

## **Piedmont Community College Ambassador Program**

- I. Purpose - The Piedmont Community College Ambassador Program is comprised of a group of honorary students who have been nominated by faculty or staff to represent Piedmont Community College at meetings and special events on campus and in the community. This Program is sponsored by the Piedmont Community College Foundation.
- II. Program Description - Three students representing a diversity of areas at the college with a variety of career goals and experiences will be selected to represent the college. In addition to their nomination by faculty/staff, grade point average, leadership potential, and communication skills will be considered.

Length of service will be one year. Ambassadors can serve a second year if they are nominated, complete the required application, and have the Selection Committee's approval.

For their service to the college, the students will receive a \$2,000 academic year scholarship with \$1,000 available in the fall and spring semesters. These funds can be used toward tuition at PCC, fees, textbooks, and classroom supplies (up to \$35 each semester). In addition, a PCC shirt and a nametag will be provided by the Piedmont Community College Foundation.

Some of the services the Ambassadors might provide are: giving campus tours, hosting campus activities, recruiting students, speaking to community groups and agencies, assisting with Foundation activities, assisting with registration and orientation, assisting with student activities, and welcoming groups to the campus, reviewing website for accuracy, assisting with PCC's social media efforts. Ambassadors would be expected to perform these services in both the day and evening hours.

- III. Selection Process - Students will be nominated by faculty or staff. Applicants must meet the following criteria:
  - Cumulative 3.0 grade point average or above and at least 18 credit hours completed
  - Enrolled in 9 credit hours or more per semester for the academic year selected
  - Good standing in the community and the institution
  - Willingness to complete the academic year of their appointment
  - Ability to complete the required number of service hours specified by the committee (2 to 3 hours per week, on average; there may be weeks where more or less are requested)
  - Must provide three reference letters (one must be from an instructor) if selected for an interview
  - Successful interview with Selection Committee

Ambassadors will be excluded from further participation in the program and may be asked to re-pay the scholarship funds received if any of the following conditions occur:

- Seek nomination for or become an officer in PCC's Student Government Association
- Enroll in less than 9 credit hours per semester
- Experience loss of good standing within the community or institution
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of less than 3.0
- Fail to fulfill the standards of the program (including attending meetings, completing training class, and performing service hours)

The Selection Committee will consist of five to six faculty and staff members of Piedmont Community College.

After nominations are received, the Selection Committee will screen the nominations for grades and other factors. The finalists will be interviewed by the Selection Committee.

The acceptance by a student for the Ambassador Program will supersede any other scholarship awarded by the Piedmont Community College Foundation for the same academic year.