Honors Program
Maricopa Community College District
2015-2016 Presidents' Honors Scholarship for 2015 High School Graduates

Application Check List for Phoenix College

1. Review the eligibility requirements of the Presidents’ Honors Scholarship Agreement (page 2 of the application form).

Please Note: State law now requires that a person who is not a citizen or legal resident of the United States or who is without lawful immigration status is not entitled to classification as an in-state student pursuant to A.R.S. Section 15-1802 or entitled to classification as a county resident pursuant to A.R.S. Section 15-1802.01.

According to state law, a person who is not a citizen of the United States, who is without lawful immigration status, and who is enrolled at any community college under the jurisdiction of an Arizona community college district is not entitled to tuition waivers, fee waivers, grants, scholarship assistance, financial aid, tuition assistance or any other type of financial assistance that is subsidized or paid in whole or in part with state monies.

2. Complete and submit the following documents to the Phoenix College Honors Program:

___ A signed Maricopa Community Colleges 2015-2016 Presidents’ Honors Scholarship Agreement, with Phoenix College indicated as the college you are planning to attend.
___ An official high school transcript showing your qualifying top 20% ranking and/or your qualifying MCCD placement test scores in writing, reading, and mathematics.
___ A personal statement of 100-250 words explaining why you would like to join the Honors Program. Include your educational and career goals and how program membership will affect them.
___ A copy of one of the following documents:
   * An Arizona driver license issued after 1996 or an Arizona non-operating identification license.
   * A birth certificate issued in any state, territory, or possession of the United States.
   * Other evidence of legal presence in the United States per MCCD Admissions & Records policy for acceptable documents.

3. Upon graduation from high school, an official final semester high school transcript impressed and sealed by the high school showing your graduation date, class rank, and final cumulative grade point average must be mailed directly to the Phoenix College Honors Program.

A scholarship cannot be awarded until your final transcript has been received by the Honors Program.

4. Contact the Phoenix College Honors Program to enroll in classes. Each semester, scholarship-eligible students need to enroll in and complete at least 12 graded credits, including an Honors class of three or more credits, and attend two co-curricular activities. In addition, first-semester Presidents’ Honors Scholars will participate in a new Honors student orientation and in the PC Honors Program’s cornerstone course, HUM190 Honors Forum, which focuses on the 5 Honors Objectives while exploring a nationally recognized theme (Frontiers and the Spirit of Exploration for Fall 2015) and college success strategies.

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Application DEADLINE at Phoenix College:
July 24, 2015, for the Fall 2015 semester and December 4, 2015, for the Spring 2016 semester.

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Complete and submit the 2015-2016 Presidents’ Honors Scholarship application to your college Honors Office.

Name ________________________________
(Last) __________________ (First) ________ (Middle Initial) __________

Address ________________________________ Apt. # __________

City __________________ State __________ Zip __________

Home Phone (______) __________________ Cell Phone (______) __________

Email __________________

Date of birth: __________________ MCCCD Student ID# __________________

Name of current high school attending/attended: __________________

Maricopa Community College you are planning to attend (circle one please):

Chandler-Gilbert   Estrella Mountain    GateWay    Glendale    Mesa
Paradise Valley    Phoenix             Rio Salado  Scottsdale    South Mountain

Only those with a lawful presence in the US may qualify for MCCCD scholarships or federal financial aid. Any information you provide about your legal status when you apply for financial aid or scholarships may be subject to mandatory reporting to federal immigration authorities under Arizona law. Dependents of MCCCD employees should inquire about relationship between scholarship and employee benefits.

By signing this application, I swear under penalty of perjury that the document(s) that I have submitted to demonstrate lawful presence in the United States are true.

I have read the Presidents’ Honors Scholarship Agreement (page 2) and made a copy for my personal files. I understand that failure to comply with these requirements will result in the loss of my scholarship, which cannot be reinstated.

I certify that I have not attended another high school or higher educational institution.

________________________________________________________________________
Student Signature ______________________ Date __________________

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Application received on _____/_____/____ Transcript included? Yes No
Student in the top twenty (20%) percent? Yes No
Final cumulative high school grade point average: _______ Assessment scores: _______ English _______ Mathematics _______ Reading or exempt
Application approved? Yes No Signed MCCCD Presidents’ Honors Scholarship Agreement? Yes No
Honors Program Assistant initials & date
The Presidents’ Honors Scholarship covers in-state/in-county tuition up to 15 credit hours (plus the $15 registration fee) per semester, but does not apply to summer sessions. To be eligible, students must enroll at the Maricopa Community College of your choice in the academic year (two academic semesters) following high school requirements without having attended another accredited college or university before enrolling in a Maricopa Community College (summer session excluded).

Eligibility Requirements: Students submitting the Presidents' Honors Scholarship application must be able to show legal presence in the United States and fall under one of the following pathways to be eligible for the scholarship:

1. Verified rank in the top 20 percent of an NCA-accredited Maricopa County high school class in the sixth, seventh, or eighth semester AND at the time of application, have either tested into at least ENG 101 (with a minimum Write Placer score of 5 or higher), MAT 120, and CRE 101, or have successfully completed, at a MCCCD college, the requisite coursework to be prepared for placement in ENG 101, MAT 120, and CRE 101.

OR

2. Completion of a secondary education program in a Maricopa County high school class in the sixth, seventh, or eighth semester with a final cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher AND the following scores on the Maricopa Community College placement tests:
   - English: WritePlacer score of 6 or higher;
   - Reading: Exemption from CRE101;
   - Math: Placement in MAT120 or higher.

OR

3. Home schooled student, as a Maricopa County resident, with verification from parents AND placement test scores as noted in #2 above.

OR

4. General Educational Development (GED) certificate completed, as a Maricopa County resident, AND placement test scores as noted in #2 above.

OR

5. Grand Canyon Diploma recipient, as a Maricopa County resident, AND placement test scores as noted in #2 above.

Required Application Materials:
- A signed MCCCD Presidents’ Honors Scholarship Agreement.
- An official final semester high school transcript must be sent via U.S. mail to the college Honors Program at the Maricopa Community College that you plan to attend. It must be impressed and sealed by the high school and show your graduation date, class rank, and final cumulative grade point average. Please inquire with the college Honors office for home school high school transcript guidelines.
- Your scholarship cannot be awarded until your final transcript has been received.

Renewal and Retention: For the Presidents' Honors Scholarship to be renewed each semester (up to four consecutive semesters), the student must meet ALL of the following requirements:
- Maintain continuous enrollment as a full-time student for the four consecutive semesters.
- Complete at least 24 letter-graded credits at the 100 level or above (Pass/Fail excluded) each academic year. (A degree specific, required pass/fail courses may be within retention guidelines; must be verified with Honors Program).
- Enroll in and complete at least 12, letter-graded, credits each fall and spring semester.
- Enroll in and complete, with a grade of “C” or higher, at least 3 credits of Honors coursework/contract each semester.
- Maintain an MCCCD cumulative grade-point-average of 3.25 or higher.
- Complete required co-curricular activities as defined by the college Honors Program.
- Attend mandatory Honors Orientation at the beginning of the first semester.

Probation and Termination: A Presidents’ Honors Scholar whose cumulative Maricopa GPA, including ALL credits, falls below 3.25 but above 3.0 at the end of the first semester will be placed on probation. The student must raise the cumulative Maricopa GPA to 3.25 prior to beginning the third semester.

Students will not be eligible for renewal of the scholarship if their cumulative Maricopa GPA, including ALL credits, is below 3.0 at the end of the first semester, they fail to complete their Honors coursework or a sufficient number of credit hours, do not complete the minimum number of required co-curricular activities, or maintain a cumulative GPA above 3.25 after the first semester. Honors Program students should not withdraw from courses or alter class schedules without first consulting the Honors Program. Refund, drop/add, and withdrawal policies, dates, and deadlines apply to all Honors Program students.

Graduation: To graduate as an Honors Program Graduate, a student must be eligible to graduate from the college and meet the additional requirements that include a 3.5 MCCCD cumulative grade point average, completion of 15 credit hours in Honors coursework, and co-curricular activities as defined by the college.

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