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# Holmes Community College

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PUBLIC 2 YEAR

**A**ny student with a 20 ACT score or above could receive free tuition if they attend any one of Holmes Community College's many locations.

Holmes, which offers fall classes in Goodman, Grenada, Ridgeland, Kosciusko, Eupora and Yazoo County, has three levels of ACT Scholarship including: Dean's Scholarship (20-23 composite score); President's Scholarship (24-27 composite score); and, Board of Trustee's Scholarship (28 or higher). A student with a 20 on the ACT will pay \$180, which covers fees and the cost of books.

The Board of Trustees' Scholarship covers the cost of tuition and room and board for the fall and spring semesters for students. The President's Scholarship covers one-half the cost of tuition and room and board, while the Dean's Scholarship covers the cost of tuition at Holmes Community College.

To receive the scholarship, students must: complete all admission requirements prior to the third week of school; be a full-time student taking 15 hours or more; maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA on all previous college work; and, have an ACT composite of 20 or greater on the enhanced ACT test.

"It is a very generous policy when compared to other schools in our state," financial aid director Dr. Jim Haffey said concerning the ACT Awards. "I think that we have been fortunate that our administration has guarded the funding for this scholarship over the years and resisted cutting it as expenses and enrollment has risen. We are very proud of the scholarship and the opportunity it affords our in-state students. We actually offer the scholarship to all students, not just incoming freshman, which is typical at most schools.

"It is a significant expense for the school, but I'm not aware of anytime during the last 10 years that we've seriously considered watering the award down. We've chosen to cut expenses in other areas in order to make this commitment to our students. This is a realistic way for us to offer a free education to most of the students in our district who make a good score on their ACT."

Dr. Haffey knows the ACT scholarships have been around long before his tenure



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**The campus of Holmes Community College** has a modern atmosphere that is pleasing for a diverse student population.

began at Holmes. "I remember my best friend's mother jumping up and down because they had gotten a letter from Holmes saying his older brother was able to go to HCC for free because he had scored a 20 on his ACT.

"I was in seventh grade and I remember thinking this was great news to know that I could go to college for two years for free if I prepared myself. I won't say where I went my freshman year, but I was glad Holmes welcomed me home my sophomore year and honored a Board of Trustees Scholarship. It was a spring board to a PTK scholarship at MSU. Without it, I'd probably still be paying off student loans."

During the fall semester of 2008, Holmes paid out some \$502,000 in ACT scholarships. A breakdown by location for fall 2008 includes: Grenada, 243 total including 199 Dean's Scholarships and four Board of Trustees Scholarships; Goodman, 145 total including 106 Dean's Scholarships and five Board of Trustees Scholarships; Kosciusko, two Dean's Scholarships; Ridgeland, 505 total including 368 Dean's Scholarships and 24 Board of Trustees Scholarships.

Dr. Haffey said for the school year, Holmes paid out \$11.2 million in federal Pell grants and an additional \$1 million in scholarships.

## Holmes Community College, 1925

**Address:** P.O. Box 369, Goodman, MS 39079

**Phone:** (662) 472-2312

**Web Address:** www.holmescc.edu

**Undergraduate Enrollment:** 7,100

**Annual Tuition and Fees:** \$1,660 per year (\$650 per semester and \$180 for fees per semester)

**Annual on-campus room and board:** \$2,330 (\$1,165 per semester)

**Freshman applicants accepted:** 3628

**Freshman applicants accepted:** 99.5 percent

**Average ACT:** 18.3

**Average SAT:** 910

**Financial Aid:** MTAG, MESH, Sumner's Grant, ACT, private scholarships through the Holmes Community College Development Foundation, Pell Grants and loans.

**Percentage of Students with Financial Aid:** 75 percent (2009)

**Faculty-to-Student Ratio:** 25 to 1

**Popular Majors:** General studies/liberal arts, allied health/nursing, business, education

**Satellite/Annex Locations:** Grenada, Ridgeland, Kosciusko. Also classes at Winona Vo-Tech, Webster County Career and Technology Center and Yazoo County High School.

**President:** Dr. Glenn F. Boyce

**Director of Admissions:** Dr. Don Burnham