic support, social support and career counseling. Scholarship students will participate in Radford University’s Leadership Program, in which they will:

- Take the Emerging Leadership (LEAD110) course, as well as three other leadership-related courses within the College of Science and Technology (CSAT).
- Participate in one intensive experiential learning event, such as an internship.

In addition, scholarship students will:

- Take Counselor Education 260, a two-credit seminar in career development.
- Participate in the college’s CSAT Club, including field trips and attending talks.
- Live together in a honors wing of Stuart Hall, if living on-campus.

Several scholarships are set aside for students who have participated in related pre-college partner programs, including:

- RU’s Summer Bridge Program
- Project Discovery
- Appalachian Arts and Studies in the Schools (AASIS)
- 4-H Organizations in Southwest Virginia
- New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Board Youth Council

To apply, students must:

- Have a 2.5 GPA from high school.
- Major in biology, chemistry, computer science and technology, geology, information science and systems, math, physics, geography or anthropology.
- Complete the Bridges and Pipelines application, available at www.radford.edu/sstem.
- Apply and qualify for need-based support per federal requirements (FAFSA); you are strongly encouraged to apply by the priority deadline of March 1.
- Apply and be accepted to Radford University.

To maintain the scholarship, students must meet all eligibility requirements, including:

- Maintain a 2.5 GPA and make adequate progress in a major listed above.
- Make progress towards earning a leadership certificate (see previous column).
- Participate in events and presentations organized by the CSAT Club.

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