

# Richard and Virginia Hunsaker Scholars

The Richard and Virginia Hunsaker Scholarship Prize is awarded to approximately eight incoming freshmen annually. This scholarship program is for exceptional applicants who exhibit outstanding academic achievement, leadership and contributions to their schools and communities.

The Richard and Virginia Hunsaker Scholarship Prize was established by alumni, Richard and Virginia Hunsaker, both members of the Class of 1952. This incredible couple has been instrumental in the progress of the University both as an institution and as a community. Their support over the last 60 years has made possible the Hunsaker Student Center, four endowed chairs and the Richard and Virginia Hunsaker Scholarship.

The Prize is the most prestigious scholarship available for incoming freshmen students. Qualities emphasized in the selection process include a student's ability to effectively communicate how he/she has: made a difference in the community; taken initiative and shown commitment to an issue or organization(s); successfully collaborated with others; reflected upon and grown from past experiences; and applied experiences in one arena to another context.

Approximately forty finalists who have the ability to positively affect the academic and extracurricular experience at Redlands are chosen by the Admissions Committee and brought to Redlands for an all-expenses-paid campus visit over Admitted Students Day weekend. On Saturday, finalists sit for an interview with the selection committee composed of university faculty and alumni who have reviewed the finalists' applications.

Students selected as Hunsaker Scholars receive scholarship awards ranging from \$4,000 to total cost, based upon demonstrated financial need, as determined by the University of Redlands Office of Student Financial Services, using data from the FAFSA. Finalists who interview for the scholarship will receive an additional \$1,000 scholarship. Students who are selected as Hunsaker Scholars but do not demonstrate financial need receive a \$4,000 scholarship in addition to any Redlands Achievement Scholarship she/he may have already received.

During their sophomore year, Hunsaker Scholars will have the opportunity to participate in an expenses-paid networking trip to a major metropolitan city where they'll meet with alumni leaders in a variety of fields.