

Rapid Van Subsidy Program

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Aquinas College now subsidizes the use of Rapid Van Pools by staff and faculty commuting to work, or students travelling to school! The Rapid provides vans to Vanpooling groups on a month to month basis, for a small fee. Approximately 20 Rapid vans travel from Lansing, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, and other communities within 60 miles of Grand Rapids. Individuals meet at a Park and Ride lot, and share driving responsibilities on the van.

The Rapid Van monthly fee (without the subsidy) is approximately \$83-\$100, depending on the number of van riders. This covers all costs to ride the van, including maintenance, 24-hour emergency roadside service, carwashes, and fuel. All staff, faculty, and students of Aquinas College who regularly use a Rapid Van Pool may seek reimbursement up to \$22 per month.



Steps to Utilize the Rapid Van Subsidy Program

1. Contact the Rapid at (616) 774-1188 to find an existing Vanpooling group in your area or to register your own group. According to the Rapid, groups must contain at least 4 passengers.
2. Review Rapid Van Pool policies at <http://wmrideshare.org/vanpooling>
3. Complete the application process and other procedures required by the Rapid.
4. Inform Jessica Eimer (eimerjes@aquinas.edu or x1994) of program enrollment.
5. Start VanPooling and saving money!
6. The Rapid requires monthly payment to be made in advance and will provide program participants with an invoice. After payment has been made, please retain a copy of the invoice.
7. Submit a check request and a copy of the Rapid invoice to Jessica Eimer at eimerjes@aquinas.edu. Regular VanPool participants are eligible to obtain reimbursement of up to \$22.00 of monthly VanPool costs.
8. Reimbursements will be mailed to the address on your check request within approximately one week.

Important Notes:

- All reimbursement claims must be submitted within one month of payment to the Rapid.
- The program is retroactive to November 1st, 2009.
- Terms of the van subsidy program are subject to change.

Questions?

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