

Honors Achievement Award – Frequently Asked Questions

Chandler-Gilbert Community College • Honors Program

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE HONORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD?

Students who have completed 12 credit hours (100-level or higher, letter grade) from any Maricopa Community College with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher.

WHY JOIN CGCC'S HONORS PROGRAM AS AN HONORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD STUDENT?

The Honors Program provides academically motivated students with meaningful, challenging, and engaging educational experiences, emphasizing depth of thought in reading, writing, and discussion.

WHAT IS AN HONORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND HOW DO I APPLY?

The Honors Program awards tuition waivers up to \$500 each fall and spring to eligible students. Applicants must enroll in at least one Honors course (3+ credits), complete an Honors Project, maintain a 3.25 GPA, and participate in a co-curricular event.

Applications: www.cgc.edu/honors.

HOW MUCH IS THE HONORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD?

Students taking 12+ graded credits receive \$500; 9–11 credits receive \$325; 6–8 credits receive \$244; fewer than 6 credits are ineligible. Credits from any MCCCDC college count if 100-level or higher.

HOW/WHEN DO I GET MY MONEY?

Awards are issued at the end of the semester after verification: successful completion of an Honors course (C or better), contract completion, GPA 3.25+, and co-curricular participation. Funds apply to account balances before refunds.

CAN A STUDENT RECEIVE THE HONORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND THE PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP AT THE SAME TIME?

No. They are separate award tracks. After four successful semesters as a Presidents' Scholar, students may receive the Honors Achievement Award.

IF I AM RECEIVING THE HONORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND NEED TO TAKE TIME OFF, CAN I?

Yes. Students may pause their Honors participation if they leave in good standing. They may return by notifying the Honors Program.

MUST I NOTIFY THE HONORS PROGRAM IF MY CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES?

Yes. Students must update the Honors Program immediately and keep contact info current in MyMaricopa. The official Honors email must match the student's college-issued email.

DO I HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE HONORS PROGRAM TO TAKE HONORS CLASSES?

Yes.

DO I HAVE TO TAKE AN HONORS CLASS EVERY SEMESTER?

Yes. Students receiving program funds must take at least one 3-credit Honors course and three additional credits, and complete the project on time.

DOES CURRENT HONORS STATUS IN HIGH SCHOOL GUARANTEE ADMISSION?

No. Admission depends on meeting the Honors Achievement Award eligibility criteria.

WHAT IF I DISCONTINUE PARTICIPATION? DO I LOSE MY CREDITS?

No. All earned Honors credits remain. Students are encouraged to meet with a coordinator before withdrawing.

WHAT IF I DROP CLASSES DURING THE SEMESTER?

Students must speak with the Honors Faculty Director before dropping. They may have to repay award funds depending on credits dropped.

ARE OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Yes: Chancellor's Scholarship, Foundation Scholarships, All AZ/USA Today Awards, etc. See Financial Aid for details.

CAN DUAL-ENROLLMENT CLASSES AFFECT MY SCHOLARSHIP?

Yes. Dual-enrollment GPA counts toward cumulative GPA. GPA 3.0–3.24 results in one term of probation; below 3.0 results in loss of scholarship.

ARE HONORS COURSES WEIGHTED?

No. College courses are not weighted.