



Hagerstown Community College, 11400 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742

### HCC ESSENCE PROGRAM (EARLY COLLEGE) APPLICATION

Please complete this form if you plan on participating in the ESSENCE Program. Students will not be able to register if this form is not on file with the Admissions Department.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Present Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School/or check if Homeschooled: \_\_\_\_\_ School year applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate box (to be eligible for the ESSENCE Program, you must be 16 years old and have a 2.5 GPA)

- I understand that as a Washington County Public School student, I will receive a tuition discount on my first 4 college level courses taken at HCC while still in high school. If I receive Free and Reduced Meals (FARM), I must sign up at <http://schoolunchapp.com> by September 15<sup>th</sup> for the fall semester and February 1<sup>st</sup> for the spring semester.
- I understand that as a public school, Homeschool or private school student who resides in or outside of Washington County, I will receive a 25% tuition discount on my first 12 college level credits taken at HCC based on my residency.
  - Public high school students may be eligible to apply for a Federal Pell grant. Each student must declare a major at HCC, have their social security number on file, and complete the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Pell grants are issued to those students who qualify.
  - The ESSENCE Supplemental Scholarship is available to students who qualify. Each student must be a Maryland resident, declare a major at HCC, have their social security number on file and complete the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Homeschool students, students who receive Free and Reduced Meals or full-time ESSENCE students are not eligible for this scholarship. The scholarship application can be found at [www.hagerstowncc.edu/admissions/essence](http://www.hagerstowncc.edu/admissions/essence).
  - Please contact the Financial Aid office if you need assistance with the FAFSA – 240-500-2473 or [finaid@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:finaid@hagerstowncc.edu) or if you have questions.

I give HCC permission to release information to my high school including placement test scores, course registration, grades, and attendance records. My parents or legal guardian and I understand that I am enrolling in classes in a college environment where rules, federal and state laws, and individual student maturity and responsibility are different from being in a high school environment. We also understand, if I do not live up to the ESSENCE program requirements, HCC may decide it is best that I return to my high school.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### Student Record (From High School Counselor or Principal)

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Honors/AP Classes \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor/Administrator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### Students must have completed the following before registering for classes:

1. Completion of HCC application for admission and this form
2. Submit high school transcript to HCC
3. Complete the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) if applying for a Pell Grant or the ESSENCE Supplemental Scholarship
4. Completion of HCC placement exams or having the required SAT/ACT scores. For testing information, visit: [www.hagerstowncc.edu/testing](http://www.hagerstowncc.edu/testing).

Please call the HCC Admissions Office at 240-500-2238 to schedule a time to register for classes. If you are taking a class at your high school, HCC will visit your class to conduct registration.