



All-USA Community College Academic Team Scholarship

Application

This application may be completed by any Lewis and Clark Community College student who is eligible (see below) to be nominated to compete for this scholarship at the national level.

Two students will be selected for nomination by Lewis and Clark Community College and will compete for this scholarship with other community college students at the national level. Twenty students from around the country will be selected to the national team. Each will receive a \$2,500 stipend, an obelisk trophy, and a medallion. These students will be featured in an April 2018 issue of the USA TODAY newspaper and presented at Phi Theta Kappa's Presidents Breakfast held during the Annual Convention of the American Association of Community Colleges Convention (AACC).

The top scoring student from each of the fifty states will be named a New Century Scholar and will receive a \$2,000 stipend. New Century Scholars will be presented at the AACC Convention. Fifty students will be named Gold Scholars, receiving \$1,500, fifty students will be named Silver Scholars, receiving \$1,250, and fifty students will be named Bronze Scholars, receiving \$1,000.

Nominees from LCCC will automatically be designated as ALL-Illinois Scholars and will be awarded a medallion at an annual banquet in April 2018 held in Springfield, IL, to honor all of the nominees from Illinois community colleges.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be nominated by his or her community college (institution limited to two nominees).
- Must be on track to earn an Associate or a Bachelor degree.
- Must have a cumulative college-level GPA of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale for all coursework completed in the last five years, regardless of the institution attended.
- Must have a minimum of 30 semester (or 45 quarter) college-level credits in the past five years. (Students are not required to graduate with an Associate degree prior to transferring to a four-year college or university.)
- Must have a minimum of 36 semester (or 48 quarter) college-level credits at the community college by **December 31, 2017**, and 48 semester (or 72 quarter) college-level credits by **August 31, 2018**. (Developmental and remedial courses are excluded from the credit count and the GPA.)
- Must be enrolled in a **minimum of 6 credit hours** at a community college through **December 2017**.
- Must not have been nominated previously for the All-USA Community College Academic Team.
- Must have a community college record free of: 1) suspension; 2) probation; or, 3) other serious disciplinary action.
- If student has a legal record: 1) record must be free of any criminal conduct; or, 2) if a convicted felon, must have completed all conditions of sentencing, including probation.

This nomination process is competitive. The Lewis and Clark Community College's Financial Aid Committee will judge all applications. Committee **will select two nominees to continue the competition process** at the national level. Lewis and Clark Community College **does not choose the recipients** of this scholarship.

If Selected:

- Selected nominees will be notified in late October or early November 2017.
- Selected nominees will be required to complete the formal online scholarship application.
- Selected nominees will be notified of the deadline for submission of the formal scholarship application, which will be in December 1, 2017.

Nominees:

- Nominees will automatically be designated ALL-Illinois Scholars and will be awarded a medallion and honored with other Illinois community college nominees at an annual banquet held in Springfield, IL, in April 2018.
- Nominees will be honored at the LC Honors Banquet at the College in April 2018.

Application Available:

Date: Monday, September 11, 2017
Time: 8:00 a.m.

Deadline:

Date: Friday, October 27, 2017
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Submit Application To:

Lewis and Clark Community College
Financial Aid Services
Baldwin Hall - Room 1450
5800 Godfrey Road
Godfrey, IL 62035

Questions:

Renée Bauer, Counselor
Student Development and Counseling Services
Caldwell Hall - Room 2320
5800 Godfrey Road
Godfrey, IL 62035
(618) 468-4125

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All-USA Community College Academic Team

Application

I. Personal Information:

Name _____ E-mail _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Student ID Number _____

Credits Earned _____ Quarter Hours? _____ Semester Hours? _____ PTK Member? _____

Current Semester Credit Load _____ Cumulative GPA (4.0 scale) _____

Expect to earn an associate degree of _____ in _____
(Month) (Year)

Course of Study _____ Career Goal _____

Will transfer to _____ Highest Degree Objective Bachelor / Master / Doctorate

2. Employment History: List up to six **paid** work positions you have held in the **last 5 years** and describe your responsibilities. Paid campus student- worker positions may be included. Avoid abbreviating employer names.

EMPLOYER	POSITION HELD/RESPONSIBILITES	DATES: From – To (mm/yy)	AVERAGE HOURS: (per/wk)

Use additional pages to complete the following sections 3 through 6: Answers to each section must be on a separate sheet of paper; one section per page. Number and label each section, and include your name. Use type no smaller than 10 point. Please use complete names rather than acronyms. Pay attention to length limits. Do not include any information that you would not want released publicly.

3. Honors and Awards (may not exceed more than one typed page): List **ALL** honors, scholarships and awards received for use at or for accomplishments while attending a community college, (exclude Dean's List and President's List for excellent GPA), with dates, and a brief description of why given. Give the scope of the award (school, state, regional, national), amount of scholarship and the total number awarded yearly, if known. Judges consider **ONLY** the first page.

4. Campus Involvement (may not exceed more than one typed page): Using numbers and bullets rather than paragraph form, list **ALL** community college organizations in which you have participated, with dates, leadership positions held, time spent (hours/week), plus specific activities or duties performed and scope or impact of your work. Judges consider **ONLY** the first page.

5. Community Activities (may not exceed more than one typed page): Using numbers and bullets rather than paragraph form, list **ALL** community activities in which you have participated since you have been enrolled in community college, with dates, leadership positions held, time spent (hours/week), plus specific activities or duties performed and scope or impact of your work. Do not include activities listed under campus involvement. Judges will consider **ONLY** the first page.

6. Essay Question (may not exceed two typed and double spaced pages): In 500 words or less, describe your most significant endeavor while attending community college in which you applied your academic or intellectual skills to benefit your school, community, or society. Judges will consider originality, initiative, and degree of difficulty of the endeavor, along with the results and benefit of the endeavor to society. **ONLY** two double-spaced typed pages will be considered. Please limit your answer to one specific endeavor.

7. Official Transcript: An official transcript issued to you from Enrollment Services must accompany this application form. Transcript(s) must include applicant's complete college record for all colleges or universities attended for at least the last five years. The applicant may explain special circumstances that have affected the transcript (withdrawals or a drop in grades, for example) in an addendum of 250 words or less, or a half typed page. Judges will deduct points for a large number of withdrawals or a drop in grades without adequate explanation.

8. Letters of Recommendation: Three signed letters of recommendation must accompany this application form by the scholarship application due date. The letters give the judges an expanded picture of the student's academic and leadership accomplishments and civic involvement. All letters must be typed on letterhead in type no smaller than 10 point, must not exceed 500 words, and must be signed.

Letter 1: Must be from a **past or current community college faculty member** who has taught the applicant. It should address the applicant's scholastic, analytical and intellectual capabilities and include specific examples of the applicant's academic achievements. It must contain the recommender's name and title; whether recommender is a current or former faculty member; phone number and e-mail; and length of time recommender has known the applicant.

Letter 2: Must be from a **current community college faculty member, administrator, or dean** and should give specific examples of how the student has demonstrated leadership abilities, service involvement, and impact outside the classroom. It must contain the recommender's name and title; whether a faculty member, administrator or dean; phone number and e-mail; and length of time recommender has known the applicant.

Letter 3: Must be from a **mentor or supervisor** and should focus on the merits and impact of the endeavor discussed in the applicant's essay. If the endeavor discussed in the essay is a group project, the mentor should discuss the role the student played in the project and its success. It must contain recommender's name and title; whether a mentor from campus, the community or a professional; phone number and e-mail; and length of time recommender has known the applicant.

9. Verification Signature. The information I have submitted is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the contents of this application are subject to verification. I acknowledge that if any of the contents of this form are untrue I could be disqualified even after notification of nomination or selection.

Name (Printed)

Signature

Date