HCC ESSENCE PROGRAM (EARLY COLLEGE) APPLICATION

Please complete this form if you plan on participating in the ESSENCE Program. Students will not be able to register if this form is not on file with the Admissions Department.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Present Grade _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ E-mail _____

Name of High School/or check if Homeschooled: _____ School year applying for: _____

Please check the appropriate box (to be eligible for the ESSENCE Program, you must be 16 years old and have a 2.5 GPA)

☐ I understand that as a Washington County Public School student, I will receive a tuition discount on my first 4 college level courses taken at HCC while still in high school. If I receive Free and Reduced Meals (FARM), I must sign up at http://schoollunchapp.com by October 1st for the fall semester and February 1st for the spring semester.

☐ I understand that as a public school, Homeschool or private school student who resides in or outside of Washington County, I will receive a 25% tuition discount on my first 4 college level classes taken at HCC based on my residency.

- **The ESSENCE Supplemental Scholarship is available to students who qualify. Each student must be a Maryland resident, declare a major at HCC, have their social security number on file and complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov. Homeschool students, students who receive Free and Reduced Meals or full-time ESSENCE students are not eligible for this scholarship. The scholarship application can be found at www.hagerstowncc.edu/admissions/essence.**
- **Please contact the Financial Aid office if you need assistance with the FAFSA – 240-500-2473 or finaid@hagerstowncc.edu or if you have questions.**

I give HCC permission to release information to my high school including placement test scores, course registration, grades, and attendance records. My parents or legal guardian and I understand that I am enrolling in classes in a college environment where rules, federal and state laws, and individual student maturity and responsibility are different from being in a high school environment. We also understand, if I do not live up to the ESSENCE program requirements, HCC may decide it is best that I return to my high school.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Student Record

Cumulative GPA _____ Honors/AP Classes _____

Students must have completed the following before registering for classes:

1. Completion of HCC application for admission and this form
2. Submit high school transcript to HCC
3. Completion of HCC placement exams or having the required GPA/SAT/ACT scores. For testing information, visit www.hagerstowncc.edu/testing.

Please call the HCC Admissions Office at 240-500-2238 or email admissions@hagerstowncc.edu to schedule a time to register for classes. If you are taking a class at your high school, HCC will visit your class to conduct registration.