

Arkansas Community Colleges 2015 Academic All-Star Student Program

Purpose:

The purpose of this program is to recognize the scholarly and service achievements of Arkansas' two-year college students. The NorthWest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) Academic All-Star will be recognized at the Arkansas Community College (ACC) All-Star Awards Brunch on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The NWACC Academic All-Star will receive a \$500 scholarship after attending the ACC All-Star Awards Brunch.

Selection

Selection is based on: meeting the minimum qualifications (see below); demonstration of service to the college or the community, demonstration of leadership abilities, essay strength, and overall application packet quality.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Arkansas resident
- Enrolled at NWACC and expected to continue enrollment through at least fall 2015
- Completed a minimum of 24 credit hours in pursuit of an associate degree by June 1, 2015
- Cumulative grade point average of 3.25
- Demonstrated involvement in campus and/or community activities
- Demonstrated leadership abilities
- Intent to graduate from NWACC with an associate degree by Summer 2016
- Intent to transfer to an Arkansas four-year university upon associate degree completion

Student application instructions:

- Please read all forms carefully before completing them
- Complete both pages of the application
- Complete the essay following the instructions provided
- Make 2 copies of your completed application and essay
- Select two (2) officials (professor, advisor, or other) from your college to write letters of recommendation on your behalf. Provide them a copy of your completed application, essay, and the corresponding Recommendation Form. Note that one form addresses leadership abilities, and one addresses college and community service. Instruct the people writing your recommendations letters to submit the completed forms and letters of recommendation directly to Juanita Franklin
- Submit your completed application packet, which should include: Completed application form (two pages), essay, and two letters of recommendation with completed corresponding forms to Juanita Franklin (Student Center 213C) by Wednesday, April 15, 2015.
- Please contact Juanita Franklin at 479-619-2204 or jfranklin1@nwacc.edu with any questions.

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Application (to be completed by the student)

Name _____
(Please print your name as you would like it to appear in the conference program.)

Mailing Address _____
Street

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone (____) _____ Date of Birth _____
Month/Day/Year

Student ID # (or social security #): _____

What is your college major / course of study? (You may indicate more than one.)

Which degree(s) do you expect to receive?
____ Associate of Arts ____ Associate of Science ____ Associate of Applied Science

What is your cumulative GPA? _____

How many credit hours do you expect to complete at NWACC as of June 1, 2015? _____

On what date do you expect to graduate from NWACC? _____

After graduating from NWACC, do you plan to attend a four-year institution?
____ Yes ____ No

(If yes, name institution and specific date you plan to enroll.)

(If yes, what is your ultimate degree objective?)
____ Baccalaureate ____ Master ____ Doctoral

Please describe your long-range goals and career ambitions.

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List academic awards and participation in student organizations, academic enrichment programs, and honors organizations/programs while at NWACC. Include the type of program, and the dates of participation.

Describe service to your college or community (such as leadership roles, committee memberships, volunteer work and other church/community involvement).

Next steps:

- 1) Complete and attach an essay describing your most meaningful educational experience while attending NWACC. Essay must be 500 words or fewer, double-spaced and 12-point font.

- 2) Select two (2) officials (professor, advisor, or other) from your college to write letters of recommendation on your behalf. Provide to them a copy of your completed application, essay, and the corresponding Recommendation Form. Note that one form addresses leadership abilities, and one addresses college and community service. Attach the recommendation forms and letters.

Release of Information

I hereby authorize ACC and NWACC to use the information provided in my application, essay, and letters of recommendation in any media release associated with the program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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Recommendation Letter Form (to be completed by the recommending party)

Leadership Abilities

This recommendation will become part of the student's Academic All-Star application. The student should provide a copy of his/her application and essay to the individual drafting this letter. Please submit this form and your letter of recommendation directly to Juanita Franklin.

Name of Applicant _____
Last First

Your Name _____
Last First

Title _____

Email Address _____

Contact Phone (____) _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant?

Please attach a letter of recommendation (500 words or fewer) addressing the applicant's leadership abilities. Describe a specific incident that demonstrates the nominee's leadership skills.

Signature

Date

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Recommendation Letter Form (to be completed by the recommending party)

Service to College and Community

This recommendation will become part of the student's Academic All-Star application. The student should provide a copy of his/her application and essay to the individual drafting this letter. Please submit this form and your letter of recommendation directly to Juanita Franklin.

Name of Applicant _____
Last First

Your Name _____
Last First

Title _____

Email Address _____

Contact Phone (____) _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant?

Please attach a letter of recommendation (500 words or fewer) addressing the applicant's service to the college and community, and his/her potential contribution to society. Describe a specific incident that demonstrates the nominee's potential.

Signature

Date