



Second Chance Scholarship

Application Packet

2017-2018

Background / History:

The Second Chance scholarship program at HVCC dates back to 1988. Funding was initially provided by the Joseph N. Mastrangelo-Ralph C. Arnold Foundation which later became known as the Second Chance Scholarship Foundation. The Second Chance Scholarship program started with five students in 1988. By the fall of 2002, there were places for up to 36 students. As many as 100 applications have been received for a given semester. By 2010, 455 Hudson Valley students had received Second Chance scholarships totaling \$1,101,339.

Over a period of several years beginning in 2010, the Second Chance Foundation dissolved and distributed its assets to a number of colleges, including Hudson Valley Community College. Going forward, the HVCC Foundation will administer the Second Chance Scholarship program according to the terms initially set by the Second Chance Foundation.

Definition:

Second Chance Scholarships are aimed at students who not only have financial need, but who also have overcome tremendous personal obstacles in order to pursue an education. The goal of the program is to reward those who demonstrate the initiative and desire to achieve self-sufficiency through education. Recipients are also rewarded for academic success; the higher your grades, the more the award.

Scholarship Availability:

Students may apply for scholarships in the Fall semester.

- ***Scholarships are awarded at the end of each semester and are based on academic performance by the student during that semester.***
- Therefore, you must be prepared to pay each semester's bill at the beginning of each semester using all available forms of funding available to you – loans, grants, and outright cash payments.
- Awards are continued for up to four consecutive semesters provided that the student meets the eligibility requirements.

Criteria:

In order to receive a Second Chance Scholarship Award, a student must earn at least a 2.0 GPA for the semester. A student is allowed a grade of "W" (withdrawn) although this may change the level of award based on the number of credit hours still carried and completed successfully during the semester. A student may **not receive a grade below "D" and receive a Second Chance Scholarship award.**

Each participating student is eligible for four consecutive semesters. It is possible for the student to not receive any Second Chance Scholarship money during those four semesters, based on academic ineligibility (lower than a 2.0 GPA).

Awards will be presented to qualified students after final grades for a semester have been posted. If a student is still enrolled, the award will be posted as a credit on his/her bill for the next semester. If a student is no longer enrolled, the award amount will be refunded directly to the student after any outstanding charges are satisfied.

If you do not have a FAFSA on file and/or cannot complete a FAFSA, you will not be considered for this scholarship. Each student must submit a FAFSA annually for as long as he/she continues to be part of this program.

Screening/Selection:

A selection committee will review applications based upon the following criteria:

- The applicant's autobiographical summary statement
- Letter(s) of recommendation
- Financial need

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Deadlines:

Application deadline will be determined annually. For students hoping to join the program during the 2017-18 academic year, applications must be submitted **by Friday, September 29, 2017.**

Award Schedule:

The following table outlines the schedule of Second Chance Scholarship awards:

If Your Enrollment Status (credit hours) is:	And your cumulative GPA at the end of the semester is:	Then your scholarship award will be:
6-11 credit hours completed	2.0 – 2.99	\$500
	3.0 – 3.99	\$750
	4.0	\$1,000
12-14 credit hours completed	2.0 – 2.99	\$750
	3.0 – 3.99	\$1,000
	4.0	\$1,200
15 or more credit hours completed	2.0 – 2.99	\$1,000
	3.0 – 3.99	\$1,200
	4.0	\$1,500

There is also the opportunity to earn a bonus award of an additional \$250 each semester during which your semester GPA is 4.0.

All awards are based on fund availability and are subject to change without notice. Depending on the availability of funds, the award may be higher or lower than the amount stated in the chart above. Applicants should not construe this schedule as a guarantee of award amounts.

For planning purposes, the Financial Aid Office calculates your maximum potential award and adjusts other forms of financial aid to avoid any overawards.

If you are offered a Second Chance Scholarship, you must consult with the Financial Aid Office before accepting this scholarship to ensure you fully understand the impact of this scholarship on your financial aid package.

Questions about the terms and conditions of this scholarship should be directed to:
Kim Berry, Scholarship Coordinator, at 518-629-8012 or via email at scholarships@hvcc.edu

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND CHECKLIST

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The Selection Committee will only consider complete applications which are submitted prior to the deadline date.

Please review all application materials and provide all information requested.

1.) **Autobiographical Summary (Suggested length: 250-500 words, however there is no minimum or maximum)**

Your summary is particularly important for the selection committee. Your autobiography should be typed, signed, and dated. All biographical information will be considered confidential. Please include the following in your autobiographical summary:

- Personal historical background;
- Family history:
Marital status; Number of dependents
- Educational background
- Educational goals:
Short and Long-term goals
- Career goals
- Other pertinent information:
Language/cultural barriers; Health problems/disabilities (e.g. physical disability, chemical dependence, etc.); Learning disorders; Special circumstances related to financial status not reported on FAFSA

2.) **Letter(s) of Recommendation**

These should be obtained from a faculty or staff member at the college or another educational professional who knows you well; it is particularly important to have their perspective on your potential for academic success. If you cannot obtain an academic reference, a personal reference may be provided by anyone who knows you well. Letters of recommendation may be submitted via email to scholarships@hvcc.edu

3.) **Applicant's Certification**

This statement can be found on the back of the application form. Please sign, date, and return it with your application form, autobiographical statement and letter(s) of recommendation.

4.) **Consent to release information**

This statement can be found on the back of the application form. Please sign, date, and return it with your application form, autobiographical statement and letter(s) of recommendation.

If you are offered and accept a Second Chance Scholarship, you will be required to sign an acceptance agreement, write a thank you note to donors, and attend a scholarship reception. Failure to meet those obligations may result in the loss of your scholarship.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:

HVCC Foundation
Fitzgibbons 131
80 Vandenberg Ave
Troy, NY 12180

Or scan and send via email to:

scholarships@hvcc.edu

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

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APPLICANT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HVCC ID # H00 _____ AGE _____

PHONE # (Home/Cell) _____ (Work) _____

MAJOR/EXPECTED MAJOR _____

CURRENT GPA _____ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE _____

HVCC EMAIL _____

All correspondence related to this application will be emailed to HVCC email only.

MARITAL STATUS (optional) ___ Single ___ Married ___ Divorced ___ Widowed

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS (optional) _____



NOTE: Do not forget to include your autobiographical summary!

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CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I, _____, give Hudson Valley Community College Foundation permission to obtain information associated with my application for the above.

By signing this consent, I understand that as an applicant for this scholarship award, I give permission to verify submitted materials: financial, academic and personal references. This consent form will remain in effect as long as eligibility exists.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I believe myself eligible for and hereby make application to receive a Second Chance Scholarship at Hudson Valley Community College. I certify that all statements made in this application are complete and accurate.

I understand that:

- Falsification in my application, transcripts or other attachments will disqualify my application;
- Incomplete applications may not be considered; and
- It is my responsibility to inform the Foundation of any change in my eligibility status or of any additional awards received.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

