**Colorado Student Merit Aid Awards 2019-2020**

Pueblo Community College has established the following guidelines for awarding Colorado Merit Aid using the following minimum criteria for students as advised by the Colorado Community College System.

PCC students must meet all the following Title IV requirements to be eligible:

1. Be enrolled at least half time (6 or more credit hours) at PCC, and in a Title IV program.
2. New students must have a high school diploma, have completed home schooling, at the secondary level, or earned a GED with a grade point average of 2.75 or higher or if a GED recipient , score a 550 or greater.
3. Returning students must have a grade point average of 2.75 or higher and demonstrate academic progress according to the published policy regarding Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress.
4. Transfer students must submit academic transcripts (official or unofficial) from their prior institution that documents a grade point average of 2.75 or higher and demonstrate academic progress according to the published policy regarding Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress for financial aid purposes.
5. GPA is based on college-level coursework. Developmental coursework grades do not count in the calculation of GPA.
6. Developmental coursework may be included in the term enrollment and used to determine the minimum 6 credit hours of enrollment.
7. Other criteria such as community service or exceptional talents (music or art) may be used for consideration, but not the sole consideration.

PCC Awarding Procedure

* Students must submit a 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete their file in the PCC Financial Aid Office to determine Title IV eligibility.
* Students meeting the minimum requirements of eligibility may be awarded (or packaged) with the award manually or utilizing an automated process via Ellucian Banner packaging process.
* Awards are based on the availability of funding from the Colorado Student Merit Aid Program and will be determined by a completed financial aid file and application process.
* The PCC Merit Scholarship award will be up to $1000. The criteria to determine the award amount are as follows:
	+ 2.75 – 3.49 GPA
		- Award is $250 for part time enrollment, $500 for full time enrollment
* 3.50 – 4.00 GPA
* Award is $500 for part time enrollment, $1000 for full time enrollment.
* Full time enrollment for the summer semester will be considered 6 credit hours. Full time enrollment for any other financial aid award for the summer semester is still 12+ credit hours.
* The award will be made once per academic year.
* Students will be notified of the award based on the school’s official communication method.
* Documentation of the student’s eligibility will be scanned and stored as part of the student’s electronic record.

Modified from SP-4-25 System Policy 5/14

**Instructions to Students**

1. Attach your 250 word scholarship statement to the Merit Scholarship Application.
2. Bring your completed and signed Application to your Department Chair (Pueblo Campus) or Regional Director (SCCC and Fremont Campus) for approval. (Incomplete applications will not be accepted.) Once your application is approved by the Department Chair or Regional Director, please submit your application to the Division Dean for final approval.
3. If you have any questions regarding the application process contact Steve Candelaria:

In person: Office of Financial Aid, Student Center - Room 281
900 West Orman Avenue - Pueblo, CO 81004

Email: Steve.Candelaria@pueblocc.edu Phone: 719-549-3022

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**Colorado Merit Scholarship Application**

**2019-2020**

First Name: Middle Initial: Last Name:

S#: Primary Phone Number:

Email: @student.cccs.edu

Program of Study/Degree Path: Department:

Division (Check One): [ ] Arts & Science [ ] Business & Technology [ ] Health & Public Safety Campus Location (Check One): [ ] Pueblo [ ] Fremont [ ] SCCC
Enrollment Status (Check One): [ ] Full Time [ ] Part Time
Current Enrollment (Check One): [ ] Fall 2019 [ ] Spring 2020 [ ] Summer 2020

Student Signature: Today’s Date:

Department Chair Approval Signature: Date:

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In order to be awarded students must meet all of the following criteria:

[ ]  College GPA (2.75 or higher) Current GPA:

[ ]  First-time students only: (High School Diploma with a 2.75 GPA or GED score 550 or higher)

[ ]  Enrolled in at least 6 credits

Current load: Credits Required: Credits Applied:

[ ]  Enrolled in an eligible program/Colorado Resident

[ ]  Submitted a 2019-2020 FAFSA
[ ]  Meeting SAP requirements
[ ]  Completed verification (if applicable)

[ ]  250 word statement regarding academic & career goals

Notes/Other:

**Approval Amounts and Signatures**

Amount of Award for Fall 2019: $

Amount of Award for Spring 2020: $

Amount of Award for Summer 2020: $

Dean Approval Signature: Date:
Financial Aid Approval Signature: Date: