

The nominee must share in written format (maximum 600 words) about overcoming barriers to achieve higher education goals and how the education and support received at their community or technical college was life-transforming. **The following questions must be answered in order for the nomination to be eligible for consideration:**

1. What compelled you to attend a community or technical college? And most importantly was there an individual(s) or program at the college you feel contributed to your success?

2. What was it about that individual(s) or program that made the difference in transforming your life? Please explain.

3. Were there any barriers or obstacles that originally prevented you from attending a community or technical college? If so, please identify those barriers or obstacles and tell us what you did to overcome those barriers or obstacles?

4. What is next for you and what are your goals for your future?

5. If you could share one piece of advice for other students or for those who are unsure about their ability to attend a community or technical college, what would that be?
