

HOLYOKE

HCC offering STEM scholarships

Students enrolled full time in chemistry, biology, engineering, mathematics, physics or other STEM fields at Holyoke Community College may qualify for a National Science Foundation scholarship of up to \$10,000 a year toward tuition and fees.

The National Science Foundation Scholarship offers, on average, \$6,500 per year to qualified full-time students and prorated amounts for part-time students.

New and current HCC students are encouraged to apply. The application deadline for the spring semester is Jan. 7.

Students chosen for the scholarships become members of the college's STEM Scholars 2.0 Program, also known as SCoRE (STEM Cohorts for Research & Engagement).

STEM Scholars are expected to maintain enrollment in a STEM program, be in good academic standing, complete an associate degree at Holy-

oke or transfer to an accredited STEM degree program at a four-year institution. The scholarships are renewable every year students continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

Beside the financial awards, STEM Scholars become part of a learning community that fosters a sense of belonging and academic success, and includes mentoring, research, honors experiences, community services, and internships.

Eligibility guidelines for the National Science Foundation Scholarship in STEM can be found online at hcc.edu/stem-scholarship.

STEM disciplines include biological sciences, physical sciences, math, computer and information services, geosciences, and engineering.

The program is led by math professor Ileana Vasu, coordinator of the STEM Scholars program. She can be reached by email to ivasu@hcc.edu or 413-552-2438.