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## TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA and LUZERNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises hereinafter expressed and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties agree as follows:

## A. INTRODUCTION

Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania and Luzerne CountyCommunity College (hereinafter referred to as "Commonwealth University and "LCCC") agree to establish this Transfer Scholarship Agreement. Students who apply for transfer admission to and graduate from LCCC are granted admission to Commonwealth University with at least full junior standing in Commonwealth University's parallel major (i.e, criminal justice-to-criminal justice), with an offer for a renewable transfer scholarship based on the students' academic performance while enrolled at LCCC and at Commonwealth University. The following criteria for admission and scholarship consideration must be met:

1. Apply for transfer admission to Commonwealth University after the completion of a minimum of 30 credits at LCCC.

2. Graduate with an Associate Degree in any LCCC major.

3. Submit all final LCCC transcripts after graduation for consideration of Transfer Scholarship eligibility at Commonwealth University.

 Any Associate Degree graduate of LCCC will qualify for a transfer scholarship to Commonwealth University if the graduate has earned a

minimum 2.0 grade point average overall at LCCC.

5. Commonwealth University will award 4 tiers of transfer scholarships to LCCC graduates according to the students' academic performance at the community college, and the students' residency choice when enrolling at Commonwealth University. – Tier 1 (3.50 GPA or above at LCCC) will award \$4,500 annually if living in residence halls and \$3000 off-campus, Tier 2 (3.0 – 3.49 GPA at LCCC) will award \$3,500 annually if living in residence halls and \$2,500 off-campus, Tier 3 (2.50 – 2.99 GPA at LCCC) will award \$2,500 annually if living in residence halls and \$2000 off-campus, and Tier 4 (2.0 – 2.49 GPA at LCCC) will award \$1,500 annually if living in residence halls and \$1,000 off-campus.

The following items are the responsibility of students participating in the Transfer Scholarship program:

1. Complete an earned Associate Degree at LCCC with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.00 on a 4-point scale.

2. At the time of application, provide transcripts of all college courses taken

up to and including the previous semester.

3. Upon receiving the Associate Degree from LCCC, provide complete LCCC transcripts to Commonwealth University.

- 4. LCCC students must complete the Commonwealth University transfer application by May 15 if enrolling for the following fall semester or by December 1 if enrolling for the following spring semester at Commonwealth University. Admission under this agreement will be contingent upon completing items 1 to 3, above, and receiving an Associate Degree from LCCC.
- 5. Pay the required advanced deposit to hold a seat for the initial semester of admittance.
- 6. Pay Commonwealth University's tuition and fees for those semesters in which they are registered for courses at Commonwealth University.
- 7. The last 60 semester hours of study toward graduation must be completed at Commonwealth University. Students enrolled at Commonwealth University shall comply with its academic policies and requirements. Specific academic policies and degree requirements in effect for the Bachelor Degree, as awarded by the University, will be such as exist at the time of student enrollment in the program.
- 8. Complete four semesters of study on the Commonwealth University campuses in Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, or Mansfield, and follow the recommended course sequence for LCCC Transfer Students.

## C. CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT

1. A Transfer Coordinator shall be identified at LCCC and Commonwealth University who will assist all students in transition regarding the transfer application process, housing requirements at Commonwealth University, referral to an appropriate academic advisor, and consideration for a transfer scholarship award.

2. The term of this agreement shall be five years commencing when all applicable signatures are obtained. The first cohort of eligible students in transfer will be part of the Fall 2025 transfer class to Commonwealth University. Scholarships are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

3. Either institution may withdraw from the agreement upon written notification of the other, with exception to commitments already in effect for students who have applied to Commonwealth University. Such commitments will be honored. In the event of a substantial breach, such as, a lack of response to requests for information and or adequate participation, either party may terminate this agreement.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed pursuant to due and legal action authorizing the same to be done the date first written above.

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Date: 2/11/2025

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