

FRESH START APPLICATION

Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs

NAME _____ STUDENT ID# _____
MAIDEN NAME (if applicable) _____ FIRST DATE OF ATTENDANCE _____
ADDRESS _____ LAST DATE OF ATTENDANCE _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HAVE YOU ATTENDED HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRIOR TO 1984? YES _____ NO _____

By action of the Faculty Senate dated May 1988, and then amended, the following motion was passed:

Once in a lifetime, students returning to Holyoke Community College after being away at least three consecutive years, and who had a cumulative quality point average of less than 2.0 when they were last at the College, may elect a "fresh start" option. The student's Q.P.A. will be calculated only from this point forward for the purpose of academic standing.

- A. If a student elects this "Fresh Start" option, the former work will remain on the student's transcript as a matter of record, but will not be used in calculating the student's Q.P.A. If a student is requesting financial aid and is judged to be ineligible due to the Standards of Satisfactory Progress for Federal Financial Aid, he/she may appeal based upon mitigating circumstances.
- B. Under this option, a student's former course work may be transferred into his/her new program under the College's regular transfer policy. However, none of the earlier work will be calculated in the new Q.P.A. and he/she must complete a minimum of 15 credits "in residence" in his/her new program. "Students completing fewer than 30 semester hours in the Fresh Start Program cannot be graduated with honors."
- C. If a student wishes to have only some former grades count towards his/her Q.P.A., this policy cannot be elected.
- D. The "Fresh Start" option is available only once in a lifetime to a student and the student must select "Fresh Start" not later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day of classes before final exams of the semester in which the student returns to the College.
- E. For those students granted a "Fresh Start", the transcript would include, at the appropriate chronological point, a statement explaining the "Fresh Start" Policy.

NOTE: When the "Fresh Start" policy is selected, all former course work, grades and Q.P.A.'s remain unaltered on the student's transcript. The effect of this former work is eliminated from the cumulative grade point average beginning at the point when the "Fresh Start" policy is selected. However, former HCC courses that are transferred into a new program under the "Fresh Start" policy will have no effect on the current grade point average.

I have read the above regulations and policy and agree to the terms for implementation as set forth by the College.

Signature of Student

Date

Vice President for Academic Affairs or
Asst. Vice President of Academic Administration or
Designee

Date

cc: White Copy - Registrar's Office
Yellow Copy - Student Records

Pink Copy - Academic Affairs
Gold Copy - Student

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