

DORRANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

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About the Continuing Education Scholarship Program:

The Dorrance Continuing Education Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to those Dorrance Community College Scholars who wish to pursue a Bachelor's Degree upon completion of their Associate's Degree or an approved program of study. Scholarship awards are for one year of study at an Arizona public university and are renewable.

Eligibility:

- Recipient of the Dorrance Maricopa Community Colleges Scholarship.
- Submission of the Dorrance Continuing Education Scholarship Application.
- Completion of an Associate's Degree, or an approved program of study, with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75.
- Accepted by and plan to enroll as a student at an Arizona public university.
- Planning to complete 24 credit hours per academic year.
- Evidence of high motivation, determination to succeed, potential leadership and/or community involvement as demonstrated by:
 - One letter of recommendation from your Maricopa Community Colleges Dorrance Scholarship Advisor; and
 - A personal essay of no more than 500 words.
- Financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov/).
- Participation in the Dorrance Continuing Education Scholarship interview on **Friday, May 14, 2010**. Interviews will be scheduled once all applications have been received.

Award:

Up to \$30,000 total over 3 years (9 semesters including summer sessions):

- \$5,000 per semester for full-time (12 credit hours) enrollment; \$2,500 per semester for part-time (9-11 credit hours) or summer session enrollment.

Renewal Criteria:

- An acknowledgement letter sent to the donor in care of the Arizona Community Foundation.
- Registered for and completed a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year (fall, spring and summer).
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75.
- A short letter at the end of each semester, updating the donor on educational progress and plans.
- A current FAFSA on file each spring.
- Complete a minimum of 12 volunteer hours per academic year.
- *In addition to any other terms and conditions, the number and amount of all Arizona Community Foundation scholarship awards and renewals is contingent on the availability of funding.*

Application Process:

- Please download an application at www.dorrancescholarship.org or see your Maricopa Community Colleges Dorrance Advisor.
- **Submit your application directly to the Arizona Community Foundation, not your Dorrance Advisor.**

Application Deadline:

- **Deadline: April 30, 2010 at 5pm** (All application materials must be submitted in the same envelope.)

Finalists Interviews: May 14, 2010 (Interviews are required and **cannot** be rescheduled. A 20-minute interview will be scheduled upon receipt of your application.)

***Note:** Recipients of the Dorrance Maricopa Community Colleges Scholarship may apply for, but do not automatically receive, the Dorrance Continuing Education Scholarship. A selection committee makes awards based on the content and quality of the application, the interview and the availability of funding.*

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Application Check List and Cover Sheet

Name

University Assigned ID Number

My application is complete and contains ALL* of the following:

- This check list and cover sheet.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from your campus Dorrance Advisor. Submit this letter in the same envelope with the Letter of Recommendation Form.
- Official Maricopa Community Colleges transcript through the previous semester. (An official final transcript must be submitted to ACF by May 25th, 2010.)
- Letter of acceptance from your College/Department at an Arizona public university.
- Completed **Spring 2010** application.

Certification and Signatures:

I certify that:

- I meet the eligibility requirements for this scholarship.
- I have been admitted to an Arizona public university.
- I have been accepted to the College/Department where I will earn my undergraduate degree.
- I am available to be interviewed by the selection committee.
- The application packet is complete.
- The information on the application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- The essay I submitted is my original work.
- I have completed my FAFSA. (Financial need will be evaluated by your university and reported to the Arizona Community Foundation.)
- Furthermore, I authorize my educational institution(s) to release academic, financial and/or other necessary information as required by the donor and/or the Arizona Community Foundation.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

*Failure to include any item on the checklist will render your application incomplete and it will not be considered.

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A. The Applicant

Legal Name in Full _____

Permanent Home Address _____

P.O. Box/Rural Route or Number Street

City

State

Zip Code

E-mail Address _____ Home Telephone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender Female Male Ethnic Background (Optional) _____

B. Your Educational Background, Employment and Community Service Activities

Are you the first generation to attend college (neither of your parents holds a 4-yr. degree)? Yes No

Name of Maricopa Community Colleges Campus Currently Attending _____

Name of Maricopa Community Colleges Dorrance Scholarship Advisor _____

Advisor's Telephone (____) _____ Advisor's E-Mail Address _____

Associate's Degree or Program of Specialization _____

Arizona public university you plan to attend _____

Anticipated Major _____ Anticipated Date of Graduation _____

List any advanced or special courses, dual enrollment, certifications, workshops or summer courses you have taken *that are not reflected on your Maricopa Community Colleges transcript*. List the most recent courses or programs first.

Course or Program	Name of Institution	City/State	Dates Attended
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Current Employer _____ Name of Supervisor _____

Employer's Address _____

P.O. Box/Rural Route or Number Street

City

State

Zip Code

Length of Time Employed with the Current Employer _____ Part-Time Full-Time

List Community Involvement/Volunteer Work – *Include Hours per Year*

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C. Snap Shots

Respond to each of the following in one sentence or less (one word might suffice). There is no right or wrong answer. Have fun!

- A word that describes you
- Most prized possession
- Favorite food
- Favorite book you've read for pleasure
- Favorite musical band/performer/composer
- Dream job
- Role model
- Best movie of all time
- A Favorite quote (identify the speaker)
- If you could balance on tight rope, over what landscape would you walk? (No net.)
- In the past there was The Golden Age, The Bronze Age and The Iron Age; what would you label this Age?
- Name something that bugs you, your best friend or your dog, and tell us how might that problem be solved? (Don't focus on current capabilities; assume all knowledge and resources are available to you.)

D. Resume and Essay

Your writing should demonstrate style, depth, and breadth of knowledge and individuality. Limit your response to the length indicated. Both parts should be typed. Give considerable thought to your writing as it will weigh heavily in the selection committee's decision. This must be your original work.

Resume: The year is 2020. You have graduated from an Arizona public university and have been working at a job in the profession in which you earned your degree. Create a resume telling us what you are doing and how you have been giving back to the community for the good fortune you received when you were awarded this scholarship.

Essay: You know your community college well. How will the university experience be different? What are you looking forward to? Does any aspect of the transition intimidate you? Tell us how you will make the transition successful? Be specific. (500 words)

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Letter of Recommendation Form

PART A: *This part of the form is to be completed by the student.*

Student Name: _____

_____	_____	_____
First	Middle	Last
_____	_____	_____
Number	Street	Apt #
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip

Check your choice:

- I waive my right to view this letter of recommendation. (Return to ACF in an envelope, signed across the seal by the recommender).
- I do not waive my right to view this letter of recommendation.

Signature _____ Date _____

PART B: *This part of the form is to be completed by the Maricopa Community Colleges Dorrance Advisor:*

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FORM DIRECTIONS

1. When complete, place this recommendation in a sealed envelope, sign across the seal and return to the student.
2. TYPE YOUR RECOMMENDATION.
3. This form MUST accompany your recommendation.

The selection committee is especially interested in your candid assessment of this student's ability to be academically successful at a four-year university. Support your assertions with concrete examples. Consider the following:

- ❖ STRENGTHS: What are the student's strengths and weaknesses?
- ❖ PERSEVERANCE: Are there special circumstances or obstacles that the student has had to overcome?
- ❖ LEADERSHIP: In what ways does this student show strong evidence of leadership ability?
- ❖ CHARACTER: How does the student demonstrate character?
- ❖ TALENT/SKILLS: Does the student have any special talents or skills?

Your evaluation will become part of the student's confidential file intended for use by the selection committee.

Recommender _____ Title _____

Address _____

Length of time knowing the student _____

Signature _____ Date _____