

Presidents' Honors Scholarship – Frequently Asked Questions

Chandler-Gilbert Community College • Honors Program

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENTS' HONORS SCHOLARSHIP?

In order for a student to be eligible at CGCC, the student must graduate from a North Central Association (NCA) accredited high school in Maricopa County. Students from charter, home school, and private schools in Maricopa County may also qualify. A cumulative unweighted high school GPA of 3.25 or higher is required. Students have a window of three semesters after graduation to apply.

WHY JOIN CGCC'S HONORS PROGRAM AS A PRESIDENTS' HONORS SCHOLAR?

The Honors Program offers academically motivated students opportunities for deeper engagement in reading, writing, and discussion. It fosters critical thinking, preparation for degrees and careers, and connects students to a strong community.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE PRESIDENTS' HONORS SCHOLARSHIP?

Students apply online at www.cgc.edu/honors by selecting the Application tab and submitting the Presidents' Scholarship application along with a high school transcript. No fee or interview is required.

DOES THE PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP COVER BOOKS?

No. Books are required early in the semester, but scholarship funding arrives later. Do not rely on the cash refund to purchase books.

HOW/WHEN DO I GET MY MONEY?

Funds are released after all requirements are verified: complete application, eligibility confirmation, receipt of final high school transcript, enrollment in an Honors course, and Orientation attendance. If the student has a remaining balance, funds apply to it; otherwise, a refund is issued.

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

No. The Achievement Award is available only after four successful semesters as a Presidents' Scholar.

IF I AM RECEIVING THE PRESIDENTS' HONORS SCHOLARSHIP AND I NEED TO TAKE A SEMESTER OR TWO OFF, CAN I?

Students in good standing may apply for a deferment for activities requiring a break in continuous enrollment. A deferment may be granted for up to two years.

MUST I NOTIFY THE HONORS PROGRAM IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, OR EMAIL?

Yes. Students must immediately update their contact information by emailing honors@cgc.edu or calling 480.732.7252.

CAN DUAL-ENROLLMENT CLASSES AFFECT MY SCHOLARSHIP?

Yes. Dual-enrollment GPA is included in the cumulative GPA calculation. A GPA between 3.0–3.24 results in one semester of probation; below 3.0 results in loss of scholarship.

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 must take at least one 3-credit Honors course and complete a research-based project with a presentation.

DOES CURRENT HONORS STATUS IN HIGH SCHOOL GUARANTEE ADMISSION?

No. Admission requires meeting the specific Presidents' Scholarship eligibility criteria.

ARE HONORS COURSES WEIGHTED?

No. College courses are not weighted.

WHAT IF I DISCONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE HONORS PROGRAM? DO I LOSE MY CREDITS?

No. Earned credits remain on the transcript. Students should talk to the Honors Program director before withdrawing to resolve issues if possible.

ARE OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Yes. Options include the Chancellor's Scholarship, Foundation Scholarships, All AZ/USA Today Awards, and ASU Transfer Achievement Awards. Students should contact Financial Aid for details.