**REND LAKE COLLEGE**

**TRIO – STARS PROGRAM**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

1. **How do I apply for the STARS program?**
   1. Complete the STARS application
   2. Return the completed application by:
      1. Stop by the STARS department in the South Oasis
      2. Give to an instructor
      3. Mailing the application
2. **What are the requirements to be eligible for the STARS program?**
   1. First generation student (You (the student) cannot have a degree and neither parent can have a Bachelor’s degree or higher)
   2. Income eligible (income eligibility based on criteria indicated on the STARS application and/or information reported on the FAFSA)
   3. Documented Disability (Documentation must be on file with Disability Services)
3. **How do I know if I qualify?**
   1. Once we receive the completed application, the STARS staff will review it to see if the student meets the eligibility requirements. Selected students will then be contacted via letter and email notifying them of tentative acceptance into the program. At that point, it is the students responsibility to schedule an appointment to complete the acceptance process where more information is provided about the program.
4. **What services does the program offer?**
   1. Priority registration
   2. Transfer assistance
   3. One-on-one tutoring
   4. Early alerts and midterm grade checks
   5. Campus visits to 4-year universities
   6. Cultural enrichment events (Fox Theater, St Louis Symphony Orchestra, etc)
   7. Workshops
5. **What are the benefits of being in the program?**
   1. Meet new people
   2. New experiences
   3. Expenses paid on trips
6. **How do I contact the STARS program?**
7. Preferred Email: STARS Advisor: Amy Cook – cooka@rlc.edu

STARS Advisor: Dara Whaley – whaleyd@rlc.edu

1. Visit Us: South Oasis rooms 110, 111, 112, 113
2. Mail: Rend Lake College

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