Apply to Howard College – All Direct Path students are full-time Howard College students. The goal of the program is to develop academically strong students prepared to transfer to a four-year institution. This means that must apply to Howard College to be eligible for the program as all courses are taught by Howard College. You can print an application for admissions at www.howardcollege.edu or call the Office of Admissions & Records at (325) 481-8356. You need to reference your ASU decision letter because it includes your Campus ID, which is needed for your Direct Path application. This step needs to be done as soon as possible. Full acceptance to Direct Path cannot be confirmed until you have been accepted to Howard College. Application Deadlines: August 1 (Fall Semester); January 1 (Spring Semester).

Apply for Financial Aid – The program fee for the ASU Direct Path Program is $2140 per regular semester (Fall and/or Spring) regardless if the student lives on or off-campus. This program fee includes housing in Concho Hall, commuter meal plan (140 meals), on-campus PO Box, access to the ASU Health Clinic, and access to campus UCPC student activities. The program fee is in addition to the tuition and fees charged by Howard College. Students are encouraged to apply for financial aid as soon as possible through www.fafsa.ed.gov. For information about applying for financial aid, please visit myfuture.angelo.edu/pay_for_college/ or www.howardcollege.edu.

When applying for financial aid, the awarding school must be Howard College – School Code 003574. Since your financial aid is designated to Howard College, this means all financial aid, including private loans, should be sent to Howard College. Separate financial arrangements must be made with Howard College Business Services for the ASU Direct Path program fee.

Shot Records/Meningitis Vaccination – State law requires you provide documentation that you have had a bacterial meningitis vaccine or booster shot during the five-year period prior to, but no later than, 10 days before the first day you enter a college or university. Howard College and ASU both require proof of meningitis vaccination. For more information on the meningitis vaccination requirement, visit www.angelo.edu/meningitis or www.howardcollege.edu.

Additionally, all students born after December 31, 1956, must show proof of two (2) MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella) vaccinations during their lifetime. These immunization records must be submitted to Howard College.

Campus Connect Username and Password – Howard College will contact you through US mail or email with information on how to set-up your campus username and password. This Campus Connect account information will be used to register for classes, accept your financial aid, and check your Howard College student account. You will only be contacted through your Howard College email account once classes begin.

Parking – If you plan to bring a vehicle to ASU, you need to register it and purchase a permit to park it in designated residence hall lots or student parking lots. A permit can be purchased prior to campus move-in, or on the first day of class for those choosing to live off campus. Permits may be purchased at www.angelo.edu/services/parking_services/. Call the Parking Office at (325) 486-6435 for more information.

Housing/Meal Plan – Once you have been accepted as a Direct Path student and your ASU email account has been established, go to www.angelo.edu/living to apply for housing. The housing application fee must be paid in order to register for housing. Direct Path students will reside in Concho Hall as a learning community. To learn more about the learning community and secure a housing assignment, call (325) 942-2035. Please note that Direct Path students are provided a commuter meal plan of 140 meals per semester. To learn about larger meal plan options or any other information about dining on campus, visit the Housing and Residential Programs website at www.angelo.edu/living.

Direct Path Orientation – All students must attend a Direct Path orientation prior to the first day of classes. Your advisor will notify you as soon as orientation dates have been confirmed. In addition to the Direct Path Orientation, you are also invited to attend the New Student Orientation for Howard College. Parents and family members are welcome to attend the orientation with you.

Please note: As a Howard College student, you are not eligible to attend ASU’s regular orientation program. ASU’s New Student Orientation will be required upon successful completion of the Direct Path Program and the transfer process at the end of the semester.

Final Transcripts – Howard College requires your official final high school transcripts be on file. Please make sure your high school mails your official transcripts (with graduation date) directly to:

Howard College
Office of Admissions and Records
3501 North US Highway 67
San Angelo, TX 76905

Questions – If you have any questions regarding the Direct Path program, please contact Buzz Refugio, Howard College Dean of Instructional Support, at brefugio@howardcollege.edu or (325) 481-8300 x 3326. You may also contact Dr. Bradley Petty, ASU Executive Director of Student Affairs, at bradley.petty@angelo.edu or (325) 942-2047.