



FAQs: Honors Achievement

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE HONORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD?

Students who have completed 12 credit hours (100 level or higher, letter grade) from Maricopa Community Colleges with a 3.25 or higher cumulative GPA.

WHY JOIN CGCC'S HONORS PROGRAM AS AN HONORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD STUDENT?

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.

WHAT IS AN HONORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND HOW DO I APPLY FOR ONE?

The Honors Program awards tuition waivers worth up to \$500 each fall and

spring semester to all eligible students. All applications received by the Honors Program by the due date (see application for current due dates) will be eligible. Not all applications received will be eligible.

Each semester, tuition waiver recipients must enroll in at least one Honors class (minimum of 3 credits, course must be 100-level or higher) and complete an Honors Project as outlined in your Honors Contract. Students receiving renewable waivers must also maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA and participate in at least one co-curricular Honors event during the semester and write a reflection on the experience. An application can be retrieved from this website: www.cgc.edu/honors or call our office at 480.732.7252.

HOW MUCH IS THE HONORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD?

The Honors Program Honors Achievement Award is a maximum of \$500 if a student takes 12 credit hours or more. Credits taken at another MCCC College count towards the total credits to be funded as long as they are 100-level or higher. Students who take less than 12 credits and are eligible for Awards, receive them according to this range:

- **12 or more graded credits, \$500 award**
- **9-11 graded credits, \$325 award**



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- **6-8 graded credits, \$244 award**
- **Honor Students completing fewer than 6 graded credits are not eligible for an award.**

HOW WHEN DO I GET MY MONEY?

The money is awarded after our office verifies that all of your semester requirements are completed – complete an Honors course and pass it with a C or better, completed Honors Contract turned in by the due date, and one co-curricular/experiential event and maintain a GPA of 3.25 or higher. Honors Achievement Awards are not funded until the end of the semester after the courses funded are completed. 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 be notified via your student center for refund options.

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

No. It is a separate track award. After successfully completing his/her fourth semester as a Presidents' Scholar, the student can thereafter receive the Honors Achievement Award, as long as she/he still maintains the eligibility requirements

and remains in good standing.

IF I AM RECEIVING THE HONORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND I NEED TO TAKE A SEMESTER OR TWO OFF, CAN I?

Yes, as long as you leave the Honors Program in good standing. Once you determine that you are ready to participate again, just notify the Honors Program.

MUST I NOTIFY THE HONORS PROGRAM IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Yes. Notify the Honors Program immediately if you move, or change your phone number or email address, (even if you change your address during the summer months). The Honors Program cannot keep in touch with you if we don't know where you are. Please keep your mailing address current in MyMaricopa. Students must also use the email address assigned by the college as their official Honors Email in the Honors Canvas Course (Required). Communication about program/announcements, etc. will be sent through email.

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



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Yes

DO I HAVE TO TAKE AN HONORS CLASS EVERY SEMESTER?

Yes. Each semester that you participate in the Honors Program and receive Program monies, you must take at least one 3 credit Honors course and three other credits and complete the contract/project on time.

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 “Honors Achievement Award” for requirements.

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 one of the coordinators first because frequently a student has misinformation or a problem we can solve. We are here for you – so let us help you! 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 complete an honors contract/project on time according to program policies.

WHAT IF I DROP CLASSES DURING THE SEMESTER?

Please talk to the Honors Faculty Director before dropping classes. If you have received funding for that semester, you will be required to pay back all or part of the award, depending on how many credits you drop. Please see the Honors Handbook for further detail.

**ARE OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Additional scholarships are available for eligible students, such as the following: Chancellor’s scholarship (tuition for a full academic year plus a cash amount for books); Foundation (\$1,000; usually divided between 2 students); and All



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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.

ARE HONORS COURSES WEIGHTED?

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