



Holyoke Community College scholarship recipients Bailey Pennington, an engineering major, and Eva Sweeney, a chemistry major, both from Longmeadow, celebrate their awards at the HCC Foundation Scholarship Reception in November 2022. The Foundation is accepting scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 academic year. (PHOTO COURTESY HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE)

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# HCC scholarships now available for 2023-24

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The Holyoke Community College Foundation has begun accepting scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The application deadline is March 10.

Last year, the HCC Foundation awarded 337 scholarships worth close to \$400,000 to 239 incoming, current, and transferring students. Many students received multiple scholarship awards.

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.

"The HCC Foundation was established over half a century ago in order to keep the dream of an affordable, accessible, high-quality

education alive to create opportunities for students of all ages, from all backgrounds, and to inspire those students to achieve their dreams," said Amanda Sbriscia, vice president of Institutional Advancement and executive director of the HCC Foundation.

Over the last two and a half years, as HCC and the world navigated a global pandemic, nearly 30 new scholarships were established through the HCC Foundation.

"I'm honored and humbled to be a scholarship recipient," said Meagan Rodriguez, a Springfield resident who is studying veterinary and animal science at HCC. "My time at HCC has been nothing short of transformative. I'm so grateful to have been able to competently navigate academia with the support of my fellow classmates, the phenomenal HCC staff, and

the incredible support of the generous donors who see the value of investing in education for others."

Applicants only need to 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.

To view scholarship opportunities and begin the application process, visit [hcc.edu/scholarships](http://hcc.edu/scholarships)

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