SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Program Description:

What is the University of Colorado Denver Scholars Program?
The Scholars Program at the University of Colorado Denver, Downtown Campus is an early college enrollment program for college bound high achieving students who are potential first generation (neither of whose natural or adoptive parent(s) received a baccalaureate degree) college bound, and who are current graduating high school seniors.

The program allows students to begin their college studies by taking one course on the University of Colorado Denver, Downtown Campus during the fall and spring semester of their senior year. The credit earned in the course can be applied towards a bachelor's degree at the University of Colorado Denver or at another higher education institution.

Prior to and during their fall and spring enrollment, scholars engage in orientation, admissions, and financial aid seminars, and other workshops, along with their parents, designed to acclimate them to the university and prepare them for full-time college study. Assistance with course selection, educational planning, and tutoring is provided to students.

Who may participate in the Program?
Students who are first generation college bound students may apply to the Program. Also, applicants must be current JUNIORS, who are graduating from their respective high schools at the end of the following spring semester.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- A minimum GPA of 3.0 at the time of application;
- Completion of at least two years of math (two years of algebra or one year of algebra and one year of geometry) with an average grade of B or better;
- Completion of two years of English (one year must be composition) with an average grade of B or better;
- A commitment to participate in all of the program's orientations and workshops prior to and during enrollment.

NOTE: Interested students are cautioned that college work requires considerable time and discipline. Therefore, only students who have completed the majority of their high school requirements, who do not work after school, and who are not heavily involved in extra-curricular activities are encouraged to apply. Since UCD courses are available throughout the day and into the early evening, students will have many options in choosing a course that best fits their schedule.
What are the student's responsibilities?
The UCD Scholars Program is committed to providing students with every opportunity to enhance their academic skills and to succeed in the college class they will take at UCD on the Auraria Campus. However, students will gain the most benefit from their experience at UCD if they commit themselves to the goals of the program and actively participate in its activities. Therefore students will be expected to:

- Commit themselves to actively participating in the program for the semester;
- Attend their college class faithfully, completing assignments and participating fully (tutors or teaching assistants will be made available);
- Attend all tutorial sessions as required by instructors and staff.

The program involves a serious commitment by students because college is a serious commitment. If a student earns a failing or a low grade in a college class, a prospective college or university may be reluctant to grant admission to that student.

Students who are already involved in extra-curricular activities should apply to the program only if they are sure that these activities will not interfere with their full participation in the program.

How much does the Program cost?
The University of Colorado Denver covers most of the direct educational expenses, which includes tuition and matriculation fees. Students will be responsible for the following:

- Books (ranging from $50.00 - $100.00)
- A student identification card ($10.00), available in the Tivoli Union upon acceptance into the program;
- Parking ($3.75 to $10.00 per day).

NOTE: Students must arrange their own transportation to and from the Auraria Campus. Those who choose to drive may park in the student lots for an hourly or daily fee.

How do students apply?
Application to the University of Colorado Denver Scholars Program must be made through a high school counselor. Applicants should ensure that their counselor submits the following materials/credentials to the UCD Scholars Program. Applications must contain the following:

- A University of Colorado Denver Non-Degree Application Form; Non-USA citizens must attach photocopy of VISA or permanent resident card;
- A completed Application Packet including: Student General Information Form, Counselor Recommendation Form, and two Teacher Recommendation Form;
- An unofficial copy of the student's High School transcript.

Students should be advised that no application will be considered if it is incomplete. Completed applications should be turned in to your high school college counselor. For additional information contact:

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Student General Information

Name: __________________________  __________________________  __________________________

Last  First  Middle

Mailing Address: __________________________

Street or P.O. Box  City  State  Zip Code

Phone #: __________________________  Email: __________________________

Date of Birth: __________________________  Social Security #: __________________________

Gender:  ( ) Male  ( ) Female

Ethnicity:  ( ) American Indian  ( ) Asian  ( ) Black  ( ) Hispanic  ( ) White

( ) Other __________________________

Citizenship:  ( ) U.S. Citizen  ( ) Permanent Resident  ( ) Other __________________________

Student's Marital Status:  ( ) Single  ( ) Married  ( ) Divorced  ( ) Separated

Number of Siblings: ________  Number of Siblings in College: ________

Birth Order:  ( ) Eldest  ( ) Second  ( ) Third  ( ) Other __________________________

Parent/Guardian Information

Names of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): __________________________

Mailing Address & Phone (if different from above): __________________________

Number in Family: ________  Number of children: ________

Number of Children in school: ________  Number of Children in college: ________
Highest Grade completed by Father: ____________________  Mother: ____________________

Has either parent graduated from a college/university?   ( ) Yes   ( ) No

Occupation: ____________________    ____________________
            Father          Mother

Are parents separated or divorced?   ( ) Yes   ( ) No

__________________________________________________________________________

School Information

Name of School Presently Attending: __________________________________________

Year in School:  ( ) Freshman  ( ) Sophomore  ( ) Junior  ( ) Senior

Current G.P.A (on a 4.0 scale): ____________________________________________

Counselor's Name: ________________________________________________________

By general subject area, please indicate your interests by ranking them
(check as many as you wish):

__________________ English (including Literature and Composition)
__________________ Mathematics
__________________ Political Science
__________________ Sociology
__________________ Fine Arts
__________________ Engineering
__________________ Economics
__________________ Psychology
__________________ Computer Programming
__________________ Biology
__________________ Chemistry
__________________ Physics
__________________ Other (specify)

What major are you planning to pursue in college? _____________________________

Are you employed?   ( ) Yes   ( ) No   If so, name of employer? ________________

__________________________________________________________________________

The above information is true to the best of my knowledge

_________________________________________   ____________________________

Student's Signature               Date
University of Colorado Denver Scholars Program
High School Counselor Recommendation

Student_______________________ School_________________________ Grade Level______________ Counselor __________________________

TO THE COUNSELOR: The above student is applying to the Scholars Program at the University of Colorado Denver. This program is designed to ensure that more first-generation students are provided with opportunities to pursue higher education. Please complete this questionnaire and add any additional comments that you feel would benefit this student in his/her application process. We appreciate your time and effort in completing this form.

**Academic Achievement**

Check or list outstanding achievement in Academic area(s) and extra-curricular activities

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**Attendance**

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**Career/Higher Education Aspirations**

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1. Does the student demonstrate an interest in pursuing higher education opportunities?
2. Does the student receive positive reinforcement from family regarding his/her education?
3. Does the student respond well to pressure, tight schedules, and heavy pressure demands?

**Interpersonal Relationships**

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1. Does the student relate to his/her peers in a social situation?
2. Does the student communicate his/her needs effectively?
3. Does the student demonstrate leadership abilities?

**COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Highly recommend (__) Recommend (__) Recommend with reservations (__) Cannot Recommend (__)

______________________________
Counselor Signature

______________________________
Date

(Please include an unofficial transcript and most recent student schedule)
University of Colorado Denver Scholars Program  
Teacher Recommendation  
(one recommendation from a Math Teacher and one recommendation from an English Teacher)  

Student_______________________ School_________________________ Grade Level______________ Teacher ________________  
Subject/Level_________________________________________ Grade Currently Earning __________  

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Teacher Signature  Date  

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