

GCC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION

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GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING A CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION

For Enrolled Students

1. Students must have a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for a Challenge Scholarship.
2. Nominations for a Challenge Scholarship must come from a Genesee Community College employee or external employer/agency advocate who can support the description of the circumstances described by the student.
3. Challenge Scholarships are not intended to resolve problems that are widespread among students (such as a change in tuition, fees, housing costs, etc.). Challenge Scholarships are designed for emergency situations that are unique to the individual applicant.
4. Challenge Scholarships are only given when all other avenues have been explored (Food Pantry, Financial Aid, DSS, etc.)
5. Preference in awarding Challenge Scholarships is given to students who are already enrolled at Genesee Community College as opposed to students who are applying for admission. Helping students stay in school is the key focus for Challenge Scholarships.
6. Each nomination/application must state the **specific dollar amount** that is being requested. Applicants should be prepared to provide documentation upon request in order to verify the need for funds.
7. Applicants for a Challenge Scholarship should be aware of the fact that the process takes approximately one week to complete. Once a decision has been made, you will be notified via your Genesee Community College e-mail if approved. If denied, you will receive a letter in the mail. Please do not call to check the status of the application.
8. If a student has received a Challenge Scholarship, s/he is not eligible for another Challenge Scholarship except in the most extraordinary circumstances.

For Entering Students

1. Your FAFSA must be on file with a valid estimate of the available family contribution.
2. Challenge Scholarships will not be awarded to your account prior to the first financial aid refund date.
3. See 2 – 8 above

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The Genesee Community College Challenge Scholarship was designed to address exceptional financial hardship faced by new and continuing Genesee students who have critical situations unique to the individual applicant, and without which the student could not attend or continue to attend Genesee.

Application for the Challenge Scholarship requires:

- ♦ Completion of the front of this form by a **nominator**;
- ♦ Completion of the back of this form by the **candidate**;
- ♦ Submission of this form by either **nominator** or **candidate** to:

Genesee Community College, AEOC (Adult Education Opportunity Center)
One College Road, Batavia NY 14020-9704

1. Candidate's name _____

2. Candidate's College ID (or SSN) _____ - _____ - _____ GCC e-mail address _____

3. Candidate's address _____
Street Apartment
City State Zip code

4. Candidate's phone (_____) _____ - _____

5. Nominator's name _____
First Middle Initial Last

6. Nominator's Title _____

7. Nominator's phone (_____) _____ - _____

8. Nominator's organization _____

9. Nominator's address _____
Street Apartment
City State Zip code

10. **Specific dollar amount requested** \$ _____ **(Dollar amount MUST be completed for consideration of scholarship funds.)** Describe the candidate's exceptional need/circumstance (for external nominators, please use employer or agency letterhead and attach to this form)

11. Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

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