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This scholarship is for \$200 per semester for students who are dually enrolled in high school and AACC and demonstrate financial need.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Student must be attending High School and AACC.
2. Student must be a Maryland resident
3. Student must show financial need as determined by the application form.

#### **Application Process:**

1. All questions on this application must be answered, even if the answer is "0" or "N/A".
2. Submit your completed application to the AACC Financial Aid Office.

If you have any questions about this scholarship, contact Michael McGranahan at 410-777-2203 or by e-mail at [mjmcgranahan@aacc.edu](mailto:mjmcgranahan@aacc.edu) .

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I am requesting the Early College Access Grant for the:  Fall 20\_\_  Winter/Spring 20\_\_  Summer 20\_\_

**Step 1: Student Information**

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student I.D. # or Social Security Number
Address (include apt. #)			E-mail Address
City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number (include area code)
Date of Birth: _____		Current High School: _____	

Please list the courses you want to take:

Course Number and Name	Course Start Date

*It is NOT necessary to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to apply for this scholarship. If you have already submitted a FAFSA to AACC for this academic year, you may skip to the signature section in Step 4.*

Are you a U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No

If you are not a U.S. Citizen, list your Alien Registration number: A \_\_\_\_\_ and your status:

- I am a U.S. Permanent Resident or Conditional Permanent Resident with an I-551 or I-551C card
  - I have an I-94 Arrival-Departure record showing "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Parolee," or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant" status.
- (If none of the above, you are not eligible for this scholarship.)*

For this year, what is your IRS income tax return filing status?

- I have already completed one of the following tax returns for the current year.
    - IRS 1040  A foreign tax return\*
    - IRS 1040A or 1040EZ  A tax return with Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory, or freely associated state\*
  - I will file, but I have not yet completed my return.
  - I'm not going to file.
- \* See additional notes on Page 5

**For the following questions, if the answer is zero or the question does not apply to you, enter "0".**

Enter your adjusted gross income, as listed on your IRS tax return. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enter your income tax paid, as listed on your IRS tax return. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enter your number of exemptions claimed, as listed on your IRS tax return. \_\_\_\_\_

How much did you earn last year from working (wages, salaries, tips, combat pay, etc.)? Answer this question whether or not you filed a tax return. This information is on your W-2 forms or IRS tax return. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2: Parent(s)' Data. (To determine who is a parent for this step, see notes on Page 5)**

What is your parent(s)' marital status as of today?  Married/Remarried  Divorced/Separated  Single  Widowed

Month and year they were married, separated, divorced or widowed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year

How many people are in your parent(s)' household? \_\_\_\_\_

*Include in your parent(s)' household:*

- your parent(s) and yourself, even if you don't live with your parent(s),
- your parent(s)' other children, if your parent(s) will provide more than half of their support,
- other people if they now live with your parent(s), your parent(s) provide more than half of their support, and your parent(s) will continue to provide more than half of their support.

How many people in your parent(s)' household (listed above) will be college students attending at least half-time in a program that leads to a college degree or certificate? Always count yourself as a college student. Do not include your parent(s). \_\_\_\_\_

This year, did you, your parent(s), or anyone in your parent(s)' household (listed above) receive benefits from any of the Federal programs listed below? Mark all programs that apply.

- Food Stamps
- Free or Reduced Price Lunch
- Supplemental Social Security Income
- TANF
- WIC

For this year, what is your parent(s)' IRS income tax return filing status?

- My parent(s) have already completed one of the following tax returns for the current year.
  - IRS 1040
  - IRS 1040A or 1040EZ
  - A foreign tax return\*
  - A tax return with Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory or freely associated state\*
- My parent(s) will file, but they have not yet completed their return.
- My parent(s) are not going to file.

\* See additional notes on Page 5

If your parent(s) filed or will file a 1040, were they eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ?

- Yes  No  Don't Know

What was your parent(s)' tax return filing status?

- Single  Head of household
- Married, filed jointly  Qualifying widow(er)
- Married, filed separately  Don't know

***For the following questions, if the answer is zero or the question does not apply to you, enter "0".***

Enter your parent(s)' adjusted gross income, as listed on their IRS tax return. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enter your parent(s)' income tax paid, as listed on their IRS tax return. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enter your parent(s)' number of exemptions claimed, as listed on their IRS tax return. \_\_\_\_\_

How much did your parent(s) earn last year from working (wages, salaries, tips, combat pay, etc.)? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Answer this question whether or not they filed a tax return. This information is on their W-2 forms or IRS tax return. Father/Stepfather \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Stepmother \$ \_\_\_\_\_

As of today, what is your parent(s)' total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 3: Must be completed by student and parent(s).**

For each item, please report the total yearly amount received. If none, enter "0"	Student Yearly Amount	Parent(s) Yearly Amount
Education credits from IRS tax return documents.	\$ /yr	\$ /yr
Child support <b>paid</b> because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Don't include support for children in your parent(s)' household.	\$ <b>XXXX</b> /yr	\$ /yr
Taxable earnings from Federal Work Study or other need-based work programs.	\$ /yr	\$ /yr
Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including, but not limited to, amounts reported on the W-2 forms.	\$ /yr	\$ /yr
IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040.	\$ /yr	\$ /yr
Child support <b>received</b> for all children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments.	\$ <b>XXXX</b> /yr	\$ /yr
Tax-exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040.	\$ /yr	\$ /yr
Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040 or 1040A. Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter "0".	\$ /yr	\$ /yr
Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040 or 1040A. Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter "0".	\$ /yr	\$ /yr
Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to military personnel ( <b>including BAH, BAS and untaxed pay for service in a combat zone</b> ), clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits).	\$ /yr	\$ /yr
Veterans <b>non-education</b> benefits such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work/Study allowances.	\$ /yr	\$ /yr
Combat pay or special combat pay. Only enter the amount that was taxable and included in your adjusted gross income. Do not enter untaxed combat pay.	\$ /yr	\$ /yr
Any other untaxed income or benefits not reported elsewhere on Worksheets A and B, such as Worker's Compensation, untaxed portions of railroad retirement benefits, Black Lung Benefits, Refugee Assistance, etc. <b>Don't include</b> student aid, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, or benefits from flexible spending (cafeteria) plans.	\$ /yr	\$ /yr
Money <b>received</b> , or paid on your behalf (e.g., bills), not reported elsewhere on this form.	\$ /yr	\$ /yr

**STEP 4: Confirmation signatures**

I certify that all the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

**Return completed form to:**

Attention: Scholarship Specialist  
 Financial Aid Office  
 Anne Arundel Community College  
 101 College Parkway, Arnold, MD 21012  
 Or fax to 410-777-4019

## Notes for Application Questions

### **Foreign Tax Return:**

If you filed or will file a foreign tax return, a tax return with Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory (e.g. Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Swain's Island, or the Northern Marianas Islands), or one of the freely associated states (i.e. the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Federated States of Micronesia), use the information from that return to fill out this form. If you filed a foreign return, convert all figures to U.S. dollars, using the exchange rate that is in effect today. To view the daily exchange rate, go to: [www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h10/update](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h10/update).

### **Parents:**

Read these notes to determine who is considered a parent on this form.

- “Parent” refers to a biological or adoptive parent or a person determined by the state to be a parent (for example, if the parent is listed on the birth certificate).
- Grandparents, foster parents and legal guardians are not considered parents on this form unless they have legally adopted you.
- If your parents are living and married to each other, answer the questions about them.
- If your legal parents are not married but live together, answer the questions about both of them.
- If your parent is widowed or single, answer the questions about that parent. If your widowed parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and the person to whom your parent is married (your stepparent).
- If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent you lived with more during the past 12 months. (If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give answers about the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent.) If this parent is remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent and the person your parent married (your stepparent).