

**BE THE FIRST!** Are you the first in your family to attend college? Do you have the commitment and motivation to pursue a degree or certificate? If so, **ACC will pay your tuition** (up to \$1600 per year for full time enrollment) for up to two years. If you meet the eligibility criteria, apply early and enjoy the benefits of this special scholarship opportunity.

**First Generation Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:**

- You must be a recent high school graduate or GED recipient with a minimum 2.25 cumulative grade point average. A copy of your high school transcript is required with your application.
- You must be a Colorado resident, eligible for in-state tuition and the College Opportunity Fund.
- Neither parent has a bachelor's degree.
- Write a brief essay on what it would mean to you to be the first in your family to attend and graduate from college.
- You must provide a recommendation from a counselor or teacher if currently enrolled in high school, or from a professional or community member if you are not currently enrolled in high school.
- You must be a first time ACC student (joint enrollment at ACC **prior** to your high school graduation **does not** prevent your eligibility).
- Financial need is determined by the ACC Financial Aid office.
- Minimum ACT scores (English 17, Reading 16, Math 17), or SAT scores (450 Math, 430 Verbal), or the ACC placement test (\$10 charge) with scores that place you no lower than 090 levels in Math, Reading, or English.

**How to Apply for the First Generation Scholarship:**

1. Apply for admission to Arapahoe Community College.
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) **prior** to scholarship submission.
3. Turn in a completed scholarship application accompanied by your high school transcript and a letter of recommendation **no later than April 15, 2008.**

**Details about the First Generation Scholarship:**

- The scholarship provides up to \$800 per semester for full time enrollment (12 hours). Awards will be prorated for enrollment for 6-11 credit hours.
- Recipients must maintain a 2.0 grade point average for the scholarship to continue from semester to semester. Renewal will be automatic for qualified recipients.
- All coursework must be completed with a "C" or better. One probationary semester will be allowed if GPA or completion rate falls below required level.
- To enhance your success, students must enroll in an academic support class, attend a special orientation/retreat, and participate in mentoring events and academic advising.

***Note:** The First Generation Scholarship cannot be combined with the President's Scholarship and/or Diversity Grant.*

**Take the First Step**

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