HOPE Scholars Program
Information Sheet

What is HOPE Scholars?
HOPE Scholars is a program designed to improve retention, graduation and the four year college transfer rate of African American and Hispanic males. HOPE Scholar students will attend workshops and seminars, be provided tutorial services, and attend four-year college or university tours. Students will benefit from faculty mentoring and the opportunity to build relationships with their mentors. This will ensure successful completion of an AA/AS degree transferrable to a four-year college or university.

What are the eligibility criteria to participate in the Project HOPE Scholarship?
- Applicants must be enrolled at Hillsborough Community College.
- Applicants must be US Citizens or must meet the requirements of an eligible non-citizen as defined by the Federal Financial Aid Program.
- Applicants must have completed at least 12 credit hours course work at HCC and cannot be in their last semester before graduation.

What are the requirements of the HOPE Scholars Program?
- The HOPE Scholar’s Program is designed for a maximum of two years, after which scholars are expected to graduate and transfer to an upper degree program.
- Scholars must submit course schedule, progress towards degree, and tentative academic plan of study towards graduation and transfer to the program coordinator each semester.
- Scholars must maintain a minimum of 9 credit hours course load per fall and spring semesters unless in the semester of graduation.
- Graduating scholars must submit a letter of admission to an upper degree program at the end of the semester of graduation to the program coordinator.
- Scholars must maintain a 2.5 GPA on all college course work completed.
- Scholars must attend all scheduled mentoring appointments.
- Scholars must submit all progress reports to faculty mentors.
- Scholars must participate in all scheduled community service events.
- Scholars are required to attend two seminars per semester, one college tour, and the Black Brown College Bound Conference in the spring semester.
- Scholars must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year by March 1.

For further information please contact
Hillsborough Community College Office of Equity and Special Programs
HOPE Scholars Coordinator, Patrick Sneed
psneed@hccfl.edu or 813-253-7041
HOPE Scholars Program
Application Instructions

1. Complete the HOPE Scholars Application. The application must be typed or legibly written.

2. Attach a minimum of 500 word personal statement. The statement must be typed in a 12-point standard font (in Times New Roman), double-spaced, should address each of the following:
   - Why should you be selected for the Hope Scholars Program?
   - Discuss your academic strengths and weaknesses.
   - Discuss your career goals.
   - Explain any work experience, community service, leadership and school activities in which you participated?
   - Why do you desire a 4 year college degree?

3. Submit at least one letter of recommendation (attached) completed by a faculty, staff or college administrator. Recommendations should be sealed.

4. Attach a copy of your unofficial transcript.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, August 1, 2014**

Submit the completed application and any additional materials to:

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<th>Campus</th>
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| Brandon Campus  | Dr. Michael Odu  
                    BTEC 108 
                    10414 E. Columbus Dr. 
                    Tampa, FL 33619-7850 |
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                         Student Services Building  
                         DSTU 237 
                         4001 W. Tampa Bay Blvd. 
                         Tampa, Florida 33614 |
| Plant City Campus | Ms. Charlene Bell  
                         Student Services Building  
                         PSTU 212 
                         1206 North Park Road 
                         Plant City, FL 33563 |
| SouthShore Campus | Ms. Sheila McCants  
                         Career Resources Center  
                         STPR Room H 
                         551 24th Street NE 
                         Ruskin, FL 33570 |
| Ybor City Campus | Ms. Margaret Petway  
                         Student Services Building  
                         2nd floor Information Desk  
                         1320 E. Palm Avenue 
                         Tampa, FL 33605 |
| District Office  | Mr. Patrick Sneed  
                         GWSC 717 
                         39 Columbia Drive 
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*Incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed.*

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Program Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____________________________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip ________________________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ______________________________  Cell Phone: _______________________________
Personal Email: ____________________________   HCC Email: ______________________________
Student I.D. _______________________________   Date of Birth: _____________________________
Gender: _______ Race/Ethnicity: ___________________ County of Birth: ______________________
Shirt Size:    S    M    L    XL    XXL    3XL    4XL

Please answer the questions below by checking the appropriate box:

Are you a U.S. Citizen or do you meet the requirement of an eligible non-citizen as defined by the Federal
Financial Aid Program? (Information can be found at www.fafsa.ed.gov)  ____ Yes     or   ____ No

INCOME INFORMATION

Do you qualify for Financial Aid:  ____ Yes     or   ____ No
Have you completed the 2014/15 FAFSA?  ____ Yes     or   ____ No
Are you receiving any Scholarships (If yes, please state)? _____________________________________________

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Degree (AA or AS)? ___________________________ Program of Study (Major) ___________________________
HCC GPA: _______ College-Credit Hours Completed: _______ Prep-Credit Hours Completed: _______
Are you registered for any prep courses this semester?  ____ Yes     or   ____ No
Campus you mostly attend: ___Dale Mabry ___Ybor City ___Brandon ___Plant City ___South Shore
What University do you plan to attend upon graduation from Hillsborough Community College?
_________________________________________________________________________________________
FIRST GENERATION

Please answer the questions on by the next page with an X on the appropriate line:

Are you a first generation college student? (Neither of your parents graduated from a four-year college or university)  ____ Yes  or  ____ No

What is the highest level of education completed by your parents?

Mother:  _____ No College  ______ Some College  ______ Completed College  _____ N/A

Father:  _____ No College  ______ Some College  ______ Completed College  _____ N/A

EXTRA CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

College Activities:
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

Community Activities:
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

Work Experience:
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

Current Employer: ________________________________________ # of hours work per week?  _____________

My signature indicates that I understand the HOPE Scholars Program requirements and the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I also affirm that the attached essay was composed by me.

Signature: _____________________________________________       Date: ______/______/_______

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Recommendation Form

One recommendation form completed by the applicant’s professor, faculty, staff or college administrator is mandatory to apply for the scholarship. Additional recommendations are encouraged. Letters are welcomed. Recommendations should be sealed.

Applicants Name:
_____________________________________________________________________________

Name of person completing this form: ____________________________________________________________

Title: __________________________________________________________

Campus: _______________________________________________________

Capacity in which you know the applicant:
_________________________________________________________

Please rate the applicant on the qualities listed below using the following numeric scale:

5 – Excellent  4 – Good  3 – Average  2 – Fair  1 – Poor

Initiative    Career Goals    Academic    Self-Discipline

Please discuss briefly why you believe this student should be selected as a HOPE Scholars recipient? Please provide further information on the applicant as it pertains to the areas listed above. Additionally, please provide information as to why you are recommending this applicant and their strengths and weaknesses.

Print Name: _______________________________    Date: _______________________________

Signature: _______________________________    Title: _______________________________

Email: _______________________________    Phone: _______________________________