

## HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES

The following policies have been established for administering Hinds Community College and Foundation scholarships. Specific scholarships may have additional requirements.

### Eligibility Criteria:

1. Have a high school diploma or GED®
2. Submit all admission documents to Hinds Community College
3. Be currently admitted to Hinds Community College
4. Must not have an unsatisfactory academic progress status

### Requirements for students to receive Hinds Community College and Foundation Scholarships:

1. Satisfy the requirements for the specific Hinds Community College scholarship.
2. Enroll in a minimum of 15 credit hours by the end of the drop/add period for the 16 week term. Please note: Scholarship funds for that semester and following semesters will be forfeited if students do not enroll in *and* have their presence recorded in 15 or more hours.

### Requirements for students to retain Hinds Community College and Foundation Scholarships:

1. Successfully complete 12 or more credit hours during the semester in which you are receiving the scholarship.
2. Students must maintain the cumulative grade point average required by the individual department.
3. Any student who does not complete at least 12 or more credit hours with the required cumulative grade point average will forfeit his/her scholarship for future semesters unless an appeal is filed with and approved by the appropriate person. (See list below). In these instances, students will not be required to pay back any tuition portion of their scholarship and no refunds will be issued to these students.
4. Scholarships can be awarded for no more than four semesters unless prior approval is granted. However, the amount, as well as the number of semesters a scholarship may be awarded, may vary and is determined by each department.
5. Students receiving scholarships must attend Hinds CC in consecutive fall/spring semesters. (Exceptions to this requirement: students participating in the Cooperative Job Program must get special permission from the District Scholarship Committee to continue their scholarship when they are working alternate semesters.)

### Awarding of Hinds Community College and Foundation Scholarships:

- Scholarship awards will be applied to the student's account, providing all admission requirements have been met and student does not have an unsatisfactory academic progress status.
- The appropriate award amount will begin transmitting to the eligible student's account 10 days prior to the first day of classes to pay tuition and fees, unless otherwise stipulated by the department granting the award.
- If students have grants and scholarships in amounts greater than the total charges, the remaining amount will be refunded to the students' account according to the disbursement schedule published by the Financial Aid Office. Students should review their My.Hinds self-service account periodically to view their charges and awards.

### General Information:

- The amount, as well as the number of semesters a scholarship may be awarded, may vary and is determined by each department.
- Scholarship awards will not exceed the allowable cost of attendance determined by the College. The Financial Aid Office has the authority to reduce the amount of a scholarship, if necessary, to follow federal awarding guidelines.
- Failure to meet all policies will result in forfeiture of the scholarship. There is no probationary semester.
- Students suspended/expelled from the College because of a disciplinary action will forfeit their scholarship and eligibility for future scholarships.
- Students will be assessed additional fees for enrolling in 25 or more hours in a semester. Scholarship calculations that are based on tuition will not cover the additional fees.
- No institutional scholarship funds may be awarded for scholarships in the summer. (Exception to this requirement - the award given to GED completers for their first class.) Any exception must be approved by the President of the College.

### Appeal Process:

A student may appeal the forfeiture of a scholarship based on the following:

1. Grade point average earned
2. Hours enrolled in and completed
3. Number of semesters awarded
4. Satisfactory Academic Progress

A letter of appeal must be submitted in writing by the student to the appropriate person (see list below) within 30 days of the end of the semester and should include any and all information and/or documentation that the student deems necessary. If

denied, the student may ask for the appeal to be reviewed by the District Scholarship Committee (appointed by the President).

**Scholarship Departments and individuals responsible for each specific scholarship and for the appeal of each scholarship:**

- \*ACT Scholarships - District Scholarship Committee Chairperson - Fountain Hall, Raymond
- Art - Art Department Chairperson - Katherine Denton Hall, Raymond
- Athletics and Cheerleading Scholarships – Athletic Director - Mayo Field House, Raymond
- Band Scholarships – Band Director - Vashti Underwood Muse Band Hall, Raymond
- Career/Technical Competition Winner Scholarship – District Scholarship Committee Chairperson - Fountain Hall, Raymond
- Choir Scholarships – Choir Director - Reeves Hall, Raymond or Bobby G. Cooper Fine Arts Building, Utica
- \*Foundation Scholarships – District Scholarship Committee Chairperson - Fountain Hall, Raymond
- \*GED Scholarships - District Director of Adult Education - Adult Education Center, Raymond
- Hi-Stepper Scholarships – Hi-Stepper Director - Bee Hall, Raymond
- Honors Scholarships – Honors Institute Dean - Jenkins Hall, Raymond
- Music/Music Industry Scholarships – Music Department Chair - Reeves Hall, Raymond
- Utica Minority Scholarship - Dean of Students - Walter Washington Hall, Utica
- Utica Cheer/Dance Scholarships - Utica Campus Recruiter, Technology Building Utica
- \*Valedictorian and Salutatorian Scholarship - District Scholarship Committee Chairperson - Fountain Hall, Raymond

\*See additional information in the specific scholarships policies of the student handbook.

For information on scholarships not listed above, students should contact the Financial Aid Office at 601.857.3223.

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## **Hinds Community College Foundation Scholarships**

The Hinds Community College Foundation makes over 500 scholarship awards each year. Foundation Scholarships are awarded for fall and spring semesters only. Scholarship awards are based on classroom excellence, involvement in extracurricular activities, financial need, desire for achievement, and letters of recommendation. Criteria vary per scholarship.

Unless otherwise indicated, scholarships are awarded to full-time students who enroll in a minimum of 15 credit hours by the end of the drop/add period for the 16 week term. Minimum grade point average varies but no scholarship is awarded with less than a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

Students wishing to be considered for scholarships on the basis of financial need should have the results of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) sent to Hinds CC prior to the March 1 deadline.

Students should not apply for a particular Foundation scholarship. Completed Foundation Scholarship applications that are submitted by the deadline will be considered for any Foundation Scholarships that are applicable to that particular student. **Deadline to apply and submit requirements is March 1.** Awards are generally made in April or May. Scholarship recipients are selected by the District Scholarship Committee, which is appointed annually by the President of the College. Students selected for a Foundation Scholarship will receive a scholarship award packet which includes an award letter, acceptance form, and the specific scholarship criteria.

**In order to be considered for a Foundation Scholarship, the following items must be submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services on the Raymond Campus no later than March 1:**

1. Hinds CC Application for Foundation Scholarships which includes a summary of why you feel you should be considered for this scholarship, list of achievements and statement of financial need, if applicable. Apply online by visiting [www.hindscc.edu/financialaid](http://www.hindscc.edu/financialaid) and clicking on Scholarships.
2. Three letters of recommendation from individuals representing school, church, community, civic, work, etc. It is the student's responsibility to make sure their recommendations have been submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services by March 1. A standard recommendation form may be used and can be printed from the Hinds Web site. Visit [www.hindscc.edu/financialaid](http://www.hindscc.edu/financialaid) and click on Scholarships.
3. A copy of high school and/or other appropriate transcripts (transcript may be unofficial but should include current cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above). Transcripts submitted to the Office of Admissions and Records are not available to the Foundation. If GPA is not listed on the high school transcript, you must submit a signed High School GPA Verification Form verifying a high school GPA of 2.0 or above. To access the GPA Verification Form, visit [www.hindscc.edu/financialaid](http://www.hindscc.edu/financialaid) and click on Scholarships.
4. ACT scores (or GED® scores, if applicable).

Please note scholarship applicants must have an application for admission on file in the Office of Admissions and Records.

Incomplete application packets will not be considered for awards.

**Requirements for students to receive Hinds Community College Foundation Scholarships:\***

1. Students must return the signed acceptance form and a thank-you letter for the sponsor(s). Any scholarship recipient who fails to accept his/her Foundation scholarship, in writing, by the deadline established in his/her award letter will forfeit the scholarship.
2. Students must enroll in a minimum of 15 credit hours by the end of the drop/add period for the 16 week term, unless otherwise stipulated by specific Foundation scholarship criteria. Please note: Scholarship funds for that semester and following semesters will be forfeited if students do not enroll in and have their presence recorded in 15 or more hours.

**Requirements for students to retain Hinds Community College Foundation scholarships:**

1. Foundation Scholarship recipients must attend the Scholarship Recognition Program each year they receive a Foundation Scholarship. Failure to attend will result in forfeiting the scholarship, unless prior approval is granted by the Chairperson of the District Scholarship Committee.
2. Students must successfully complete 12 or more credit hours during the semester in which they are receiving the scholarship.
3. Students must maintain the required cumulative grade point average required for their particular scholarship. However, some scholarships are awarded only by semester.
4. A student receiving a Foundation Scholarship designated for a certain major or location will forfeit that scholarship if he/she changes majors or locations.

**Awarding of Hinds Community College Foundation scholarships:**

- The award as well as the number of semesters a scholarship will be awarded may vary.
- Scholarship awards will be applied to the student's account providing all admission requirements have been met and student does not have an unsatisfactory academic progress status.
- The appropriate award amount will begin transmitting to the eligible students' account 10 days prior to the first day of classes to pay tuition and fees, unless otherwise stipulated by the department granting the award.
- If students have grants and scholarships in amounts greater than the total charges, the remaining amount will be refunded to the students' account according to the disbursement schedule published by the Financial Aid Office. Students should review their My.Hinds self-service account periodically to view their charges and awards.

\* Foundation Scholarship recipients must also abide by the Hinds Community College Scholarship policies. For additional information, please call 601.857.3744.

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## ACT Scholarships

Hinds Community College is proud to offer the following ACT scholarships to eligible recipients:

Faculty Scholarship	ACT 21 – 24	\$1,000 per semester
Deans Scholarship	ACT 25 – 28	\$1,500 per semester
Presidential Scholarship	ACT 29 – above	\$3,000 per semester

**Criteria to be eligible to receive an ACT scholarship:**

1. Be admitted to the college as an in-state student
2. Have a high school diploma or GED
3. Submit an official ACT composite score of 21 or above before the first day of class (No additional application is required to apply for this scholarship. ACT Scholarship recipients are identified as official ACT scores are received by the College.)
4. Be a first-time entering freshman (Hinds must be the first college you attend after receiving your high school diploma or GED. Please note: students may not receive both the ACT and the GED scholarship.) Students are still eligible for an ACT scholarship if they:
  - Attend summer school prior to enrolling at Hinds CC as a full-time student
  - Participated in dual enrollment/ dual credit classes before receiving a high school diploma or GED

**Requirements for students to receive the ACT Scholarship\*:**

1. Enroll in a minimum of 15 credit hours by the end of the drop/add period for the 16 week term. Please note: Scholarship funds for that semester and following semesters will be forfeited if students do not enroll in and have their presence recorded in 15 or more hours.

**Requirements for students to retain the ACT Scholarship:**

1. Successfully complete 12 or more credit hours during the semester in which you are receiving the scholarship.
2. Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above.

**Awarding of ACT scholarships:**

- The scholarship award amount is based on the highest ACT composite score on file in the Office of Admissions before the first day of classes.
- Scholarship award amounts cannot be changed by submitting a new score after the first day of classes.
- ACT Scholarships are awarded for four consecutive Fall/Spring semesters (ACT scholarships do not cover summer terms).
- Once all criteria (shown above) are met, eligible recipients will be awarded this scholarship automatically.
- The appropriate award amount will begin transmitting to the eligible students' account 10 days prior to the first day of classes to pay tuition and fees, unless otherwise stipulated by the department granting the award.
- If students have grants and scholarships in amounts greater than the total charges, the remaining amount will be refunded to the students' account according to the disbursement schedule published by the Financial Aid Office. Students should review their My.Hinds self-service account periodically to view their charges and awards.

\*ACT Scholarship recipients must also abide the Hinds Community College Scholarship Policies. For more information call 601.857.3767 or 1.800.HINDSCC

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## Valedictorian and Salutatorian Scholarships

Hinds Community College is proud to offer a full tuition scholarship to eligible high school seniors graduating from high school as Valedictorian or Salutatorian.

**In order to be eligible for a Valedictorian or Salutatorian Scholarship, the following criteria must be submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services on the Raymond Campus by a *priority* deadline of July 1:**

1. Application for the Valedictorian and Salutatorian Scholarship, found at [www.hindsc.edu/financialaid](http://www.hindsc.edu/financialaid)
2. Proof of graduation from an accredited high school in Hinds, Rankin, Warren, Claiborne, or Copiah County
3. An official high school transcript verifying class rank of number one or number two
4. Be admitted to the college as an in-state student
5. Have a standard high school diploma
6. Be a first-time entering freshman (Hinds must be the first college you attend after receiving your high school diploma.) Students are still eligible for a Valedictorian or Salutatorian scholarship if they:
  - a. Attend summer school prior to enrolling at Hinds CC as a full-time student
  - b. Participated in dual enrollment/dual credit classes before receiving a high school diploma

**Requirements for students to receive the Valedictorian or Salutatorian Scholarship\*:**

1. Enroll in a minimum of 15 credit hours by the end of the drop/add period for the 16 week term. Please note: Scholarship funds for that semester and following semesters will be forfeited if students do not enroll in and have their presence recorded in 15 or more hours.

**Requirements for students to retain the Valedictorian or Salutatorian Scholarship:**

1. Successfully complete 12 or more credit hours during the semester in which you are receiving the scholarship
2. Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above.

**Awarding of Valedictorian or Salutatorian scholarships:**

- Valedictorian and Salutatorian Scholarships are awarded for four consecutive Fall/Spring semesters (This scholarship does not cover summer terms).
- The appropriate award amount will begin transmitting to the scholarship recipient's account 10 days prior to the first day of classes to pay tuition and fees, unless otherwise stipulated by the department granting the award.
- If students have grants and scholarships in amounts greater than the total charges, the remaining amount will be refunded to the students' account according to the disbursement schedule published by the Financial Aid Office. Students should review their My.Hinds self-service account periodically to view their charges and awards.

\*Valedictorian and Salutatorian Scholarship recipients must also abide the Hinds Community College Scholarship Policies. For more information call 601.857.3767 or 1.800.HINDSCC

## GED® Scholarships and First College Class Free Award

### There are two tuition awards for GED® Recipients

1. The GED® First College Class Free Award
2. The GED® Scholarship

**GED® First Class Free Award:** This one-time award allows a new, first-time college student with a GED®, to take one three credit hour class at any of the six Hinds locations, free of charge. To receive the First Class Free award, student must;

1. Be admitted to the college as an in-state student.
2. Be 17 years of age or older.
3. Be a first-time entering freshman (Hinds is the first college you attend after receiving your GED®).
4. Submit an application for the GED® First Class Free Award to the Office of Admissions. Visit [www.hindscc.edu/financialaid](http://www.hindscc.edu/financialaid) and click on Scholarships.

Please note: The GED® First Class Free Award may be made in the Summer, Fall or Spring terms and is not renewable. Students receiving the GED® Scholarship are not eligible for the free class award.

**The GED® Scholarship:** qualifying students may receive the GED® Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 per semester.

### Criteria to be eligible to receive a GED® scholarship:

1. Must be admitted to the college as an in-state student.
2. Must be 17 years of age or older.
3. Must be a first-time entering freshman (Hinds is the first college you attend after receiving your GED®). Students are still eligible for a GED® scholarship if they:
  - Attend summer school prior to enrolling at Hinds CC as a full-time student
  - Participated in dual enrollment/dual credit classes before receiving the GED®
  - Participated in an Integrated Career Pathways (MI-BEST) program at Hinds CC
4. Submit a GED® Scholarship Application. Visit [www.hindscc.edu/financialaid](http://www.hindscc.edu/financialaid) and click on Scholarships.
5. Submit the following GED® scores:
  - If taken on or before December 31, 2013, a composite score of 577 or higher
  - If taken on or after January 1, 2014, a composite score of 640 points or higher.

Please note: Students may not receive both the ACT and GED® Scholarship.

### Requirements for students to receive the GED® Scholarship\*:

1. Enroll in a minimum of 15 credit hours by the end of the drop/add period for the 16 week term. Please note: Scholarship funds for that semester and following semesters will be forfeited if students do not enroll in and have their presence recorded in 15 or more hours.

### Requirements for students to retain the GED® Scholarship:

1. Successfully complete 12 or more credit hours during the semester in which you are receiving the scholarship.
2. Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above.

### Awarding of the GED® Scholarship:

- GED® Scholarships are awarded for four consecutive fall/spring semesters. (GED® scholarships do not cover summer terms.)
- The GED® Scholarship will not be awarded after the first day of classes.
- The scholarship award amount will begin transmitting to the eligible students' account 10 days prior to the first day of classes to pay tuition and fees, unless otherwise stipulated by the department granting the award.
- If students have grants and scholarships in amounts greater than the total charges, the remaining amount will be refunded to the students' account according to the published disbursement schedule published by the Financial Aid Office. Students should review their My.Hinds self-service account periodically to view their charges and awards.

\*GED® Scholarship recipients must also abide by the Hinds Community College Scholarship Policies. For more information, call 601.857.3767 or 1.800.HINDSCC.

