

Honors Program Scholarships – General Information and Instructions

Honors Program Mission: The Cuyahoga Community College Honors Program provides an academically challenging and enriching learning experience for highly motivated, intellectually talented and academically prepared students in order to better develop their potential as learners, citizens and leaders in a complex and culturally diverse world.

Honors Program Scholarship Categories, Amounts and Conditions

Honors Program Scholarship	Minimum Required Course Load	Other Requirements	With a 3.5 or higher GPA	With a 3.25-3.49 GPA
Member Scholarship	3 honors credits; 6 credits total	If 1st full semester in the Honors Program	\$200 for 3-5 honors credits; \$300 for 6-8 honors credits; \$400 for 9 or more hon. cr.	\$100 for 3-5 honors credits; \$150 for 6-8 honors credits; \$200 for 9 or more hon. cr.
		If at least 2nd full semester in Honors Program	\$400 for 3-5 honors credits; \$600 for 6-8 honors credits; \$800 for 9 or more hon. cr.	\$200 for 3-5 honors credits; \$300 for 6-8 honors credits; \$400 for 9 or more hon. cr.
Performance Scholarship	6 credits total; At least 2nd full semester in the Honors Program	Earned A or B in 3-5 Honors credits in previous semester	\$200	\$100
		Earned A or B in 6 or more Honors credits in prev. semester	\$300	\$150
Loyalty Scholarship	6 credits total, 12 if combined w/ Member Scholarship; At least 2nd full semester in Honors Program; Cannot combine with Performance Scholarship	Earned A's or B's in 12-14 Honors credit hours	\$400	\$200
		Earned A's or B's in 15 or more Honors credit hours	\$500	\$250

Read carefully before completing the Honors Program Scholarship application:

1. Honors Program scholarships are available only to members of the Honors Program.
2. Honors Program scholarships are automatically awarded to eligible students; **you do not need to apply.**
3. You must take a minimum of 6 credit hours in the semester to which the scholarship applies to be eligible for any scholarship, except during the summer semester, where the minimum is 3 credit hours.
4. If you qualify for each, you may be awarded both the **Member** and **Performance** scholarships OR both the **Member** and **Loyalty** scholarships. However, **you CANNOT be awarded all three scholarships in one semester/term.**
4. You must be registered for the required courses/credit hours **before** any award will be made.
5. Your enrollment status at the end of the semester of the award will be used to verify that you have complied with scholarship eligibility. If you drop a course and that puts you below the minimum required credit hours, your scholarship will be rescinded—this will show as a negative amount in your student account and you will be responsible for paying the College that amount. Failure to do so will affect your ability to register for the following term and will have other consequences typical of a delinquent account.
6. The grade point average (GPA) used to evaluate award eligibility is your official Tri-C cumulative GPA at the completion of the semester immediately prior to the semester of the award. For example, Honors Program scholarships for the spring semester are determined using the cumulative GPA after grades have been posted for the immediately prior fall semester.
7. Honors Program scholarships are awarded on a semester-by-semester basis: a change in your academic status from one semester to the next can affect your eligibility for a scholarship.

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8. Honors Program Scholarships are considered financial aid and as such must adhere to all federal and state guidelines for financial aid.
 - a. Total financial aid cannot exceed the student's cost of attendance. If the total financial aid award amount does exceed the cost of attendance, the student can reduce other forms of aid in order to get the entire scholarship amount, such as reducing the number of hours under work-study.
 - b. The Cost of Attendance is computed on an annual basis. Refer to the *Handbook for Student Financial Assistance* or contact a Financial Aid office for details.
 - c. **College Credit Plus students are not eligible for Honors Program scholarships.**
9. Advertisement of the Honors Program scholarships is made in good faith, but the College does not guarantee any specific amount of funds will be available for these scholarships. We anticipate we will have between \$35,000 and \$50,000 available for Honors Scholarships each fall and spring semester. Awards will generally be made in the order that eligible members enroll in Honors classes until the award money allocated for the semester is exhausted. Therefore, you should **register for Honors classes early**.
10. Where length of membership in the Honors Program is a consideration, only the fall and spring semesters apply. For your first semester during which you become a member to count, we must have received your complete program application prior to October 1 for the fall semester, or prior to February 15 for the spring semester. "Complete program application" means the Honors Program Application properly filled out plus any required supporting documentation AND the letter of recommendation or essay.
11. Eligibility for Honors Program scholarships is determined by the College-wide Director - Honors & Scholars Programs, whose decision will be final. If you believe the decision regarding your Honors Program scholarship was incorrect, you may appeal to the College-wide Director - Honors & Scholars Programs for a review, but must do so no later than 30 days before the end of the semester/term in which the scholarship was or should have been awarded.

Questions? Contact the Honors & Scholars Programs:

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