



The York College Foundation

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

(For New Freshman & Transfer Students)



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THE PROGRAM

The **York College Foundation Merit Scholars Program** was first launched in 2006. It aims to attract scholars with strong academics and leadership skills to assist retaining them for the full four years to degree completion.

In the inaugural year, 75 members of the freshman class of 2006 received a scholarship award. York offers many scholarship options for ambitious, academically-talented students who excelled in high school when entering York as **freshman** and **transfer** students with **CUNY Associate Degrees**. Students are encouraged to complete an application and submit it along with all required documents by the due date. In most cases, these awards coupled with other forms of financial aid (e.g. PELL, TAP) help qualified students to meet not only the cost of tuition, but additional educational expenses as well. Freshman and Transfers entering York in the Fall Semester can gain admission to only one scholarship program.

THE AWARD

- Yearly Awards range from up to **\$1,000.00-\$5,000.00**.
- These are **renewable** monetary awards for the total of eight (8) semesters, **for students who maintain a 3.5 grade point average and complete a minimum of 30 credits per academic year.**

ELIGIBILITY

Freshman: First year student (never attended college before)
85% High School Average
1000 SAT combined Reading/Math

Transfer: Associate Degree from another CUNY school
3.5 GPA at time of transfer

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Completed Merit Scholarship Application (this booklet). You may print or type your information.
- For freshmen, your highschool transcript is required. It must also state your date of graduation. For transfers, an official transcript and/or Associate's degree from your prior school is required.
- Personal Statement Essay
- Two letters of recommendation from prior teachers/professors. They each should be from different subject areas. If this is not possible, one letter from a teacher/professor and one letter from an academic counselor/advisor will suffice.

At the time of submitting this application, you must also **already** have a CUNY Application filed, and York College must be listed as one of your top *three* choices.

Once completed, please drop off or mail your application and documents to:

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Academic Core Building, Room 4DA1
94-20 Guy R. Brewer Blvd
Jamaica, NY 11451



THE APPLICATION

SECTION A: STUDENT STATUS

➤ Circle One: Freshman Transfer

SECTION B: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name

Last

First

Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

(Home)

(Mobile)

E-mail Address _____

Security No. _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Female Male

Please check one:

U.S. citizen Permanent Resident Other Type of Visa _____

Ethnicity (optional): White, non-Hispanic

Black, non-Hispanic Asian or Pacific Islander

American Indian or Native Alaskan Hispanic Other _____

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SECTION C: ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Prior School's Name _____

Address -

Telephone (____) _____ Date of Graduation _____

Grade point Average _____ Honors _____

Freshmen only:

SAT I Total: _____ SAT I Reading: _____ SAT I Math: _____

List any that may apply to you:

Special Honors or Awards:

Leadership Activities:

Extracurricular Activities:

Research Activities/Projects:

Intended College Major(s):

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SECTION D: ESSAY

In a well-constructed essay of approximately 500 words, print/type your essay on a separate sheet of paper and include your name, signature, and date on the essay.

The essay should include the following:

1. Reasons you selected York College
2. Reason(s) you feel that you that you should receive a scholarship.
3. Benefits you've received from any community service experience you have had.
4. Contribution you feel you can make or are making as a York College Student. Also, use this opportunity to include additional information that has not already been asked for (e.g. special skills and talents, physical challenges, compelling life circumstances, etc).

SECTION E: APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the information I have provided on this application is true and accurate.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Please mail or bring this scholarship application, school transcript (including last year courses) or letter from college stating your graduation, essay, and recommendations to the:

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SECTION F: RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

To the Applicant: (Two (2) Letters of Recommendation are required)

Please complete the top portion of this recommendation form, remove from the application packet and forward to your teacher/advisor for a recommendation. A recommendation letter typed on school/college stationery is also acceptable.

Name (print)

High School/ College

Address

City

State

Zip

I am aware of the rights afforded to me by the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. I hereby do do not waive my right to examine the contents of this recommendation. I understand that by waiving my right, I do so under the condition that the recommendation is used solely for the purpose for which it is requested.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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To the Recommender:

This student is applying for a York College Merit Scholarship. Your remarks are very important to the selection committee. Please type or print your recommendation and return to the address on the reverse side. You may prefer to write a letter on school letter head. **Thank you for your cooperation.**

Name of Recommender (print)

High School/College Name

Address City State Zip

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Email

Telephone

How long have you known this student? _____ Subject Taught?

A. How would you compare this student to others in this year's graduation class?

B. Please tell us what you can about this person's academic ability and aptitude to succeed in college?

C. Is there anything else that the Committee should know about this applicant?

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(Please check only one response per row.)

	Average	Above Average	Outstanding Top 10 %	
Academic achievement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall qualifications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Special Honors or Awards

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