2016 Application for Institutional Nomination
to the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Academic Scholars Program

Deadline for applications: **July 7, 2016**

Return to: Honors Office
TCC Metro Campus, MC 523C
909 S. Boston
Tulsa, OK 74119-2095

Name________________________ S.S. Number________________________
Last First M.I. or IMMIGRATION NUMBER

Address__________________________________________________________
Street or Rural Route City State ZIP

Telephones (______)________________ or (______)________________________

High School(s) attended*________________________ From _________ to__________
Date Date

ACT composite score**___________________ SAT scores**: Verbal_______ Math_______

Have you ever been enrolled in college***?____ Where?_________________________

*Applicant must attach official high school transcript(s) showing GPA and class rank.
**Applicant must submit official scores (from a single national test date) to TCC; additionally, applicant must attach a photocopy of the student score report, showing percentile rankings, to this application.
***If yes, applicant must attach official college transcript(s).

Are you a National Merit Scholar, National Merit Finalist, or U.S. Presidential Scholar?
_______ If yes, which?__________________________________________

Other Honors, Awards, Activities (Must include acceptance into the TCC Honors Scholar program. For information on becoming an Honors Scholar, contact the TCC Honors Office at 918-595-7378. Please use other side or attach additional sheets, if needed.):

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Applicant must report to the TCC Metro Campus Testing Center between May 9 and July 7, 2016, to write a 300- to 500-word essay. (For essay topic and Testing Center location, see TCC Institutional Nomination Information Sheet.)

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By signing below, I certify that all information provided in this application is complete and accurate, and that I intend to be an active participant in TCC honors classes and the TCC Honors Scholar program throughout my enrollment at TCC. I understand that I must meet the following requirements in order to remain eligible for this scholarship, in the event I am selected as one of Tulsa Community College’s Institutional Nominees:

1) The student shall be classified as a full-time student and shall maintain that status in a single institution throughout each semester to be eligible for continuation of the award. “Full-time” is defined as 12 hours in the fall and spring semesters and 6 hours in the optional summer or January term.

2) The student must maintain a 3.25 retention or cumulative grade-point average.

3) The student must earn 24 semester credit hours each academic year. If the student receives summer payment, he or she must earn 30 semester credit hours for the academic year.

4) The student who receives the scholarship as an Institutional Nominee of a two-year college is eligible for transfer to a four-year public or private Oklahoma institution after completion of an associate’s degree or at least 48 credit hours within his or her first two academic years at any combination of two-year colleges in the State System. In addition, the Institutional Nominee of a two-year college must attend the nominating institution for the first year.

I further understand that, to be awarded this scholarship as an Institutional Nominee of Tulsa Community College, I must enroll by August 1, 2016, in at least 12 credit hours of Fall 2016 classes (some of which must be honors classes) at Tulsa Community College and that failure to do so will cause me to forfeit my award. I understand that I should consult the Honors Program staff about my schedule to be sure I am going to meet honors credit requirements. Finally, I understand that acceptance of TCC’s institutional nomination for this scholarship constitutes permission to use my name and likeness in publicity materials.

_________________________________________  _______________
Signature  Date

After completing and signing this form, detach the application portion and return to the address on the front. Keep the informational portion for your own reference.

HONORS PROGRAM

It is one part of the operational policy of Tulsa Community College to practice non-discrimination in employment.

It is against the policy of the Community College to discriminate against, or exclude from participation in benefits or activities either on the staff or in the student body, any person on the grounds of race, color, religion, age, sex, disability, national origin, or status as a veteran.
This year, the TCC Honors Program will nominate five students for the Oklahoma State Regents Academic Scholars Program Scholarship. Only members of the 2016 high school graduating class are eligible.

What is the Academic Scholars Program? The Oklahoma State Regents Academic Scholars Program was created and funded by the Oklahoma Legislature and is administered by the Oklahoma State Regents as an incentive for students of high academic ability to attend both public and private higher education institutions in Oklahoma.

What is the amount of the scholarship? The scholarship will be awarded for up to eight semesters of attendance at an Oklahoma institution for higher education in accordance with the continuing eligibility requirements.

The amount varies according to the type of institution the student attends. The annual scholarship amount for Institutional Nominees is $2800 for students who attend the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, or the University of Tulsa; $2000 for students who attend any other Oklahoma four-year public or private college or university; and $1800 for students who attend Oklahoma two-year colleges. The award is portable if the student transfers to another eligible institution, with some restrictions. The award amounts may vary from year to year depending upon the funds available. Students who enroll at public universities and colleges are eligible for a tuition waiver, in addition to the scholarship award noted above.

What is required of scholarship recipients?
1) The student shall be classified as a full-time student and shall maintain that status in a single institution throughout each semester to be eligible for continuation of the award. “Full-time” is defined as 12 hours in the fall and spring semesters and 6 hours in the optional summer or January term.
2) The student is expected to maintain a 3.25 retention or cumulative grade-point average.
3) The student must earn 24 semester credit hours each academic year. If the student receives summer payment, he or she must earn 30 semester credit hours for the academic year.
4) The student who receives the scholarship as an Institutional Nominee of a two-year college is eligible for transfer to a four-year public or private Oklahoma institution after completion of an associate degree or at least 48 credit hours within his or her first two academic years at any combination of two-year colleges in the State System. In addition, the Institutional Nominee of a two-year college must attend the nominating institution for the first year.

Who is eligible for institutional nomination? Any new or continuing Tulsa Community College student:
1) who has been accepted into the TCC Honors Scholar program before July 7, 2016. (This requires a separate application. For information on becoming an Honors Scholar, contact the TCC Honors Program at 918-595-7378.);
2) whose high school class graduates in spring 2016;
3) who meets one of the following two criteria: (1) ACT score of 29 or higher, earned on a single national test date prior to applicant’s enrollment in college; or (2) high school GPA of 3.7 or higher along with a high school class rank in the top 5% (or rank of first or second in the graduating class);

4) who enrolls no later than August 1, 2016, in at least 12 credit hours—including some honors classes—for the Fall 2016 semester at TCC, and remains enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours per fall or spring semester).

What are the application requirements?
1) Submit the Application for Institutional Nomination form to the TCC Honors Program Office, Metro Campus Room MC 523C, 909 S. Boston, Tulsa, OK 74119-2095. (Application forms are available in the Honors Office. Call 918-595-7378.)

2) Attach a copy of your high school transcript(s)—and college transcripts if applicable.

3) Submit ACT scores (required) and SAT scores (optional) to TCC.

4) Report to the Testing Center on TCC Metro Campus between the dates of May 9 and July 7, 2015, to complete an essay of 300 to 500 words. Please be aware that the college may be open reduced hours on Fridays during some of these weeks. Call the Testing Center (918-595-7010) to check their hours before you make a trip to campus. The essay must be written IN THE TESTING CENTER, where the applicant will be given essay instructions and paper upon check-in. (Any applicant who does not receive a packet of materials labeled “Academic Scholars” should clarify his or her purpose and request one. Different people staff the Testing Center at different times, and they monitor many different exams.) The applicant must bring a photo ID and pens; s/he may also use a dictionary. No other tools are allowed. (This means the applicant may not use notes, outlines, reference books, computer, cell phone, etc.) The essay should address any of the following (or a combination thereof):

- What are your career plans?
- What are your goals for your life?
- What has been your greatest accomplishment, and why?
- What turning points in your life have led you to your current goals and plans?

Where is the TCC Metro Campus Testing Center?
TCC Metro Campus, 909 S. Boston Ave., Tulsa: Room MC 1018, on the first floor of the main academic building—on the corner of 10th and Boston in downtown Tulsa. Call the Testing Center (918-595-7010) for hours of operation.

What is the application deadline? July 7, 2016

When will I be notified? Potential scholarship nominees will be notified by phone or mail on or before July 21, 2016. Potential nominees must respond by accepting or declining the nomination no later than July 28, 2016. If a nominee fails to respond by the July 28 deadline, the scholarship will be offered to an alternate. All other applicants will be notified August 1.

Where should I submit my application? Return the completed application form, transcripts, and test scores to the TCC Honors Office, Tulsa Community College Metro Campus, 909 S. Boston Ave., MC 523C, Tulsa, OK 74119-2095. Turn the essay in at the Testing Center as soon as you complete the essay. Essays written outside the Metro Campus Testing Center will not be accepted. Essays MAY NOT be submitted along with the scholarship application.

How are the applications evaluated? Applications will be judged by the TCC Scholarship Committee on the basis of ACT/SAT scores, essay quality, high school GPA, high school class rank, awards and honors, and college academic record if applicable. Nominees’ high school classes must graduate in spring 2016. At least four of the five nominees must be residents of the state of Oklahoma. Decisions of the scholarship committee will be final.