**Essay Section**

Tell us about yourself, your reasons for wanting to go to college, and how the ACE Program might help you with your plans. The answers you give in this section will help the selection committee decide who might benefit most from the college preparation activities of the ACE Program. Please make sure that you follow the instructions for answering the questions.

Your essay must be TYPED on a separate sheet of paper, a minimum of 300 words, and included in your application packet.

**Essay Question:** How will participating in the ACE Program help you reach the goal you have set for yourself?

Be specific in your answer and take the time to read through this section. Include the following when crafting your essay:

- Your future career, education, and personal goals, and why you are motivated to accomplish them
- Any obstacle that may slow you down in reaching your goals
- Why you believe that college is important to you
- Your personal achievements
- Challenges that you have overcome
- A person, event, or endeavor that has significantly influenced your life while attending high school
- How attending a Maricopa Community College would help you reach your dream

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

The Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) is an EEO/AA institution and an equal opportunity employer of protected veterans and individuals with disabilities. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or national origin. A lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the career and technical education programs of the District. The Maricopa County Community College District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. For Title IX/504 concerns, call the following number to reach the appointed coordinator: (480) 731-8499. For additional information, as well as a listing of all coordinators within the Maricopa College system, visit www.maricopa.edu/non-discrimination.

El distrito de Los Colegios Comunitarios de Maricopa (cuyas siglas en inglés son MCCCD) es una institución EEO/AA y un empleador con igualdad de oportunidades para veteranos protegidos y personas con discapacidades. Todos los solicitantes calificados recibirán consideración para empleo sin considerar raza, color, religión, sexo, orientación sexual, identidad de género, u origen nacional. La falta de destrezas en el idioma inglés no es un impedimento para admisión y participación en programas de educación Técnica del distrito. El distrito de Los Colegios Comunitarios de Maricopa no discriminan con base a raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, discapacidad o edad en sus programas o actividades. Si tiene preguntas sobre título IX/504, llama al siguiente número para comunicarse con el coordinador designado: (480) 731-8499. Para obtener información adicional, así como una lista de todos los coordinadores dentro del sistema de Colegios Comunitarios de Maricopa, visite: www.maricopa.edu/non-discrimination.

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