



## 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.**

Four students (2 **transferring** to a bachelor's program and 2 entering the **workforce** immediately upon associate degree/certificate completion) will be selected for nomination by Lewis and Clark Community College (L&C) 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 \$5,000 scholarship, a commemorative medallion, and be presented at the annual President's Breakfast held during the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention.

The top scoring student from each of the fifty states will be named a "New Century Scholar" and will receive special recognition at the Association of Community College Trustees Congress and the American Association of Community Colleges Convention. Fifty students will be named "Gold Scholars" and will receive \$1,500. Fifty students will be named "Silver Scholars" and will receive \$1,250. Fifty students will be named "Bronze Scholars" and will receive \$1,000.

L&C nominees will automatically be designated as "ALL-Illinois Scholars." They will be awarded a medallion at an annual banquet held in Springfield, IL, in April, that honors all nominees from Illinois community colleges. Nominees will also be honored at an L&C Honors Banquet at the College in April.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be nominated by his or her community college (institution limited to four nominees).
- Must be on track to earn an associate or a bachelor's 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 36 semester (or 54 quarter) college-level credits at the community college by **December 31, 2021**, and 48 semester (or 72 quarter) college-level credits by **August 31, 2022**. (Developmental and remedial courses are excluded from the credit count and the GPA.)
- Must be enrolled through **December 2021** in a **minimum of 6 credit hours** of associate degree, college-level coursework at the time of application.
- Must not have been nominated previously for the All-USA Community College Academic Team.
- Must hold permanent or temporary residency in the United States or possess a visa considered appropriate by the college.
- Must not have a criminal record, or if a convicted felon, must have all conditions of sentencing, including parole/probation, completed.

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

**If selected, nominees will be:**

- Notified in late October 2021.
- Required to complete the formal online national scholarship application by November 19, 2021.

**Nominees will be:**

- Automatically 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 2022.
- Honored at the LC Honors Banquet at the College in April 2022.

**Application will be available online:**

**Date: Monday, August 30, 2021**

**Time: 8:00 a.m.**

**Application deadline:**

**Date: Friday, October 15, 2021**

**Time: 4:00 p.m.**

**Application is to be submitted to:**

Lewis and Clark Community College  
Financial Aid Office  
Baldwin Hall - Room 2450  
5800 Godfrey Road  
Godfrey, IL 62035

**If questions, contact:**

Caitlin Hinrichs  
Financial Aid  
Baldwin Hall – Room 2450  
5800 Godfrey Road  
Godfrey, IL 62035  
Phone: 618-468-5310  
Email: cahinrichs@lc.edu

Lewis and Clark Community College insures equal opportunities are offered in the admission, education, and employment of individuals regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, color, creed or religion, national origin, disability, age, marital status, military status, sexual orientation, and other protected categories. Any inquiries concerning the application of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination Act, and the Illinois Human Rights Act may be made to: Gary Ayres, Vice President of Administration and Community Services, Erickson Hall, Room 103, Lewis and Clark Community College, Godfrey, IL 62035 • 618-468-3000.

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## 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? Yes / No Semester Hours? Yes / No PTK Member? Yes / No

Current Fall Semester Credit Load \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Spring Semester Credit Load \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulated 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 Bachelors / Masters / 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)

**Directions:** 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 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 while attending 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 the scholarship, and the total number of that scholarship awarded yearly, if known. Judges will 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** college organizations in which you have participated. Include dates, leadership positions held, time spent (hours/week), specific activities or duties performed, and the scope or impact of your work. Judges will consider **ONLY** the first page.

**5. Community Activities (may not exceed more than one typed page):** Using numbers or bullets rather than paragraph form, list **ALL** community activities in which you have participated since you have been enrolled in college, with dates, leadership positions held, time spent (hours/week). Include 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 (may not exceed two typed and double-spaced pages):** In 500 words or less, describe your most significant endeavor since attending college in which you applied your academic or intellectual skills learned during your college experience to benefit the school, your community, or society.

The endeavor may be an accomplishment in your personal life, your engagement in student organizations, activities that exemplify initiative and leadership, research projects, creative performance, community service, and/or service learning.

Judges will consider originality, initiative, and degree of difficulty of an endeavor, along with the results and benefit of the endeavor to society. 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, (for example, withdrawals or a drop in grades), in an addendum of 250 words or less in 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 deadline. The letters give the judges an expanded picture of your 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 college faculty member** whose class you were enrolled. It should address the applicant's scholastic, analytical and intellectual capabilities and include specific examples of your academic achievements. It must contain the recommender's name and title; whether recommender is a current or former faculty member; phone number, e-mail; and length of time recommender has known the applicant.

**Letter 2:** Must be from a **current college faculty member, administrator, or dean** and should give specific examples of how you have demonstrated leadership abilities, service involvement, and your 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 you played in the project, and its success. It must contain recommender's name and title; whether a mentor is from the campus, the community, or a particular profession; 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.

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Name (Printed)

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Signature

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Date