



APPLICATION

Thanks to the generosity of sponsors from our local community and beyond, the **President's Challenge Scholarship** assists **first-generation Ulster County high school students** with overcoming financial barriers associated with attending college. Students are identified in eighth grade by their sponsoring school district and receive mentoring and college readiness preparation throughout high school. Upon graduation, students are able to attend **SUNY Ulster tuition-free for two years!**

PROGRAM CRITERIA

To apply, students must be first-generation college students, have an 80% cumulative GPA (75% in their core courses - English, math, science, and social studies) and have an 85% or better attendance record in school with minimal discipline infractions or have a strong recommendation from a teacher or school administrator. Preference is given to students with economic need.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's Name _____
School District _____
Date of Birth _____
Student's Home Phone _____
Student's Cell Phone _____
Student's Email _____
Gender _____
Mailing Address _____

1. Do you have internet access at home?
_____ Yes _____ No
2. Are you enrolled in the school breakfast and/or lunch program?
_____ Yes _____ No
3. Do you have a sibling that currently participates in the President's Challenge Scholarship Program?
_____ Yes* _____ No

*Please note that no preference is given to applicants with siblings in the program.

Check here to give permission to your school district and SUNY Ulster to keep in touch regarding your academic progress as it relates to your scholarship eligibility.

Student Signature

OPTIONAL

Your response to the following questions is completely voluntary. In the event you choose to answer these questions, SUNY Ulster will keep your responses confidential and will not use the information in a discriminatory manner. The failure to respond to these questions will not subject you to any adverse treatment. Answers to these questions are only used to provide accurate counts to report SUNY Ulster's PCS student body to private grant funding sources.

1. Are you Hispanic/Latino? Yes No
 - 1a. If you answered YES to being Hispanic/Latino, indicate your background:
 Central American Mexican
 South American Dominican
 Puerto Rican Other Hispanic/Latino
 - 1b. Please indicate your race (check all that apply)
 American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Black or African American
 White Asian
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

2. Check here if you wish to indicate that your native language is not English.

3. Check here if you wish to identify yourself as: Physically or Learning Disabled.

STUDENT INTERESTS

Soccer Baseball Tennis Softball Basketball Golf Cross Country Wrestling
 Volleyball SGO/Clubs Music Academic Travel Other _____

STUDENT REFLECTION ESSAY

Your response will be a typed essay between 250-500 words on a separate sheet of paper. You may utilize some of the topics below to tell how obtaining a college degree will assist you in reaching your career goals.

- Describe the strengths and attributes which make you an ideal candidate.
- Describe how a person in your life has inspired you to succeed.
- Tell about a special project you have completed in the last year.
- What are your favorite subjects/classes and why?
- Describe your extra-curricular interests (outside of school) and why they are important to you.
- If you consider yourself creative, describe how your creativity has served you well in your life and how you see it serving you in your future.
- What personal or family responsibilities do you have that you feel contribute to the development of your character?
- Describe some of your leadership qualities or skills and how you feel they can serve you in pursuing your education.

Submit to Principal or School Counselor by _____ Date _____

STUDENT MEDIA RELEASE FOR PHOTOS & VIDEOS

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby irrevocably authorize Ulster County Community College, Ulster Community College Foundation Inc. and Ulster Community College Association Inc., (hereinafter "Licensees"), their assignees, sub-licensees, legal representatives and transferees to use and publish, with or without my name, photographs, pictures, portraits, video or images in any and all forms and media and in all manners including composite images or representations, for the purposes of publicity, illustration, commercial art, advertising, publishing (including publishing in electronic or digital format), or for any lawful use as may be determined by the Licensees above named. Said photographs, pictures, portraits, video or images may be used for publication purposes in various college magazines, newsletters, webpages, brochures, social media, press releases and/or recruitment materials. Any copyrights arising from the aforementioned publications shall remain the property of Licensees. I further waive any and all rights to review or approve any uses of the images, any written copy or finished product.

(Student) By signing below, I verify that I have read and agree to the above stated terms of the Media Release.

Signed _____ Date _____

(Parent) I am the parent or legal guardian of the above-mentioned minor and have the legal right and authority to execute the above release on behalf of the minor. By signing below, I verify that I have read and agree to the above stated terms of the Media Release for my student.

Signed _____ Date _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian(s) Name _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Home Phone _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Cell Phone _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Email _____

Mailing Address _____

(If different than student's address)

What is the highest level of education obtained by Parent 1?

Less than a high school diploma _____

High school diploma (or equivalent) _____

Some college, no degree _____

Associate degree _____

Bachelor's degree or higher _____

Degree earned outside the U.S. _____

What is the highest level of education obtained by Parent 2?

Less than a high school diploma _____

High school diploma (or equivalent) _____

Some college, no degree _____

Associate degree _____

Bachelor's degree or higher _____

Degree earned outside the U.S. _____

For more information contact your Guidance Counselor or

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