HCC scholarship deadline extended to April 22

Holyoke Community College is again extending the deadline to apply for scholarships for the 2020-21 academic year. The new deadline is Wednesday, April 22.

The initial deadline had already been pushed back by two weeks to April 8.

"As our students continue to navigate the new reality of remote learning in light of Covid-19, flexibility remains critical to our collective success," said Amanda Stretas, HCC's vice president of institutional advancement. "Over the last few days, it has become increasingly apparent that our students are juggling a lot right now, including very real concerns about their health and the health of their families. In light of these unprecedented times and myriad challenges, we have decided to give them an additional two weeks to complete their applications for the scholarships that so many of them depend upon."

More than $200,000 in awards is available for incoming, continuing and transferring HCC students.

Students must be currently enrolled at HCC or have been accepted for the upcoming academic year to be eligible for scholarships, which are awarded through the HCC Foundation, HCC's nonprofit fundraising corporation.

Applicants need only fill out a single online form to be automatically matched with the scholarships they are most qualified to receive. There are scholarships for new students, current students and students transferring to other institutions, scholarships based on financial need, scholarships for students in specific majors, scholarships for residents of certain communities, and scholarships that recognize academic achievement. The application process starts at www.hcc.edu/scholarships.

For 2019-20, the HCC Foundation awarded $220,000 in scholarships to 231 students. For more information, call the HCC Foundation office at 413-552-2182.