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**MHCC TRANSITIONS PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARDS
FOR TRANSITIONS PROGRAM GRADUATES**

Must be received by 12:00 P.M. on June 30, 2017

Transitions Program AC52

26000 SE Stark Street, Gresham, OR 97030

503-491-7687

Getting Started

This form provides the step-by-step process of application for The MHCC Transitions Program Excellence Awards. By filling out this application you will be considered for this award provided you meet the eligibility guidelines.

Thoroughly complete each step in the application process. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. Notification will be by MHCC Saints email with additional US mail for the Excellence Awards winners.

- Answer every question on the application
- Sign and date your application
- Check the Excellence Awards criteria carefully
- Include any other additional information (if applicable)

The MHCC TRANSITIONS PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR TRANSITIONS PROGRAM GRADUATES

The MHCC Transitions Program Excellence Awards aims to support the retention of Transitions Program graduates who have successfully completed at least four terms at MHCC and who plan on completing a degree or certificate at the College. The Transitions Program Excellence Award is equivalent to a tuition assistance of \$731.50 that will be applied to the awardee's Fall Term 2017 tuition. The deadline for submission of completed application packets is on June 30, 2017 at 12:00 PM. Winners of the MHCC Transitions Program Excellence Awards will be announced on August 30, 2017.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Excellence Awards is open to Transitions Program Graduates who meet all of the following requirements:

1. Graduates of the Transitions Program
2. Currently enrolled at MHCC
3. Have been enrolled at MHCC for at least 4 terms
4. Have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.2
5. Submit a 750-word or more essay, "How the Transitions Program Changed My Life"
6. Submit a copy of latest transcript
7. Submit an educational plan approved by an Academic Adviser
8. Submit a five-year plan outlining goals.
9. Submit a color passport-size photo (2 copies)

NOTE: Current MHCC Transitions Program Peer Mentors and mentors since Fall 2015 are not eligible to apply.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Application packets are available at the Transitions Program Office (AC 52) beginning May 27, 2017 during office hours. You may also download the application form at <http://www.mhcc.edu/Transitions/>. Look for the link "Transitions Program Excellence Award – Apply Now!"
2. Your essay must be typed and double-spaced.
3. Submit the original and four copies of your essay.

4. There are two ways to submit your application packet:
 - a. By mail: Mail in your completed packet using the address below:

Stella Armstrong, Program Coordinator
Transitions Program, Room AC 52
26000 SE Stark Street,
Gresham, OR 97030
 - b. Drop off: Bring your completed application to the Transitions Program Office, AC 52, located at the Lower Level of the Student Union Office.
5. Deadline of submission is on June 30, 2017 at 12:00 P.M. Applications submitted after 12:00 P.M. will NOT be accepted.
6. For questions, call 503-491-7687 or email mariastella.armstrong@mhcc.edu.

STEP 1: PERSONAL AND EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

MIDDLE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS:

NUMBER AND STREET: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTY: _____

PREFERRED PHONE #: _____ WORK PHONE #: _____

ETHNICITY:

- AMERICAN INDIAN/NATIVE ALASKAN ASIAN LATINO/ HISPANIC
 NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN
 WHITE MULTIRACIAL PREFER NOT TO ANSWER

GENDER MALE FEMALE PREFER NOT TO ANSWER

I AM ENROLLING FOR:

SUMMER FALL WINTER SPRING

DO YOU PLAN TO EARN A DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE AT MHCC? YES NO

WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR:

LAST HIGH SCHOOL/ GED CENTER ATTENDED DID YOU GRADUATE?

**SCHOOL: YEAR: STATE: [] YES [] NO

PREVIOUS COLLEGES ATTENDED

SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL: _____

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS ACCUMULATED: _____

CUMULATIVE GPA: _____

AWARD SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:

Are you planning to be a full time student (12+ credits)? _____ Part time?

IF YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED ANY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 2016-2017

ACADEMIC YEAR, PLEASE LIST:

Scholarship Name: _____ For what terms: _____ Amount:
\$ _____

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\$ _____

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Step 2: Write Your Essay “How Transitions Changed My Life”

Respond to the following prompts:

DESCRIBE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE OR EXPERIENCE THAT HAS OCCURRED IN YOUR LIFE BECAUSE OF THE TRANSITIONS PROGRAM.

EXPLAIN HOW YOUR ATTITUDE, MOTIVATION AND FOCUS HAVE CHANGED BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED IN TRANSITIONS. PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES.

DESCRIBE A PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT AND THE SKILLS YOU USED AND DEVELOPED TO ACHIEVE IT.

You may respond separately to each question or address each question in one essay. Let your Personal Statements tell your story. Show the “unique you” in your Personal

Statements and use correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling. For all Personal Statements, pay attention to the topic and include relevant experiences.

Step 3: Prepare all the required documents

a. Transcripts

Submit all your grade transcripts from Mt. Hood Community College. This will include grade transcripts prior to being enrolled at Transitions, if you were already a MHCC student before taking Transitions. There is no need to submit grade transcripts from other schools.

b. Educational Plan

Have your educational plan approved by a MHCC Academic Adviser.

c. Five-year plan outlining goals.

Briefly explain how your five-year plan came to be. If your five-year plan outlining goals is different from the first one you made while you were a Transitions student, briefly explain why it changed.

d. Passport-size color photo (two copies)

Submit two (2) passport-size color photos. Print your name at the back of each photo and secure the photos in a small, clear plastic bag.

Step 4: Turn in the application

Complete, sign, and return this application along with required documentation to the MHCC Transitions Program Office, AC 52. Please refer back to Submission Guidelines.

I certify that all information I have provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the release of information on this application and other necessary academic information to the MHCC Transitions Program, MHCC Foundation, individual donors and selection committees.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (only if applicant is 17 or under) _____ DATE _____

Good Luck!

HOW MHCC SCHOLARSHIPS ARE SCORED

Volunteers read your application and personal statement, using an objective scoring method to rate your application. The student with the highest score is awarded the scholarship.

PERSISTENCE AND GPA	20 POINTS
PERSONAL STATEMENT/ESSAY	10 POINTS
EDUCATIONAL PLAN	10 POINTS
FIVE-YEAR GOALS	10 POINTS

TOTAL: 50 POINTS

TIPS ON WRITING PERSONAL STATEMENT/ESSAY

Give yourself plenty of time to write and rewrite essays! Check and double-check the grammar and spelling. Don't just depend on the spell-checker; have someone critically proof read for you.

CAREER ASPIRATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL PLAN

What are your future aspirations, dreams, and goals? How do you plan to accomplish your goals? If you are not sure what you want to do, either; a) pick one likely scenario and explain it, or b) explain everything you do know such as; how much education you want, the type of work and work setting you wish to prepare for, the driving force that would make any line of work meaningful to you, some areas of interest you are currently considering.

PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, STRENGTHS & SKILLS

What are your major accomplishments? What attributes, qualities or skills distinguish you from everyone else?

Do not be overly humble in your application. The selection committee does not know you, so you must be clear about your accomplishments without sounding pretentious.

RESPONSE TO LIFE EXPERIENCES

Have you ever fought hard for something and succeeded? If you choose to write about a traumatic experience, write about how it caused you to grow and become who you are today and who you are becoming in the future. Make sure you connect your individual choices to success, rather than focusing on negative outcomes of events.

HELPING COMMUNITY OR FAMILY

What have you done outside the classroom that shows more of who you are as an individual? What are your most important extracurricular and community activities? List volunteer work, citing examples of how you help your community and/or explain how you give back and help others.