

# Hinds Community College 2019-2020 Scholarship Policies

The following policies have been established for administering all Hinds Community College and Foundation scholarships. Specific scholarships may have additional requirements.

## All Hinds Scholarships:

### Eligibility Criteria:

1. Have a standard high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma (GED®, HiSET®, TASC™, or Mississippi Competency-Based High School Equivalency)
2. Submit all admission documents to Hinds Community College
3. Be currently admitted to Hinds Community College
4. Must not have an unsatisfactory academic progress status

### Requirements for students to receive Hinds Community College and Foundation Scholarships:

1. Satisfy the requirements for the specific Hinds Community College scholarship
2. Enroll in and be marked present in a minimum of 15 credit hours every semester. Presence must be recorded *after* the drop/add period for the student to be considered enrolled in 15 or more hours. Please note: Scholarship funds for the current semester and following semesters will be forfeited if students do not enroll in and have their presence recorded in 15 or more hours after the drop/add period.
3. Submit a Payment and Policy Notification form to the Office of Financial Aid. The form may be accessed within [My.Hinds](#).

### Requirements for students to retain Hinds Community College and Foundation Scholarships:

1. Must successfully complete 12 or more credit hours during the semester in which the student is receiving the scholarship.
2. Must maintain the cumulative grade point average required by the individual department awarding the scholarship. A cumulative GPA includes all credit hours attempted at Hinds Community College, including credit hours while dual enrolled.
3. Any student who does not complete *all* of the requirements to retain their will forfeit his/her scholarship for future semesters unless an appeal is filed with and approved by the appropriate person. (See list below). In these instances, students will not be required to pay back any tuition portion of their scholarship and no refunds will be issued to these students.
4. Scholarships can be awarded for no more than four semesters unless prior approval is granted. However, the amount, as well as the number of semesters a scholarship may be awarded may vary and is determined by each department.
5. Students receiving scholarships must attend Hinds CC in consecutive fall/spring semesters. (Exceptions to this requirement: students participating in the Cooperative

Education Program must get special permission from the District Scholarship Committee to continue their scholarship when they are working alternate semesters.)

### **Awarding of Hinds Community College and Foundation Scholarships:**

1. Scholarship awards will be applied to the student's account, providing all admission requirements have been met and student does not have an unsatisfactory academic progress status.
2. The appropriate award amount will begin transmitting to the eligible student's account 10 days prior to the first day of classes to pay tuition and fees, unless otherwise stipulated by the department granting the award.
3. If students have grants and scholarships in amounts greater than the total charges, the remaining amount will be refunded to the student's account according to the disbursement schedule published by the Financial Aid Office, providing the student maintains their enrollment during the semester in which the scholarship is awarded. Students should review their My.Hinds self-service account periodically to view their charges and awards.

### **General Information:**

1. The amount, as well as the number of semesters a scholarship may be awarded may vary and is determined by each department.
2. Scholarship awards will not exceed the allowable cost of attendance determined by the College. The Financial Aid Office has the authority to reduce the amount of a scholarship, if necessary, to follow federal awarding guidelines.
3. Failure to meet all policies will result in forfeiture of the scholarship. There is no probationary semester.
4. Students suspended/expelled from the College because of a disciplinary action will forfeit their scholarship and eligibility for future scholarships.
5. Students will be assessed additional fees for enrolling in 22 or more hours in a semester. Scholarship calculations that are based on tuition will not cover the additional fees.
6. No institutional scholarship funds may be awarded for scholarships in the summer. (Exception to this requirement is the High School Equivalency Diploma First Class Free Award)
7. Any exception must be approved by the President of the College.

### **Appeal Process:**

1. Any student who does not meet all stated criteria to receive and retain a scholarship will forfeit the award.
2. A student may appeal the forfeiture of a scholarship based on the following:
  - Cumulative grade point average
  - Hours enrolled in and hours completed
  - Satisfactory Academic Progress

3. If a student wishes to appeal the loss of a scholarship, the student may submit a written letter of appeal to the appropriate department (see list below) only within 30 days of the end of the semester in which the scholarship was forfeited. There is no probationary period for the loss of a scholarship and no scholarships are reinstated by a new GPA achieved at a later date.
4. The letter of appeal must be written and submitted by the student and should include all information related to the loss of the scholarship, a plan for successful degree completion, and additional supporting documentation that the student deems necessary.
5. If an appeal is denied by the awarding department, the student may submit a second appeal to the District Scholarship Committee, appointed by the College president. If an appeal to the District Scholarship Committee is denied, the student may submit a final appeal to the College President. However, Foundation Scholarship appeal decisions made by the Foundation Scholarship Committee are final and may not be submitted to the District Scholarship Committee.

**Scholarship Departments and individuals responsible for each specific scholarship and for the appeals of each scholarship:**

- \*ACT - District Scholarship Committee Chairperson - Fountain Hall, Raymond
- Art - Art Department Chairperson - Katherine Denton Hall, Raymond
- Athletics and Cheerleading - Athletic Director - Mayo Field House, Raymond
- Band - Band Director - Vashti Underwood Muse Band Hall, Raymond
- \*Career/Technical Competition Winner - District Scholarship Committee Chairperson - Fountain Hall, Raymond
- Choir - Choir Director - Reeves Hall, Raymond or Bobby G. Cooper Fine Arts Building, Utica
- \*Foundation - Executive Director of the Foundation - Fountain Hall, Raymond
- \*High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarships- District Scholarship Committee Chairperson - Fountain Hall, Raymond
- Hi-Stepper - Hi-Stepper Director - Bee Hall, Raymond
- Honors - Honors Institute Dean - Jenkins Hall, Raymond
- Music/Music Industry - Music Department Chair - Reeves Hall, Raymond
- Utica Minority - Dean of Students - Walter Washington Hall, Utica
- Utica Cheer/Dance - Utica Campus Recruiter - Technology Building, Utica
- \*Valedictorian/Salutatorian - District Scholarship Committee Chairperson - Fountain Hall, Raymond

\*See additional information in the following sections for this specific scholarship's policy.

For information on scholarships not listed above, students should contact the Financial Aid Office at 601.857.3223.

## **Hinds Community College Foundation Scholarships**

The Hinds Community College Foundation makes over 500 scholarship awards each year. Foundation Scholarships are awarded for fall and spring semesters only. Scholarship

awards are based on classroom excellence, involvement in extracurricular activities, financial need, desire for achievement, and letters of recommendation. Criteria vary per scholarship.

Unless otherwise indicated, scholarships are awarded to full-time students who enroll in a minimum of 15 credit hours by the end of the drop/add period for the semester in which they are enrolled. Minimum grade point average varies but no scholarship is awarded with less than a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

Students wishing to be considered for scholarships on the basis of financial need should have the results of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) sent to Hinds CC prior to the February 15 Foundation Scholarship deadline.

Students should not apply for a particular Foundation scholarship. Completed Foundation scholarship applications that are submitted by the deadline will be considered for any Foundation scholarships that are applicable to that particular student. **Deadline to apply and submit requirements is February 15.** Awards are generally made in April or May. Scholarship recipients are selected by the District Scholarship Committee, which is appointed annually by the President of the College. Students selected for a Foundation Scholarship will receive a scholarship award packet which includes an award letter, acceptance form, and the specific scholarship criteria.

**In order to be considered for a Foundation Scholarship, the following items must be submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services on the Raymond Campus no later than February 15:**

1. Application for Admission to Hinds Community College. Apply online at [www.hindscc.edu](http://www.hindscc.edu).
2. Application for Foundation Scholarships. Apply online at [www.hindscc.edu/foundationsscholarship](http://www.hindscc.edu/foundationsscholarship).
3. Two letters of recommendation from individuals representing school, church, community, civic, work, etc. It is the student's responsibility to make sure their recommendations have been submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services by February 15. A standard recommendation form may be used and can be printed from [www.hindscc.edu/foundationsscholarship](http://www.hindscc.edu/foundationsscholarship).
4. A typed resume, which includes a list of achievements, honors, extracurricular activities, etc.
5. A copy of high school transcript or equivalency diploma transcript or college transcripts, if applicable. Transcripts submitted for Foundation Scholarship purposes may be unofficial and will not be used for admission purposes. Transcripts should show a current cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above. If GPA is not listed on an in-progress high school transcript, you must submit a signed High School GPA Verification Form verifying a high school GPA of 2.0 or above. To access the GPA Verification Form, visit [www.hindscc.edu/foundationsscholarship](http://www.hindscc.edu/foundationsscholarship).
6. ACT scores (or High School Equivalency Diploma scores, if applicable).

### **How to Submit Scholarship Requirements**

The Application for Admission and Application for Foundation Scholarship must be submitted

online. All other scholarship requirements may be submitted in one of these ways:

1. By email to [scholarships@hindscc.edu](mailto:scholarships@hindscc.edu)
2. By mail to Hinds Community, Foundation Scholarships, PO Box 1100, Raymond, MS 39154
3. Hand-delivered to the Enrollment Services Office in Fountain Hall on the Raymond Campus.

Please note: *all* requirements must be submitted by February 15<sup>th</sup> for consideration. Incomplete application packets will not be considered for awards.

### **Requirements for students to receive Hinds Community College Foundation Scholarships\*:**

1. Students must sign and return an acceptance form and write a thank-you letter to the scholarship ~~the~~ sponsor(s). Any scholarship recipient who fails to accept his/her Foundation Scholarship, in writing, by the stated deadline in his/her award letter will forfeit the scholarship.
2. Enroll in and be marked present in a minimum of 15 credit hours every semester unless otherwise stipulated by specific Foundation Scholarship criteria. Presence must be recorded *after* the drop/add period for the student to be considered enrolled in 15 or more hours. Please note: Scholarship funds for the current semester and following semesters will be forfeited if students do not enroll in and have their presence recorded in 15 or more hours after the drop/add period.
3. Submit a Payment and Policy Notification form to the Office of Financial Aid. The form may be accessed within My.Hinds.

### **Requirements for students to retain Hinds Community College Foundation Scholarships\*:**

1. Must attend the Scholarship Recognition Program each year they receive a Foundation Scholarship. Failure to attend will result in forfeiting the scholarship for the current semester and future semesters, unless prior approval is granted by the Executive Director of the Foundation.
2. Must successfully complete 12 or more credit hours during the semester in which the student is receiving the scholarship.
3. Must maintain the required cumulative grade point average required for their particular scholarship. A cumulative GPA includes all credit hours attempted at Hinds Community College, including credit hours while dual enrolled.
4. A student receiving a Foundation Scholarship designated for a certain major or campus location will forfeit that scholarship if he/she changes majors or campus locations.
5. Any student who does not complete *all* of the requirements to retain their award will forfeit his/her scholarship for future semesters unless an appeal is filed with and approved by the Foundation Scholarship Committee. However, some scholarships are awarded only by semester. There is no probationary period after a scholarship forfeiture, and scholarships are not reinstated if a higher GPA is established in a future semester.

### **Awarding of Hinds Community College Foundation Scholarships\*:**

1. The award, as well as the number of semesters a scholarship will be awarded, may vary.
2. Scholarship awards will be applied to the student's account providing all admission requirements have been met and the student does not have an unsatisfactory academic progress status.
3. The appropriate award amount will begin transmitting to the eligible student's account 10 days prior to the first day of classes to pay tuition and fees, unless otherwise stipulated by the department granting the award.
4. If students have grants and scholarships in amounts greater than the total charges, the remaining amount will be refunded to the student's account according to the disbursement schedule published by the Financial Aid Office. Students should review their My.Hinds self-service account periodically to view their charges and awards.

\*Foundation Scholarship recipients must also abide by the Hinds Community College Scholarship policies. For additional information, please call 601.857.3744.

## **ACT Scholarships**

Hinds Community College is proud to offer the following ACT Scholarships to eligible recipients:

<b>Scholarship Name</b>	<b>Required Composite Score</b>	<b>Amount of Award</b>
Faculty Scholarship	ACT 21-24	\$1,000 per semester
Deans Scholarship	ACT 25-28	\$1,500 per semester
Presidential Scholarship	ACT 29-above	\$3,000 per semester

### **Criteria to be eligible to receive an ACT Scholarship\*:**

1. Be admitted to the college as an in-state student.
2. Have a standard high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma (GED®, HiSET®, TASC™, or Mississippi Competency-Based High School Equivalency).
3. Submit an official ACT composite score of 21 or above before the first day of class. No additional application is required to apply for this scholarship. ACT Scholarship recipients are identified as official ACT scores are received by the College. It is the student's responsibility to ensure an official ACT score of 21 or above has been submitted to the Office of Admissions before the first day of classes.
4. Be a first-time entering freshman (Hinds must be the first college you attend after receiving your high school diploma or equivalency diploma. Please note: students may not receive both the ACT and the High School Equivalency Diploma scholarship.) Students are still eligible for an ACT scholarship if they:

- Attended summer school prior to enrolling at Hinds CC as a full-time student or
- Participated in dual enrollment/dual credit classes before receiving a high school diploma or equivalency diploma

**Requirements for students to receive the ACT Scholarship:**

1. Enroll in and be marked present in a minimum of 15 credit hours every semester. Presence must be recorded *after* the drop/add period for the student to be considered enrolled in 15 or more hours. Please note: Scholarship funds for the current semester and following semesters will be forfeited if students do not enroll in and have their presence recorded in 15 or more hours after the drop/add period.
2. Submit a Payment and Policy Notification form to the Office of Financial Aid. The form may be accessed within My.Hinds.

**Requirements for students to retain the ACT Scholarship:**

1. Must successfully complete 12 or more credit hours during the semester in which the student is receiving the scholarship.
2. Must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above. A cumulative GPA includes all credit hours attempted at Hinds Community College, including credit hours while dual enrolled.
3. Students who do not meet all of the requirements to retain their ACT Scholarship will forfeit the scholarship for future semesters. Students may appeal a scholarship forfeiture according to the Hinds Community College Scholarship Policy (see Appeals section). Appeals are only considered within 30 days of forfeiture. There is no probationary period for the loss of a scholarship, and no scholarships are reinstated by a new GPA achieved at a later date

**Awarding of ACT scholarships:**

- The scholarship award amount is based on the highest ACT composite score on file in the Office of Admissions before the first day of classes.
- Scholarship award amounts cannot be changed by submitting a new score after the first day of classes.
- ACT Scholarships are awarded for four consecutive fall/spring semesters. ACT scholarships do not cover summer terms.
- Once all criteria (shown above) are met, eligible recipients will be awarded this scholarship automatically.
- The appropriate award amount will begin transmitting to the eligible students' account 10 days prior to the first day of classes to pay tuition and fees, unless otherwise stipulated by the department granting the award.
- If students have grants and scholarships in amounts greater than the total charges, the remaining amount will be refunded to the students' account according to the disbursement schedule published by the Financial Aid Office, providing the student maintains their enrollment during the semester in which the scholarship is awarded. Students should review their My.Hinds self-service account periodically to view their charges and awards. Students should review their My.Hinds self-service account periodically to view their charges and awards.

## **ACT Scholarship Summer Award Request:**

1. ACT Scholarships are not typically awarded in summer terms. However, exceptions may be made on an individual basis for students who may benefit from taking summer term classes within their program of study.
2. Currently enrolled Hinds students who have already been awarded the ACT scholarship for at least one fall or spring term, who have maintained all scholarship requirements to retain their award, and who have at least one semester remaining of future scholarship eligibility may be allowed to submit a Summer Award Request. Students who are eligible to receive the ACT scholarship as incoming freshmen but have not yet attended Hinds for a full fall or spring term after high school graduation do not qualify to submit a Summer Award Request.
3. Students who qualify to apply for a Summer Award Request will be notified via their Hinds email account in the spring semester before summer registration begins.
4. Students may access the ACT Scholarship Summer Award Request Form in their My.Hinds account under "Important Documents".
5. The Summer Award Request Form must be submitted to the District Scholarship Committee before the first day of summer term classes. No late applications will be considered.
6. Summer Award Requests will be considered by the committee on an individual basis and will take into consideration factors such as the student's program of study, the student's progress toward degree completion, the student's grade point average, and the student's other sources of financial aid.
7. Students will be notified in writing of the decision made by the District Scholarship Committee.
8. For students who receive approval for a summer award, the award amount will be prorated according to the number of hours in which the student enrolls for the summer term:
  - o 1-5 credit hours 25% of the student's ACT Scholarship award amount
  - o 6-8 credit hours 50% of the student's ACT Scholarship award amount
  - o 9-11 credit hours 75% of the student's ACT Scholarship award amount
  - o 12+ credit hours 100% of the student's ACT Scholarship award amount
9. Students who are approved for the ACT Scholarship Summer Award will not receive more money than they were originally awarded upon initial enrollment as a freshman at Hinds. The dollar amount that is awarded in the summer term will be debited against the student's future scholarship award amounts.

\*ACT Scholarship recipients must also abide by the Hinds Community College Scholarship Policies.

For more information, call 601.857.3502.



# Valedictorian and Salutatorian Scholarships

Hinds Community College is proud to offer a full-tuition scholarship to graduating seniors who have been named as Valedictorian or Salutatorian from an accredited high school within the Hinds Community College District.

## Criteria to be eligible to receive a Valedictorian or Salutatorian Scholarship\*:

1. Submit the Valedictorian and Salutatorian Scholarship application by the priority deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Submit an official high school transcript verifying class rank as number one or number two.
3. Be admitted to the college as an in-state student
4. Be a graduate of an accredited high school *within* the Hinds Community College District. The Hinds CC District includes high schools located in Hinds, Rankin, Warren, Claiborne, or Copiah County. Accredited high schools include Mississippi public schools and private schools accredited through the Mississippi Association of Independent schools and does not include homeschool associations.
5. Be a first-time entering freshman (Hinds must be the first college you attend after receiving your high school diploma.) However, students are still eligible for a Valedictorian or Salutatorian Scholarship if they:
  - Attend summer school prior to enrolling at Hinds CC as a full-time student
  - Participated in dual enrollment/dual credit classes before receiving a high school diploma
6. Have a standard high school diploma

## Requirements for students to receive the Valedictorian or Salutatorian Scholarship\*:

1. Enroll in and be marked present in a minimum of 15 credit hours every semester. Presence must be recorded *after* the drop/add period for the student to be considered enrolled in 15 or more hours. Please note: Scholarship funds for the current semester and following semesters will be forfeited if students do not enroll in and have their presence recorded in 15 or more hours after the drop/add period.
2. Submit a Payment and Policy Notification form to the Office of Financial Aid. The form may be accessed within My.Hinds.

## Requirements for students to retain the Valedictorian or Salutatorian Scholarship\*:

1. Must successfully complete 12 or more credit hours during the semester in which you are receiving the scholarship
2. Must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above. A cumulative GPA includes all credit hours attempted at Hinds Community College, including credit hours while dual enrolled.
3. Students who do not meet all of the requirements to retain their Valedictorian/Salutatorian Scholarship will forfeit the scholarship for future semesters. Students may appeal a scholarship forfeiture according to the Hinds Community College

Scholarship Policy (see Appeals section). Appeals are only considered within 30 days of forfeiture. There is no probationary period for the loss of a scholarship and no scholarships are reinstated by a new GPA achieved at a later date.

### **Awarding of the Valedictorian or Salutatorian Scholarship\*:**

1. Priority in awarding this scholarship will be given to applicants who submit all requirements by the priority deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Valedictorian and Salutatorian Scholarships are awarded for four consecutive fall/spring semesters (does not cover summer terms).
3. The award amount will begin transmitting to the scholarship recipient's account 10 days prior to the first day of classes to pay tuition and fees, unless otherwise stipulated by the department granting the award.
4. If students have grants and scholarships in amounts greater than the total charges, the remaining amount will be refunded to the student's account according to the disbursement schedule published by the Financial Aid Office, providing the student maintains their enrollment during the semester in which the scholarship is awarded. Students should review their My.Hinds self-service account periodically to view their charges and awards.

\*Valedictorian and Salutatorian Scholarship recipients must also abide by the Hinds Community College Scholarship Policies.

For more information, call 601.857.3502.

## **Career & Technical Competition Winner Scholarship**

The Career & Technical Competition Winner Scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis to students who place first in a Skills USA, HOSA, FLBLA, DECA, FFA, or TSA competitive event while in high school and wish to continue their education at Hinds in a career or technical program of study. Recipients of this scholarship will be awarded full-tuition for two consecutive semesters (one fall and one spring semester) and must enroll in an approved career and technical program of study at Hinds Community College.

### **Criteria to be eligible to receive a Career & Technical Competition Winner Scholarship\*:**

1. Submit the Application for Career & Technical Scholarship Winner scholarship application at [www.hindsec.edu/scholarships](http://www.hindsec.edu/scholarships) by a priority deadline of July 1.
2. Submit evidence of your first place award in an approved career or technical competitive event on the secondary level.
3. Enroll in an approved career or technical program of study at Hinds Community College.
4. Be admitted to the college as an in-state student.

5. Have a standard high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma (GED®, HiSET®, TASC™, or Mississippi Competency-Based High School Equivalency).
6. Be a first-time entering freshman (Hinds must be the first college you attend after receiving your high school diploma or equivalency diploma. Please note: students may not receive both the ACT and the High School Equivalency Diploma scholarship.) Students are still eligible for an ACT scholarship if they:
  - Attended summer school prior to enrolling at Hinds CC as a full-time student or
  - Participated in dual enrollment/dual credit classes before receiving a high school diploma or equivalency diploma

\*The priority deadline for submitting the scholarship application and its requirements is July 1. If scholarship funds remain after the deadline, awards will be made until funds are exhausted and up until the first day of the fall semester.

**Requirements for students to receive the Career & Technical Competition Winner Scholarship:**

1. Enroll in an approved career or technical program of study at Hinds Community College.
2. Enroll in and be marked present in a minimum of 15 credit hours every semester. Presence must be recorded *after* the drop/add period for the student to be considered enrolled in 15 or more hours. Please note: Scholarship funds for the current semester and following semesters will be forfeited if students do not enroll in and have their presence recorded in 15 or more hours after the drop/add period.
3. Submit a Payment and Policy Notification form to the Office of Financial Aid. The form may be accessed within My.Hinds.

**Requirements for students to retain the Career & Technical Competition Winner Scholarship:**

1. Maintain enrollment in an approved career or technical program of study.
2. Must successfully complete 12 or more credit hours during the semester in which the student is receiving the scholarship.
3. Must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above. A cumulative GPA includes all credit hours attempted at Hinds Community College, including credit hours while dual enrolled
4. Students who do not meet all of the requirements to retain the Career & Technical Competition Winner Scholarship will forfeit the scholarship. Students may appeal a scholarship forfeiture according to the Hinds Community College Scholarship Policy (see Appeals section). Appeals are only considered within 30 days of forfeiture. There is no probationary period for the loss of a scholarship, and no scholarships are reinstated by a new GPA achieved at a later date

**Awarding of Career & Technical Competition Winner Scholarships:**

1. The Career & Technical Competition Winner Scholarship is awarded for two consecutive semesters (one fall and one spring semester) providing the student maintains enrollment in an approved career or technical program of study.
2. Once all criteria (shown above) are met, eligible recipients will be considered for this award and notified in writing if selected as a recipient.
3. The appropriate award amount will begin transmitting to the eligible students' account 10 days prior to the first day of classes.
4. If students have grants and scholarships in amounts greater than the total charges, the remaining amount will be refunded to the students' account according to the disbursement schedule published by the Financial Aid Office, providing the student maintains their enrollment during the semester in which the scholarship is awarded. Students should review their My.Hinds self-service account periodically to view their charges and awards. Students should review their My.Hinds self-service account periodically to view their charges and awards.

For more information, call 601.857.3502.

## **High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarships and First College Class Free Award**

There are two scholarship awards for High School Equivalency Diploma Recipients:

1. The High School Equivalency Diploma First College Class Free Award
2. The High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarship

### **High School Equivalency Diploma First Class Free Award:**

This one-time award allows a new, first-time college student with a High School Equivalency Diploma to take one three-credit-hour class at any of the six Hinds locations or online, free of charge. To receive the First Class Free Award, students must:

1. Be admitted to the college as an in-state student
2. Be 17 years of age or older
3. Be a first-time entering freshman (Hinds is the first college attended after receiving your High School Equivalency Diploma)
4. Submit passing scores for an approved high school equivalency diploma (GED®, HiSET®, TASC™, or Mississippi Competency-Based High School Equivalency)
5. Submit an application for the High School Equivalency Diploma First Class Free Award to the Office of Admissions. Visit [www.hindscc.edu/scholarships](http://www.hindscc.edu/scholarships).
6. Submit a Payment and Policy Notification form to the Office of Financial Aid. The form may be accessed within My.Hinds.

Please note: The High School Equivalency Diploma First Class Free Award may be made in the summer, fall, or spring terms and is not renewable. Students receiving the High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarship are not eligible for the First Class Free award.

**The High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarship:**

Qualifying students may receive the High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 per semester.

**Criteria to be eligible to receive the High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarship\*:**

1. Must be admitted to the college as an in-state student.
2. Must be 17 years of age or older.
3. Must be a first-time entering freshman (Hinds is the first college you attend after receiving your high school equivalency diploma). Students are still eligible for a High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarship if they:
  - Attend summer school prior to enrolling at Hinds CC as a full-time student
  - Participated in dual enrollment/dual credit classes before receiving the high school equivalency diploma
  - Participated in an Integrated Career Pathways (MI-BEST) program at Hinds CC
4. Submit a High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarship Application. Visit [www.hindscc.edu/scholarships](http://www.hindscc.edu/scholarships).
5. Submit one of the following official High School Equivalency scores:
  - If the student took the GED® on or before December 31, 2013, a composite score of 577 or higher
  - If the student took the GED® on or after January 1, 2014, a composite score of 640 or higher
  - If the student took the HiSET®, a composite score of 75 or above
  - If the student took the TASC™, a composite score of 580 or above
6. Submit a Payment and Policy Notification form to the Office of Financial Aid. The form may be accessed within My.Hinds.

Please note: Students may not receive both the ACT and High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarship.

**Requirements for students to receive the High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarship\*:**

1. Enroll in and be marked present in a minimum of 15 credit hours every semester. Presence must be recorded *after* the drop/add period for the student to be considered enrolled in 15 or more hours. Please note: Scholarship funds for the current semester and following semesters will be forfeited if students do not enroll in and have their presence recorded in 15 or more hours after the drop/add period.
2. Submit a Payment and Policy Notification form to the Office of Financial Aid. The form may be accessed within My.Hinds.

## **Requirements for students to retain the High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarship\*:**

1. Must successfully complete 12 or more credit hours during the semester in which you are receiving the scholarship
2. Must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above. A cumulative GPA includes all credit hours attempted at Hinds Community College, including credit hours while dual enrolled.
3. Students who do not meet all of the requirements to retain their Valedictorian/Salutatorian Scholarship will forfeit the scholarship for future semesters. Students may appeal a scholarship forfeiture according to the Hinds Community College Scholarship Policy (see Appeals section). Appeals are only considered within 30 days of forfeiture. There is no probationary period for the loss of a scholarship and no scholarships are reinstated by a new GPA achieved at a later date.

## **Awarding of the High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarship\*:**

1. High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarships are awarded for four consecutive fall/spring semesters. (Does not cover summer terms.)
2. The High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarship will not be awarded after the first day of classes.
3. The scholarship award amount will begin transmitting to the eligible student's account 10 days prior to the first day of classes to pay tuition and fees, unless otherwise stipulated by the department granting the award.
4. If students have grants and scholarships in amounts greater than the total charges, the remaining amount will be refunded to the student's account according to the disbursement schedule published by the Financial Aid Office. Students should review their My.Hinds self-service account periodically to view their charges and awards.

**\*High School Equivalency Diploma Scholarship recipients must also abide by the Hinds Community College Scholarship Policies.**

For more information, call 601.857.3502.

Notice of Non-Discrimination Statement: In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972 of the Higher Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and other applicable Federal and State Acts, Hinds Community College offers equal education and employment opportunities and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or veteran status in its educational programs and activities. The following have been designated to handle inquiries regarding these policies: EEOC Compliance: Sherry Franklin, Vice President for Utica Campus and Administrative Services, Box 1003, Utica, MS 39175; Phone: 601.885.7002 or Email: [EEOC@hindsc.edu](mailto:EEOC@hindsc.edu). Title IX: Randall Harris, Vice President for Advancement and Student Services, Title IX Coordinator, Box 1100 Raymond MS 39154; Phone: 601.857.3889 or Email: [TitleIX@hindsc.edu](mailto:TitleIX@hindsc.edu).

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