



## Memorandum of Understanding Hood College and Berks Catholic High School

Through this memorandum, we articulate and codify the ways this partnership can support and advance access to high quality education at the high school and post-secondary levels. The components of our partnership include, but are not limited to:

1. Hood College will guarantee admission and a four-year renewable scholarship to graduates of Berks Catholic High School who enroll full-time at Hood College. In addition to meeting the admission requirements of Hood College, the student must have a minimum 3.3 GPA.

Students who meet the above criteria will receive a **Presidential Scholarship** worth **\$31,0000 per year\*\*\*** with a total value over four years of \$124,000. To maintain this scholarship, the student must enroll in no fewer than 12 credits per semester, remain in good academic and social standing, and make satisfactory academic progress toward their degree. The award may only be received for eight semesters. The Berks Catholic High School Scholarship is not transferable to other institutions.

The academic programs below have specific admission criteria:

- a. Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Hood College's nursing program is direct entry and subject to specific deadlines. Nursing students will be reviewed first for admission to the college and then admission to the nursing program. Admission to the nursing program is not guaranteed upon admission to the college. For more information, refer to <https://www.hood.edu/admission-aid/admission/first-year-students/first-year-nursing>
- b. Honors program: Students can request to be reviewed for admission to the honors program when submitting their application. The priority application deadline for honors is **January 15**. Admission to the honors program is competitive and not guaranteed. While each student is considered for the program based on a holistic review of all submitted materials, these are the basic requirements:
  - i. Minimum recalculated academic GPA of 3.3
  - ii. Strong writing skills demonstrated in the application, essay and/or additional materials
  - iii. College preparatory high school curriculum (if offered)
  - iv. AP, IB, or Dual Enrollment courses (if offered)

*\*\*\*This scholarship amount is based on the 2025-2026 scholarship structure. For the most current scholarship amount please refer to <https://www.hood.edu/admission-aid/financial-aid/scholarships/first-year-student-scholarships>*

2. Berks Catholic High School will permit a Hood College admission representative to visit with their students as many as three times annually for the purposes of sharing information about Hood College's academic programs and application, admission, financial aid, and related processes. The Hood College Office of Admission will arrange visits through the Berks Catholic High School Guidance Office.
3. Berks Catholic High School will display Hood College information, including posters, pennants and brochures, in the guidance office or elsewhere at the high school where college information is presented. In addition, this scholarship opportunity and Hood College profile shall be displayed on the Berks Catholic High School website with a Hood College logo.

This agreement may be reviewed and revised at any time at the written request of the Berks Catholic High School Principal or the Vice President for Enrollment Management at Hood College.

For Hood College:

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Date

For Berks Catholic High School:

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Date