



HOW TO PAY FOR STUDY ABROAD

Studying abroad is a rewarding investment in your future. Like any other type of investment, it requires planning, careful management, creativity, perseverance, and commitment. The rewards of your effort will last a lifetime!



Honors Scholarships

The Honors Department has a scholarship opportunity for MCC Honor students in good standing who are participating in one of the MCC study abroad programs.

Applications are due by **February 17, 2017**. The maximum award is \$500. Submit to the Honors Office located in Building 35S at the Southern & Dobson campus or to the Honors Office located on the second floor of the Palo Verde Building (RDM-P) at the Red Mountain campus.

For more information, call the Honors Department at 480.461.7079 or visit:

www.mesacc.edu/honors/other-scholarships

Financial Aid and Grants

MCC financial aid (FA) can be used to help cover the cost of participating in a study abroad program **ONLY if you are pursuing an eligible degree at MCC**. The amount of financial aid available varies. **FAFSA**[™]

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

To determine financial aid eligibility, visit: www.mesacc.edu/financial-aid/apply for information on completing the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Financial aid for summer is limited, so students should apply as soon as possible. Students must be enrolled at least half-time in courses required for their degree

program and must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress. In order to obtain a Pell grant, students must have remaining Pell eligibility funds from the fall/spring term for required courses in a degree program at MCC and must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress.

To ensure your FA is processed in a timely manner (especially if you are applying for a scholarship), you should file your FAFSA at least 30 days **prior** to the study abroad scholarship deadline of Feb. 17, 2017 (by Jan 17).

The FA process varies from 2-6 weeks from the time you complete the FAFSA to the time you are offered a

FA award. All financial aid and scholarships are disbursed **after** your Summer term begins. *Funds cannot be issued prior to the official disbursement date regardless of your study abroad departure date.*

For specific dates, refer to the Important Dates link at: www.mesacc.edu/financial-aid/important-dates

If you are awarded financial aid, you will need to fill out a **Student Authorization Form** allowing the Cashier's Office to apply the award toward your program fee. You can obtain this form from Cashier Services at the time of payment or from the IE Office.

Veterans Benefits

Veterans can use their VA Education Benefits to help cover *tuition* costs for a study abroad program. Contact the MCC Veterans Office at 480.461.7426 for information about using your benefits.

Study Abroad Scholarship

Students accepted into a program can apply for a variety of scholarships including two offered through the MCC International Education Office. Information can be found at

www.mesacc.edu/financial-aid/aid-study-abroad



The IE Study Abroad Scholarship application deadline is **Feb. 17, 2017 at 11:59 pm**.

You must have already applied to a program in order to apply for a MCC scholarship.

If using a FAFSA score as part of consideration for a scholarship, file a 2016-17 FAFSA at least 30 days *prior* to the deadline (by 1/17/17).

Fast Tracking the Dream to College Completion

A New Leaf

A New Leaf's *Fast Tracking the Dream to College Completion* program is a community partnership that seeks to minimize or remove the financial barrier for obtaining a college education. The focus of the program is to improve access to a college education for low to moderate income individuals and to enhance the financial literacy of participants in the program.

Earned income that is deposited into a special savings account with an ap-

proved financial institution is **tripled** to pay for tuition, books, fees, and course materials required at MCC.



Fast Tracking the Dream *Individual Development Accounts (IDA)* can cover study abroad expenses for tuition, registration/course fees, books, cultural excursions, and some misc. program expenses. Neither local or international transportation or room & board are covered expenses.

Participants must participate in A New Leaf's IDA program a **minimum of 6 months** in order to receive the 3:1 match. Therefore, in order to meet all requirements, students need to be enrolled in the program by **October 31** of the year prior to the study abroad program.

For more information, please contact the MCC A New Leaf IDA Campus Liaison in the Center for Community and Civic Engagement in the Kirk Center, call 480-461-7958, or visit: www.mesacc.edu/study-abroad/funding-study-abroad.

Paying Program Fees: CURRENT MCC Students

Payments can be made to MCC Cashier Services after signing the study abroad application

Conditions of Participation form acknowledging payment deadlines & refund policy.

BY PHONE at 480.461.7400 (press 3) with Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express

IN PERSON at the Cashiers Office at the Southern & Dobson and Red Mountain campuses by cash, check, money order, or debit/credit card

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express)

ONLINE (after program fee is posted) www.my.maricopa.edu

BY MAIL with check made payable to:
Mesa Community College
Attention: Cashier Services
1833 W. Southern Ave.
Mesa, AZ 85202

Make sure to denote program and list student ID on check.

Gift Certificates

MCC gift certificates may be purchased at Cashier Services of the Southern & Dobson and Red Mountain campuses. Gift certificates are available in denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$250 and may be used for tuition, fees and books. They have no expiration date and make great gifts for study abroad participants!

Paying Program Fees: NEW MCC Students

Apply for admission by completing a **Student Information Form** available online at <https://my.maricopa.edu>. Click the orange "New Student" button to get started. For questions, call 480.461.7600.

After admission, pay program fees and tuition to Cashier Services (using the methods above) according to the deadlines for your program.

You may make monthly payments toward your program fee. You may also make your payments online after the program fee has been posted in SIS. Call Cashier Services at 480.461.7400 (press 3) for more information.

If you are an in-state student, you must submit a **Student Declaration of Citizenship or Status** form in order to avoid being charged out-of-

state tuition. If you are enrolled at another MCCCCD college, ensure that MCC has the required residency documents on file to qualify for in-state tuition by calling Admissions & Records at 480.461.7659.

Call 480.461.7870 for Info!

www.mesacc.edu/study-abroad
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