

FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



**Foundation Criteria and
Eligibility Requirements**


**HUDSON
COUNTY**
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
a world of possibilities



ABOUT HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Hudson County Community College Foundation has been operating since 1997. The Foundation works to develop income for needs-based and merit scholarships and to provide seed money for new and innovative student programs at HCCC. New students entering HCCC or currently enrolled students with GPA's of 2.0 to 4.0 are eligible for scholarships. ESL & Academic Foundations students are eligible for scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Hudson County Community College Foundation offers a variety of scholarships to qualified applicants. Students may receive one Foundation Scholarship in a given semester. Scholarships must be used in the academic year for which they are awarded. Students receiving scholarships must be enrolled in a degree-seeking matriculated program. Students may reapply for scholarships each spring.

ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

Students must file their financial aid form early (at least three months prior to registration) to ensure a timely response from both the federal and state agencies. HCCC cannot guarantee such a response to a student's application after that time.

A student who is eligible to receive Financial Aid must mail or bring their Student Aid Report (SAR) to the Financial Aid Office so that their award(s) can be credited to their student account.

Students may apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or pick up an application at the Financial Aid Office located at 70 Sip Avenue on the 2nd floor. Students should be advised that they will receive a faster response when applying online. HCCC code is 012954.

HCCC participates in other student scholarships such as the Hudson County Government Scholarship Program. Check with your Advisor for further information.

Return completed application with any necessary supporting information to:

**Enrollment Services
70 Sip Avenue, 1st Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07306**

**North Hudson Higher Education Center
Enrollment Center
4800 Kennedy Boulevard
Union City, NJ 07087**

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CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Information provided must be accurate to the best of your knowledge. Supplying false information will make application null and void. Hudson County Community College may share any information on this scholarship application form with the donors of the scholarship. If you receive a scholarship, you agree to 1) provide a "thank you" letter to the donor, 2) complete a Personal Biography and 3) attend the Donor Scholarship Reception Ceremony. If you fail to meet these obligations, you may forfeit your scholarship.

All applicants must submit a financial aid application for the purpose of determination of financial need. Regardless of your eligibility for Financial Aid, you cannot be considered for a scholarship unless your financial aid application process has been completed and is on record with the Financial Aid Office.

• **Application deadline is June 1st.**

- Scholarships are available for students who are enrolled in the current academic year.
- Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. and reside in the Hudson County area.
- Applicants may not receive more than one HCCC scholarship at a time.
- Applicants may receive scholarships in subsequent years. Applicants may not receive a HCCC scholarship for more than three years.
- A completed application includes a completed HCCC Scholarship form and an essay written by the student.
- **ALL APPLICANTS** must submit a financial aid form (FAFSA) by May 1st for the upcoming academic year to the Financial Aid Office. Applicants must submit the form and supporting material whether or not they believe they are eligible for financial aid. This information is necessary for determining financial need.
- Scholarships will be disbursed at the rate of 50% for the Fall and Spring semesters only. Scholarships will be awarded pending verification of status. Students not returning for the subsequent semester shall forfeit their award.
- Scholarships will not be disbursed that extend a student's total budget as determined by the Director of Financial Aid. Amounts that exceed the student's budget will be forfeited.
- Scholarships may not be applied towards outstanding balances from prior semesters.
- Scholarships are for tuition and fee purposes only. Books are not included.
- Award notification will be completed on or before August 15th.
- Scholarships awarded to students will be publicized by the College and/or the HCCC Foundation.

Applications must be complete to be considered for the scholarships.

- 1- Completed & signed Application
- 2- Completed Essay
- 3- Completed FAFSA

Incomplete application packets will not be processed, and applicants with incomplete packets will not be notified and asked to submit missing information. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure all required information and documents are submitted.

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For scholarship eligibility, applicants must complete the following: (Please print or type)

STUDENT NAME, LAST: _____ FIRST: _____

STUDENT ID: _____ FEMALE: MALE:

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) ____-____ CELL: (____) ____-____ E-MAIL: _____

GPA: _____ MAJOR: _____ CAREER FIELD: _____

OF CREDITS ENROLLED THIS SEMESTER (please circle) 3 6 9 12 Other _____

Have you applied for Financial Aid for the current Academic Year? Yes No

I will be a: full-time student or part-time student for the fall term

Did you receive a scholarship from the HCCC Foundation in the past? Yes No

New Student Yes No

Current Hudson County Community College Student:

Degree: _____ Program Name: _____

Degree Undecided: _____ GPA: _____ Number of Credits Completed: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____
(month/year)

Check one: US Citizen Permanent Resident (copy of green card must be submitted)

As some of our Scholarships are sexually orientation based, if you would care to divulge your orientation for Scholarship consideration, please check here.

ESSAY REQUIREMENT

Students applying for a scholarship are required to prepare a 500-word essay, typed and double-spaced. The essay should describe their career goals, reasons for attending college, why they should be considered as a candidate for the scholarship and how the scholarship will benefit them. Any college, community and/or civic activities should be included as well. Essay must be written by student.

RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION:

I am an employee of HCCC or a relative of a HCCC employee

In the event that I am awarded a scholarship through the HCCC Foundation:

I consent to release this information and information related to my academic performance to the donor of the scholarship and the media.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

MAIL or APPLY IN PERSON TO:

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