

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

HOME SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

2025-2026

APPLICATION

1. Applications will be accepted from applicants who have graduated from a home school and are full-time students planning on earning an associate degree (transfer or career) or certificate in the following categories:

A. Graduated Home Schooled Students Planning to Attend HCC

\$500 scholarships (\$250 each semester) to incoming homeschooled graduates will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Currently Home Schooled
- Will graduate from a Home School by June 1
- Completion of HCC Placement Test
- Completion of application form
- Submission of Home School high school transcript indicating graduation date
- Submission of Essay (250-300 words)

B. Currently Enrolled in HCC-Home Schooled Students

\$500 scholarships (\$250 each semester) to currently enrolled homeschooled students will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Graduated from a Home School
- Currently Enrolled and Attending Highland Community College-*not as Dual Credit Student*
- Completion of HCC Placement Test
- Completion of application form
- Submission of official college transcript indicating minimum GPA of 3.0
- Submission of Essay (250-300 words)

2. The scholarship consists of a \$500 cash award for the student's freshman or sophomore year at Highland Community College. \$250 will be issued in the fall with the remaining \$250 issued in the spring **after confirmation of standards of academic progress**. In order to receive the second half of the award, students must be in good standing. Applicants may reapply for a second year's award, but no candidate will receive more than \$1000 during his/her tenure at Highland.

A written thank you letter to the donor will be required before award is applied to your account. Letters should be sent c/o HCC Foundation, 2998 W Pearl City Road, Freeport IL 61032 or emailed to foundation@highland.edu

FILING DEADLINE: April 1, 2025

Please print or type clearly. Use extra paper if necessary.

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Telephone#: _____

Your Home School (high school): _____

Year Graduated: _____ GPA: _____

College(s) Attended: _____

Major or Academic Emphasis: _____

Incoming Home Schooled Student _____ Currently Enrolled Home Schooled Student _____

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Attach to this application an essay of approximately 250-300 words in which you indicate your academic plans and how your education will contribute to your personal goals. Essays should be grammatically correct, typed or computer generated and double-spaced. An official copy of your most recent academic record (transcripts) from high school or college **MUST** be attached with your application.

I authorize Highland Community College to release my financial information and other academic records to the HCCF Scholarship review committee for purposes that may be used to determine eligibility for all scholarships.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

Return completed application package to: Highland Community College Foundation
2998 W. Pearl City Road
Freeport, Illinois 61032
815.599.3413