

NAME: _____

HCC ID#: _____

2024-2025 ALFRED C. O'CONNELL HONORS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

January 26, 2024 – Deadline to submit Completed Application Packet to HCC Financial Aid Office

You can also [apply online!](#)

This scholarship is an award given to high school seniors to recognize their academic achievement. The scholarship covers **tuition and fees only**, up to and including **15 credits per semester**, for two academic years (**fall and spring semesters only**) of **Full-Time Study** at Harford Community College. The scholarship is competitive and the number of scholarships awarded each year is limited.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Complete Harford Community College Admissions Application: _____ (date submitted)

The following materials are to be emailed to scholarships@harford.edu by an authorized school official by **January 26, 2024**:

- Official** High School Transcript – **emailed to scholarships@harford.edu by authorized school official** or submit by mail in **Sealed School Envelope** – Home school students must include **Seal/Stamp** of parent school
- SAT** scores, **ACT** scores or **HCC Accuplacer Test** Scores **Only***

*** It is the Student's responsibility to request the Official high school transcript and test scores to be included in the application packet. HCC is not responsible for transcripts or scores received after deadline if submitted by mail.**

REQUIREMENTS:

1. You must be a Harford County resident.
2. Your cumulative high school grade point average must be at least **3.25 or higher** on a 4.0 **unweighted** scale. **Grade point averages are calculated through 11th grade only.**
3. You must apply to Harford Community College as a **full-time student** seeking a degree. If you are currently enrolled as a **Dually Enrolled** high school student at HCC, **you do not need to submit a new application for Fall 2024.** Please contact admissions if you have any questions, admissions@harford.edu.
4. You must have taken the **SAT** or **ACT** (within the past two years) and scored a minimum of **500** on the SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing portion and a minimum of **530** on the SAT math portion of the exam **OR 21** on the ACT Writing, Reading and Math **OR**

You must take the Accuplacer test proctored by the HCC Test Center. Information about the Accuplacer is on the attached. Test scores are required to apply for this scholarship even if the student does not need to test for college and career readiness.

Testing is available by appointment in-person on campus at the Maryland Hall Test Center. **Please schedule your test appointment ASAP.** Testing in early January will give you the most flexibility with appointment times and retest options. Schedule your appointment using this website:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/AccuplacerattheTestCenter@email.harford.edu/bookings/>

(Choose the option for On-site Accuplacer at the Test Center, complete the form, in Notes box type "O'Connell", click Book to reserve your time.) Email testcent@harford.edu or call 443-412-2352 if you have any questions about the Accuplacer test process. For best service, please indicate "**O'Connell testing**" in your correspondence. **You must score at college level (minimum 263 in Writing, Reading and Math) before**

February 2, 2024 to be eligible. Blackboard placement tests, PARCC and MCAP will NOT be considered for this requirement.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 26, 2024 - Application & all materials are due to the Financial Aid Office

February 2, 2024 - Last date to take Accuplacer Test, if necessary

February 17, 2024 - Essay writing date* (**February 24, 2024** - Snow date for essay writing)

*** If you are selected to participate in the essay writing portion of the scholarship competition and need disability-related accommodations, please contact the Office of Accessibility at 443-412-2402 at least 10 working days in advance.**

All qualified candidates must write a 400 – 500-word essay on a designated topic on **Saturday, February 17, 2024.**

You will be notified approximately 1 week prior **BY EMAIL** of your eligibility to participate in the essay writing based on an evaluation of your application package.

O'CONNELL SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS **

Each O'Connell Scholarship recipient must meet specific academic standards each semester for the scholarship to be renewed for the following semester. The academic standards are listed below.

1. **A minimum of 12 credits of 100 level and above college courses must be completed each semester. Only courses required for my degree program will be paid by the scholarship.** No credits by examination, transfer, or prior learning experiences may be used as part of the completion of the 12 credits.
2. **At the completion of the first semester**, each recipient must have a minimum cumulative GPA (grade point average) of **3.0**.
3. **At the completion of the second and third semesters**, each recipient must have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of **3.25**.
4. No "F" or "I" or "K" grades are permitted.
5. Continuous enrollment is required for this scholarship.

** Subject to change by HCC Academic Honors and Scholarship Committee.

Harford Community College actively encourages the enrollment of all interested students, and supports the employment of all qualified persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or any other characteristic protected by law or policies and practices of Harford Community College. Reasonable accommodations for a documented disability may be requested by calling the Office of Accessibility at 443-412-2402 in advance of your participation. A minimum notice of two weeks may be needed to provide some accommodations. Administrators, faculty and staff of HCC are committed to fully implementing enrollment and employment as required by specific acts of Congress and by federal and state regulations. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to the Office of Human Resources.

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HCC ID #: H00 _____

HCC Email Address: _____

PLEASE NOTE: ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE SENT THROUGH YOUR HCC EMAIL ADDRESS

Name: _____
Last First MI

Address: _____
Street Address

_____ *City State Zip*

Telephone Number: Home: _____ Cell: _____

High School: _____

Program of Study at HCC: _____

List below memberships and/or offices held in school and community programs. Include any awards or honors you have received.

	<u>Organization/Awards</u>	<u>Office Held</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

I understand the information accompanying this application is confidential and will be reviewed only by those Harford Community College officials involved in the selection process. I hereby waive the right of access to this information and also waive the right of access to my essay. By clicking below, I give my permission for the persons named as contacts for Letters of Recommendation to submit letters on my behalf.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return ALL materials to the HCC Financial Aid Office at
scholarships@harford.edu
by **January 26, 2024**.