

HCC ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
For Winter 2010 Tuition Waivers – Due Thursday, November 12th, 2009 (Bldg 6)

To acknowledge outstanding academic achievement; to promote continued excellence in future education.

AMOUNT: Fifteen applicants will receive a 15-credit tuition waiver for Winter Quarter 2010.

WHO MAY APPLY:

- ◆ Students who will be **attending full-time** (taking at least 12 credits) at Highline Community College in the Winter of 2010, and who have a minimum high school or college GPA of **3.5** or better.
- ◆ Previous recipients may apply. (No student may receive more than two overall, however.) Greater consideration will be given to new applicants.
- ◆ **Running Start students, non-resident students, and international students are not eligible.**

SELECTION PROCESS:

- ◆ Selection will be based upon your essay, letters of recommendation, cumulative grade point, etc. (see below)
- ◆ Winning applicants will be notified of their status by email or phone by Wednesday, November 25th.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- ◆ Submit the following:
 - A. This **form**, filled in with your information.
 - B. Separate pages with answers to the following. These should be typed and double-spaced. Make sure your name is on each page submitted.
 - Part I—Describe, in a hundred words or less, your **educational goal(s)** here at Highline and in the years beyond.
 - Part II—List **honors, scholarships, and awards** given for academic and technical accomplishments. Please select and list only what you consider to be your top five awards, beginning with the most important.
 - Part III—Describe in an essay one specific **educational experience** (a class, an assignment, an interaction with an administrator, instructor or staff person) which truly transformed the way you thought about learning, and possibly about your own future. Essay should not exceed one page in length; if it does, your application will not be judged.
 - C. A copy of your **transcript**, reflecting grades from your most recent school experience. Unofficial is acceptable. Please include transcript from previous college/university if applicable. (Be sure your cumulative GPA is displayed on your HCC transcript; check to be sure your cumulative grade info has not been cut off at the sides or bottom of the page, if you print out an unofficial copy.)
 - D. **Two letters of recommendation**. (Recommenders may address their comments to “HCC Scholarship Committee, c/o Laura Manning.”) Please do not submit the letters of recommendation separately; collect them to turn in with your application packet. Remember, this is an “academic achievement scholarship;” therefore, recommendations should emphasize your successes as a student.
- ◆ *No late or incomplete applications will be considered. Essays that exceed page/word limit will not be considered. Transcripts that do not show a cumulative GPA will not be considered.*

LIMITATIONS:

- ◆ Students receiving other need-based financial aid in the form of tuition waivers will not benefit by receiving a Highline Academic Achievement Scholarship. When other state or federal financial aid is involved, the addition of a Highline Scholarship might result in an over-award. If so, the need-based financial aid would be reduced.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Student Number: _____

Address: _____

If you have won an HCC Academic Achievement Scholarship before, how many times? _____

****** Turn in completed applications to the Student Development Center, Building 6, 2nd floor. ******

Questions? Contact: Laura Manning, HCC, (206) 878-3710, ext. 6037, lmanning@highline.edu

QUARTER AWARDED	APPLICATION DUE DATE***
Winter 2010	Thursday, November 12th, 2009

*****Applications will not be accepted after 5 p.m. on the application due date.**

QUESTIONS TO COMPLETE WHEN ASKING LAURA FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Here are the questions I ask folks to respond to when asking me for a letter of support. The more intensely / passionately / articulately / completely / detailedly you answer these, the better the things I can say about you. (If you don't have much to say here, I won't have much to say there.) Give me concrete examples. Get back to me as soon as you can.

- When do you need this letter by? (lie to me and tell me you need it at least a week or so before you really do, okay?) ☺
- What is your story, in brief? (Where were you born, what have you struggled with to get where you are, etc.? If you have a personal statement or essay you're submitting with your application, give that to me as well.)
- When did I teach you, for what classes, and what grades did you earn? (What were your speech topics?)
- What projects that you did for me (and/or PTK) stand out in your memory -- why? what did you accomplish/learn?
- What is your overall GPA?
- What school(s) are you considering? Which school (or scholarship) is this letter for? Why are you looking at the universities you're considering?
- Why are you interested in the major you're thinking of pursuing?
- What have been one or two outstanding educational experiences you've had in college so far?
- Major academic strengths? Weaknesses?
- What do you hope to accomplish as you complete your degree -- (growth goals for yourself in school)?
- What do you see yourself doing with your life after college (with your degree -- and/or whatever)? (How might you change the world?)
- Finally, what are four words you would use to describe yourself (and that you might actually like to see appear on a recommendation form)?

Keep me posted on how we do with your application!

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