

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

**SENTRY INSURANCE FOUNDATION
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION SCHOLARSHIP**

2025-2026

APPLICATION

This scholarship consists of 2 - \$1,000 awards to be used for tuition or related expenses for a first-year, full-time student enrolling in a degree program at Highland Community College majoring in Business, Economics, Computer Science/IT, Mathematics, or Accounting. (The scholarship will be split with half of the award issued in the fall and the remaining portion issued in the spring after confirmation of standards of academic progress.) Students who have received this scholarship as freshmen are also **eligible to re-apply** for \$1,000 in their second year.

Criteria for selection:

- A. Preference to Student of Color historically underrepresented at HCC (e.g. Black, Hispanic, African American, Asian, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, etc.)
- B. Financial need is a consideration
- C. A minimum GPA of 2.5 based on a 4.0 grade scale.
- D. Preference to students from northwest Illinois.

This award is not given for academics or highest GPA but for general accomplishments, and determination and likeliness to succeed.

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: _____ Town & State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Your High School: _____

Year Graduated: _____ Received GED: _____

Are you employed? Yes _____ No _____ How many hours per week? _____

Employer: _____

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In a brief essay, tell us your story about your dreams and aspirations; how you hope to succeed and any financial hardships you may be challenged with. Also, please share your plans on attaining your educational and vocational goals and any barriers you have to overcome in the pathway to your success. (Attach additional paper if needed.)

Please staple an **UNOFFICIAL** copy of your most recent transcripts (college, high school, GED, etc.) to your application. Unofficial copies of Highland transcripts **MUST** be obtained/requested from the Admissions and Records Office; transcripts printed from ROAR will **NOT** be accepted.

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 to:

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
2998 W. PEARL CITY ROAD
FREEPORT, IL 61032
815.599.3413