

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES
OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

The Bergen Community College Merit Scholarship (BCC Scholarship) is designed to award excellence in academic achievement and potential for students who intend to transfer to The School of General Studies (GS) of Columbia University from Bergen Community College (BCC). The School of General Studies will offer a \$12,000 merit scholarship to one student each academic year, pending the receipt of qualified applications as determined by GS Student Scholarship Committee. The award may be renewed based on the criteria detailed below. All BCC students are eligible for consideration if they meet the eligibility criteria; priority consideration is given to students who are enrolled in the BCC Honors Program.

Eligibility:

- Bergen Community College students enrolled in a degree program who have an outstanding record of academic achievement and a minimum of 30 credits completed in the program are eligible for consideration for the Bergen Community College Merit Scholarship from the School of General Studies of Columbia University.
- While the BCC Scholarship is based primarily on academic merit, the School of General Studies does use need to influence the award process. All students, including international students, must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The results of the FAFSA are used to determine a student's financial need.
- Scholarship eligibility requires full-time (12 credits) enrollment per term and 24 credits per academic year. Students enrolled for less than 12 credits will have their scholarships pro-rated. Scholarships are disbursed to student accounts after registration for tuition use only.
- Renewal of the award is not guaranteed. **All Bergen Community College Merit Scholarship recipients must complete a GS Scholarship application each year by April 15 to be considered for an award for the succeeding academic year.** Renewal of the Bergen Community College Merit Scholarship is contingent on a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.2 or higher at the end of each academic year and the student is expected to complete all classes attempted.
- Students who receive 100% tuition remission benefits from Columbia University or an outside employer are not eligible for the BCC Scholarship.

How to Apply:

Students who have been admitted to the School of General Studies, and who meet the eligibility criteria for the BCC Scholarship, must complete and submit the GS scholarship application. Applications can be downloaded from The School of General Studies Web site at www.gs.columbia.edu. A letter of recommendation, preferably from the coordinator of the BCC Honors Program, will be requested by the student, and forwarded to the GS Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Contact Information:

Please direct any questions to the The School of General Studies, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid: 212-854-2772 or gs-admit@columbia.edu.