

Name: _____

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2009-2010

Foundation Scholarship for GED Graduates Application

AMOUNT: One Academic Year Tuition

AWARDED: Spring Term 2009

FOR USE: 2009-2010 Academic Year

Scholarship applicant must:

1. Be a GED student in the years 2008 or 2009 that has completed MHCC GED testing as of the First Friday in May 2009.
2. Have financial need.
3. Enroll in a minimum of 9 credit hours each term in a degree granting program and maintain a minimum G.P.A. of 2.00.
4. Have passed the GED test with an average score of 500 or higher.
5. Have at least one letter of recommendation from an MHCC instructor and two or more letters of recommendation from people not employed by MHCC.

Letters of recommendation must be submitted with application.

Scholarship will be used for tuition only; no cash will be disbursed.

Scholarship funds will be distributed equally among the 3 terms. Students must maintain a 2.00 G.P.A. to remain eligible for the scholarship each term.

Students with existing financial aid award packages may find that a scholarship award will reduce some of their existing aid. Specifics can only be determined if/when a scholarship is awarded. Scholarship awards are contingent upon funding.

Alternates will be chosen in the event that the scholarship recipients are unable to enroll fall term.

Completed applications, along with this flyer and letters of recommendation, must be returned to the Office of Financial Aid no later than May 13, 2009.

Step I Personal and Educational Information

TODAY'S DATE: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ MIDDLE INITIAL: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS NUMBER AND STREET: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTY: _____ HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

**ETHNICITY: AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER GENDER:
 BLACK/NON-HISPANIC HISPANIC WHITE/NON-HISPANIC MALE FEMALE

I AM ENROLLING FOR: _____ DO YOU PLAN TO EARN A DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE AT MHCC? YES NO

WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR: _____

LAST HIGH SCHOOL/GED CENTER ATTENDED *SCHOOL: _____ YEAR: _____ STATE: _____ DID YOU GRADUATE? YES NO

PREVIOUS COLLEGES ATTENDED *SCHOOL: _____

*SCHOOL: _____ Total Credit hours accumulated: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

I AM THE FIRST PERSON IN MY FAMILY HOUSEHOLD TO ATTEND COLLEGE: YES NO

Have you applied for other financial aid for this or the next academic year? Yes No

If yes, please check the appropriate box: Federal Financial Aid MHCC Tuition Waiver Other

Living arrangements while attending MHCC: With spouse With parents' With relatives' Other (describe) _____

List all members of your household (*Please include yourself.*):

Name	Age	Relationship	Attending College? Yes/No
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Do you own or support a car? Yes ___ No ___	Make and Model	Year	Annual Insurance
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Required only for scholarships requiring ethnicity information.

Step II Financial Information

STUDENT BUDGET INFORMATION

Have you applied for other financial aid for this or the next academic year? Yes No

If yes, please check the appropriate box: MHCC Tuition Waiver other FAFSA

If you checked FAFSA, please attach copy of your Student Aid Report or Confirmation page from filing online with the published EFC.

If you did not fill out the FAFSA, please answer the questions below.

EFC Estimator (Expected Family Contribution)

Your Expected Family Contribution is the amount your family will be expected to contribute toward your college costs. This is used to determine need for need-based scholarships. Use the attached worksheet to help answer the questions below.

1. Was the student born before January 1, 1985? Yes No

2. Is the student a veteran or currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No

3. Will the student be working on a master's or doctorate program in the first term of 2008-2009 or will they be enrolled in a graduate or professional certificate program? Yes No

4. Is the student currently married? Yes No

5. Is the student currently a ward of the court or were they a ward of the court until age 18? Yes No

6. Does the student have any legal dependents other than a spouse? Yes No

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you do not need to provide the parent information.

	Parents	Student
7. Eligible to file form 1040A or 1040EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Filed a federal tax return in 2007	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9. Adjusted gross income <i>Enter the value from your 2007 federal tax return (form 1040 line 37, form 1040A line 21 or form 1040EZ line 4. If your adjusted gross income is less than zero, enter zero.</i>	\$ _____	\$ _____
10. Student's earned income from work		\$ _____
11. Spouse's earned income from work (if married)		\$ _____
12. Father's income from work	\$ _____	
13. Mother's income from work	\$ _____	
14. Did anyone in the household receive benefits from any of the following federal programs during 2007: SSI, food stamps, free and reduced price lunch, TANF, and WIC?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
15. State of residence	_____	_____
16. Untaxed income and benefits on 2007 federal tax return	\$ _____	\$ _____
17. Other income and credits (education credits, child support, federal work study, grant and scholarship aid)	\$ _____	\$ _____
18. U.S. Income tax paid in 2007	\$ _____	\$ _____
19. Total amount in cash, savings and checking accounts	\$ _____	\$ _____
20. Net worth of Investments (do not include family home)	\$ _____	\$ _____
21. Business and/or farm net worth	_____	_____
22. Marital status	_____	_____
23. Age of older parent	_____	_____
24. Number of people in household	_____	_____
25. Number of parents who are working	_____	_____
26. Number of 2008-2009 college students in household	_____	_____

EFC Estimator Worksheet

1. Born before January 1, 1985

If the student was at least 24 years old by December 31, 2007, he or she is considered an independent student. He or she is also considered an independent if born before January 1, 1985. If either one of these conditions is true, select "Yes."

2. Veteran of U.S. Armed Forces

Any one of the following conditions may apply for the student to be considered a veteran:

1. Student engaged in active service in the United States Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard).
2. Student was or is currently a member of the National Guard or Reserves and is called to active duty for reasons other than training.
3. Student was or is currently a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies.
4. Student attended a U.S. military academy preparatory school.

The student must be discharged under a condition other than dishonorable and must be discharged prior to June 30, 2008 to qualify as a veteran for this application year.

3. Working in a master's or doctorate program

If the student plans to be working in a master's or doctorate program (i.e., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD or graduate certificate, etc.) in the 2007-2008 school, select "Yes."

4. Student married

If the student is currently married, select "Yes." If the student is single, divorced or separated, select "No."

5. Ward of the court until age 18

If the student is currently a ward of the court or was a ward of the court until age 18, select "Yes."

6. Legal dependents

The student has a legal dependent if one of the following conditions is met:

1. The student has a child (biological, adopted or legal guardianship), and the child receives more than half their support from the student. The child does not have to be living with the student for this to apply.
2. The student provides more than half the support to any person who currently lives with the student and who will continue to receive more than half their support through June 30, 2009.

7. Eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ

In general, you are eligible to file a Form 1040EZ or 1040A for 2007 if the following apply:

1. Your taxable income is less than \$100,000
2. You do NOT itemize deductions
3. You do NOT receive income from your own business or farm
4. You do NOT receive alimony
5. You filed a 1040 only to claim Hope or Lifetime Learning credits, and you would have otherwise been eligible for a 1040A or 1040EZ.

8. Filed a federal income tax return

If you have already filed or plan to file your federal income tax return for 2007, select "Yes."

If your income falls below a certain level, depending upon your filing status and age, you may not be required to file a tax return. Refer to the tax booklet instructions for details.

9. Adjusted gross income

Adjusted gross income is your total income (from wages, interest, capital gains, retirement account income, alimony received, unemployment compensation, social security benefits, etc.) MINUS any of a set of specific deductions for which you may be eligible (such as student loan interest, IRA contributions, alimony paid, etc.).

If you completed your federal tax return for 2007, enter the value from:

- Form 1040 – Line 37
- Form 1040A – Line 21
- Form 1040EZ – Line 4

If you have not yet completed your federal tax return for 2007, estimate your adjusted gross income for 2007 using your 2006 tax return and your 2007 income and other financial records. Or you may use the worksheet to calculate your adjusted gross income.

10, 11, 12, and 13. Earned income from work

Earned income includes all wages, salaries, and tips earned, scholarship and fellowship grants received, as well as any business and farm income earned in 2007.

If you completed your federal tax return for 2007, enter the value from:

- Form 1040 - Total of lines 7, 12 and 18
- Form 1040A - Line 7
- Form 1040EZ - Line 1

For most people, earned income is the amount shown in box 1 on the W-2 form their employer provides. However, the following additional types of income must also be included: business and farm income (or loss) plus any wages, tips, and scholarship and grants NOT reported on a W-2.

If you have not yet completed your federal tax return for 2007, estimate your earned income for 2007 using your 2006 tax return and your 2007 earnings records.

14. Federal benefits programs

Select "Yes" if anyone in the student's household received benefits from any of the following federal programs in 2007:

1. Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI)
2. Food Stamp Program
3. Free or Reduced Price School Lunch Program
4. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
5. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Dependent students: The people in your household include you, your parent(s), your parents' other children if considered dependents or if your parents will provide more than half their support from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and any other individuals who live with your parents if your parents provide more half their support from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Independent students: The people in your household include you, your spouse (if you are married), your children if you will provide more than half their support from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and anyone else who currently lives with you, if you will provide more than half their support from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

15. State of residence

Select your state of legal residence. For most people, this is the state in which you currently live and/or in which your permanent address is located.

16. Untaxed income and credits

Use the worksheet to calculate your other income and credits for 2007. Refer to your 2007 federal income tax return as you complete the worksheet. If you have not yet completed your federal tax return for 2007, estimate your income and credits for 2007 using your 2006 tax return and your 2007 financial records.

Untaxed Income Worksheet

Complete this worksheet to calculate your untaxed income. If an item is not relevant to your circumstances, leave it blank. When entering numbers, round to the nearest dollar, do not include commas or periods, and do not enter negative numbers

Payments to tax deferred pension and savings plans	\$ _____
IRA deductions and payments to SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans	\$ _____
Child support received for all children	\$ _____
Additional child tax credit	\$ _____
Tax-exempt interest income	\$ _____
Untaxed portions of IRA distributions	\$ _____
Untaxed portions of pensions	\$ _____
Earned income credit	\$ _____
Foreign income exclusion	\$ _____
Credit for federal tax on special fuels	\$ _____
Living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy and others	\$ _____
Veterans' noneducation benefits (disability, death pension, DIC and/or VA work-study allowances)	\$ _____
Welfare benefits, including TANF (do not include food stamps or subsidized housing)	\$ _____
Social Security benefits received that were not taxed	\$ _____
Any other untaxed income or benefits (worker's compensation, Black Lung Benefits, disability, etc.)	\$ _____
Any other money received or paid on your behalf	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

17. Other income and credits

Use the worksheet to calculate your other income and credits for 2007. Refer to your 2007 federal income tax return as you complete the worksheet. If you have not yet completed your federal tax return for 2007, estimate your income and credits for 2007 using your 2006 tax return and your 2007 financial records.

Other Income and Credits Worksheet

Complete this worksheet to calculate your other income and credits. If an item is not relevant to your circumstances, leave it blank. When entering numbers, round to the nearest dollar, do not include commas or periods and do not enter negative numbers.

Education credits	\$ _____
Child support paid because of a separation or as a result of a legal requirement	\$ _____
Taxable earnings from need-based employment (federal work-study, fellowships and assistantships)	\$ _____
Student grant and scholarship aid reported in adjusted gross income	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

18. U.S. income tax paid

Enter the amount of your federal income tax for 2007. This is the total tax you are required to pay, not the amount withheld from your salary. If you completed your federal tax return for 2007, enter the value from:

- Form 1040 – Line 57
- Form 1040A – Line 37
- Form 1040EZ – Line 10

If you have not yet completed your federal tax return for 2007, estimate your tax liability for 2007 using your 2006 tax return and your 2007 earnings records.

If your total tax for 2007 is less than zero, enter zero.

19. Total amount in cash, checking and savings

Enter the total balance of all cash, checking and savings accounts, as of today. Do NOT include student financial aid.

20. Net worth of investments

Enter the net worth of your investments as of today. An investment's net worth is its current value minus any debt associated with the investment.

Investments include real estate (other than the home you live in), trust funds, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, Coverdell education savings accounts, college savings plans, installment and land sale contracts, commodities, etc.

Do NOT include the home you live in, life insurance, retirement plans, prepaid tuition plans, or any cash, savings or checking accounts included in the previous question.

If the net worth of your investments is one million dollars or more, enter \$999,999. If the net worth is less than zero, enter zero.

21. Business and/or farm net worth

Enter the net worth of your current business and/or investment farm as of today. An investment's net worth is its current value minus any debt associated with the investment.

Business and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. Business and/or investment farm debt only includes debts where the business or farm was used as collateral.

Do NOT include a farm that you live on and operate.

If the net worth of your business and/or investment farm is one million dollars or more, enter \$999,999. If the net worth is less than zero, enter zero.

22. Parents' marital status

Indicate whether your parents are married/remarried, divorced/separated or single.

23. Age of older parent

Enter the age of the older parent as of December 31, 2008.

24. Number of people in household.

Dependent student

The number of people in your household includes:

You

Your parent(s)

Parents' other children, if parents will provide more than half their support from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 or if the child is considered a dependent

Other individuals who live with your parents, if parents will provide more than half their support from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Independent student

The number of people in your household includes:

You

Your spouse (if you are married)

Your children, if you will provide more than half their support from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Anyone else who currently lives with you, if you will provide more than half their support from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

25. Number of parents working

If one parent is working, enter 1. If there are two parents in your household and both are working, enter 2.

26. Number of 2008-2009 college students in household

Count the student as one. Do not include any parents. Include others only if they will attend at least half-time a college degree or certificate program in 2008-2009.

Step III Personal Statement

Respond to the following points in essay form. Use complete sentences and answer as completely as you can. Neatness and clarity of thought will also be considered.

1. What are your projected goals in the next five years?
2. How do you see college contributing to the achievement of those goals?
3. What community activities or school activities have you been involved in? List honors or awards you have received.
4. What financial conditions or life circumstances have contributed to your need for a scholarship?

Step IV Letters of Recommendation

You may need to request at least two current letters of recommendation (written within the last year). This requirement may vary for some scholarships. **Be sure to check the information listed for each scholarship carefully.** Letters from faculty, employers, church leaders, etc. should be written on letterhead. If you submit a personal reference, please have the person recommending you add their address and phone number. This step is also very important to the selection committee. Carefully choose the individuals recommending you.

Step V Transcripts

If the scholarship requires proof of credit hours, include with your applications any Official Grade Transcripts from schools you have attended since high school. It is the responsibility of the student that outside transcripts are included in this application. High school seniors must submit a current HS transcript. You **do not need** to request Official Grade Transcripts from Mt. Hood Community College.

Step VI Turn in the application

Complete, sign, and return this application along with required documentation to the Mt. Hood Community College Office of Financial Aid. **Incomplete applications will not be read or considered.**

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 Foundation, individual donors and selection committees.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

(Parental signature is required if applicant is 17 years of age or under)

Did you remember to:

- Answer every question on the application?
- Sign and date your application?
- Include your personal statement?
- Include at least two letters of recommendation (if applicable)?
- Include transcripts (if applicable)?
- Include any other additional information (if applicable)?
- Check each scholarship criteria carefully?

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