



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENTS' HONORS SCHOLARSHIP?

In order for a student to be eligible for the Presidents' Scholarship at Chandler-Gilbert Community College, the student must graduate from a North Central Association (NCA) accredited high school in Maricopa County. Those who graduate from NCA accredited high schools within Maricopa County must have a cumulative unweighted high school GPA of 3.25 or higher upon completion of their High School education. This also applies to students who complete secondary educational programs in Maricopa County not accredited by NCA (home school, charter, and private schools). The student will have a window of three semesters after High School graduation in which they will be eligible to apply and begin the Honors Program.

WHY JOIN CGCC'S HONORS PROGRAM AS A PRESIDENTS' HONORS SCHOLAR?

The Honors Program at Chandler-Gilbert Community College (CGCC) is an opportunity for academically motivated students to participate in challenging and rewarding educational experiences. The purpose of the Honors Program is to foster greater depth of thought in reading, writing, and discussion with faculty and guest lecturers that will better prepare Honors students to complete degrees and to begin their careers.

Honors students at Chandler-Gilbert Community College form a community of bright, energetic and caring students who are committed to their classes, to the Honors Program, and to the college.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE PRESIDENTS' HONORS SCHOLARSHIP?

The electronic online application for the Presidents' Scholarship can be found on the CGCC Honors website (www.cgc.edu/honors). Just click the "Application" tab to access the Presidents' Scholarship application. Fill out the application, attaching a copy of your High School transcript. There is no application fee or interview to apply to the Honors Program!

DOES THE PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP COVER BOOKS?

No. There is no book stipend built into the scholarship. The value of the Presidents' honors Scholarship is the in-county tuition for up to 15 credits plus the registration fee, although in order to receive the Scholarship the student is only required to take 12 graded credits per semester. If a student's total fees are less than the scholarship, the balance is cashed out to the student and may be used for any expenses or summer tuition costs. Books are required early in the

semester, but the funding comes to your account later in the semester. Do not depend on the cash refund for books.

HOW/WHEN DO I GET MY MONEY?

The money is received after our office verifies that all of your requirements are in place – complete application, eligibility, final high school transcripts received, enrollment in an Honors course, and attendance at Honors Orientation. Usually, Presidents' Honors Scholarships are funded by financial aid early in the semester as long as all requirements are met. If you have a remaining balance for fees, the Honors Program money will be applied toward that balance when it is authorized. If you have no balance, you will receive a refund.

CAN A STUDENT RECEIVE THE PRESIDENTS' HONORS SCHOLARSHIP AND THE HONORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AT THE SAME TIME?

No. After a Presidents' Honors Scholar completes his/her fourth semester successfully, he/she can thereafter receive the Honors Achievement Award, as long as she/he still maintains the eligibility requirements.

IF I AM RECEIVING THE PRESIDENTS' HONORS SCHOLARSHIP AND I NEED TO TAKE A SEMESTER OR TWO OFF, CAN I?

Presidents' Honors Scholars, who have been accepted to the Honors Program and are in good standing at a Maricopa Community College, may apply for the deferment of their Presidents' Honors Scholarship for the purpose of taking part in activities that would interrupt their required continuous enrollment at the Maricopa Community Colleges. A deferment may be granted for a maximum of two years.

MUST I NOTIFY THE HONORS PROGRAM IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

Yes. Notify the Honors Program immediately if you move, or change your phone number or e-mail address (even if you change your address during the summer months). You can email the Honors Program at: honors@cgc.edu or by calling 480.732.7252. The Honors Program cannot keep in touch with you if we don't know where you are.

CAN DUAL-ENROLLMENT CLASSES I TAKE IN HIGH SCHOOL AFFECT MY SCHOLARSHIP?

Yes. That Grade Point Average (GPA) will be calculated into your cumulative GPA each semester. If you fall between 3.0 and 3.24, you will be placed on Probation for one semester (this is the only semester a student may be placed on Probation). Unfortunately, if you fall below 3.0, you will lose your scholarship.

DO I HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE HONORS PROGRAM TO TAKE HONORS CLASSES?

Yes.

DO I HAVE TO TAKE AN HONORS CLASS EVERY SEMESTER?

Yes. Each semester that you participate in the Honors Program, you must take at least one 3 credit Honors course, and complete a project that includes research, writing, and a presentation.

I AM CURRENTLY AN HONORS STUDENT IN MY COLLEGE/HIGH SCHOOL. DOES THAT STATUS GUARANTEE ADMISSION INTO THE HONORS PROGRAM?

Not necessarily. See “Who is Eligible to Receive the Presidents’ Honors Scholarship” for requirements

ARE HONORS COURSES WEIGHTED?

No. Unlike high school, college courses (including Honors courses) are not weighted.

WHAT IF I DECIDE TO DISCONTINUE MY PARTICIPATION IN THE HONORS PROGRAM? DO I LOSE MY CREDITS?

No. If you should decide to leave the Honors Program you would not lose any of your credits earned while you were taking Honors courses. Those credits would still appear on your transcript and count as fulfilling General Education requirements. Before deciding to withdraw from the Honors Program, we ask you to talk to the Honors program director first because frequently a student has misinformation or a problem we can solve. We are here for you – so use us! Naturally, we hope that you will choose to stay. At the same time, you can become ineligible for the Honors Program if your grades fall below the required minimum GPA of 3.25 or fail to maintain full time status or fail to complete an honors contract/project on time according to program policies.

ARE OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE? Additional scholarships are available for eligible students who apply, such as: Chancellor’s scholarship (tuition for a full academic year plus a cash amount for books); Foundation (\$1,000; usually divided between 2 students); All AZ/USA Today and the ASU Transfer Achievement Award. For additional information regarding other scholarships, you should contact the Financial Aid Office.