Rensselaer considers any student with 12 or more transferable college credits completed after high school as a transfer student. Transfer students should apply via the Common Application or the Universal College Application. Transfer applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

TRANSFER FINANCIAL AID
Rensselaer offers transfer students a wide range of aid options and a staff of financial aid professionals who will work to devise the best solutions. To be considered for all available financial aid opportunities, accepted transfer students are expected to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS Profile.

CSS College Code: 2757
FAFSA College Code: 002803

TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS
In an effort to distribute funds equitably, it is Rensselaer’s policy not to combine multiple merit scholarships in any one financial aid award. Rensselaer will award the highest merit award for which the student is qualified (benefits may not exceed tuition). Students who receive the Rensselaer Mathematics and Science Award (the Rensselaer Medal) in high school or who have already earned a bachelor’s degree are not eligible for these scholarships. Special merit scholarships will be incorporated into need-based packages if financial need is demonstrated by the FAFSA and CSS Profile applications.

Unless otherwise noted, all the scholarships below provide a minimum of $18,000 per academic year and are renewable. Generally, the maximum number of semesters a student may receive the award is dependent on the individual’s credits that transfer. For example, a student who would be transferring as a junior would receive four semesters of eligibility, six if participating in our co-terminal program.

Affiliated Two-Year and Community Colleges

The Award for Excellence
This scholarship is for the top student transferring into a non-engineering program from two-year affiliated colleges and universities.

The Joseph H. Smith Jr. ’45 Award
This award was created for the most outstanding student in the engineering science program at our affiliated community colleges. Generally, the award is presented to the qualifying student with the highest cumulative average.

Four-Year Affiliated Colleges and Universities

The Award for Excellence
Awarded to the top student transferring to our engineering program from each of our four-year affiliated colleges and universities.

Two- and Four-Year Affiliated Colleges and Universities

The Garnet D. Baltimore Rensselaer Award and Scholarship for Minority Students
This annual scholarship is awarded to the qualifying African American, Hispanic, or Native American student with the highest combined average in mathematics and science at each of our two- and four-year affiliated colleges.

Phi Theta Kappa Society Scholarship
Phi Theta Kappa recognizes intellectual achievement in American two-year colleges. All Phi Theta Kappa Society transfer students who are accepted and subsequently enroll at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will receive the $5,000 annual scholarship.