



MARICOPA  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGES  
FOUNDATION

# APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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## WHY SCHOLARSHIPS?



# SCHOLARSHIP MYTHS

I need to be a 4.0 student to get a scholarship

I have nothing to say that would impress a reviewer

Scholarships are only for incoming first year students

I didn't get a high score on my placement exams

I have to complete a FAFSA to receive a scholarship

I am only taking 6 credits?

# SCHOLARSHIP PEP TALK

- Scholarships do go unfilled each academic year
- Someone is selected to receive a scholarship- why not you!
- Isn't the \$\$\$ worth a little effort
- Use your resources- stop by the writing center for help with your essays
- You are worth the investment
- Beware of scholarship scams from organizations and websites that charge a fee, guarantee that you will receive a scholarship

# SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS – TWO SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES



**Scholarship Application**

Opportunities



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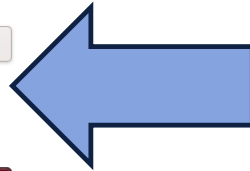
- Two main scholarship sites- Foundation(privately funded) and District(public funded)
  - Foundation - [mcccdf.academicworks.com](http://mcccdf.academicworks.com) District -[maricopa.academicworks.com](http://maricopa.academicworks.com)
- **The Foundation has two main scholarship cycles in February and September of each year**
  - February applicants are applying for Fall scholarships
  - September applicants are applying for Spring scholarships
- Special scholarship opportunities may come available throughout the year- be sure to check often for new opportunities

# NEXT STEPS



## Scholarship Application

Sign In



Select Sign In Button

Opportunities Donors

Search by Keyword

Welcome to the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation Scholarship Application Portal!

**ANNOUNCEMENT-** AcademicWorks Spring 2017 Scholarship Cycle will open **September 1, 2016 – October 7, 2016.**

The Foundation has two main scholarship cycles in February and September of each year. Special scholarship opportunities may come available throughout the year. As an applicant, you are required to read all of the information presented to you throughout this application process. Please refer to our [FAQ Fact Page](#) for tips and helpful hints on the scholarship process.

Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation (Privately Funded) encourages you to apply for as many scholarships as you are eligible for by clicking the "Apply" button behind the open opportunities you qualify for. To submit an application for a specific scholarship, your general application must first be submitted.

You are also encouraged to apply for scholarships through the Maricopa District's (Publicly Funded) by clicking [HERE](#)

This list shows all scholarships without filtering them based on your individual credentials, with many scholarships not requiring an additional application. (Scholarship Without Applications will show up with "None Required" in the Action column – if you qualify, you will be automatically considered.) Please note that only those opportunities that are open will be shown in this list.

Name	Questions	Deadline	Award	Actions
<b><a href="#">ACE Alumni Bridges</a></b> I plan to attend Phoenix College. I have completed the Phoenix College Ace Program. I have a minimum 2.5 GPA. I plan to take a minimum of 6...	2	10/09/2016	\$450.00	None ⓘ
<b><a href="#">Adair Scholarship for African American Males</a></b> This scholarship is to assist with the educational needs of African American males in the Maricopa ACE program. Students must be U.S. citizens and...		10/09/2016	Varies	None ⓘ
<b><a href="#">Allen Howey Memorial Scholarship for Phoenix College Students</a></b> I have a minimum 2.0 GPA. I plan to enroll in and successfully complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per...		10/09/2016	\$1,050.00	None ⓘ

List of all available scholarships



Opportunities

Applicants and Administrators [References and Reviewers](#)

Welcome!

Welcome to Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation's (Privately Funded) Scholarship Page!

Please sign in using your User ID (MEID) and password. (Please note the MEID must use all capital letters, i.e., ABC12345)

If you have created your MEID and Password within the last 24 hours, you may have to wait to log in until the system updates.

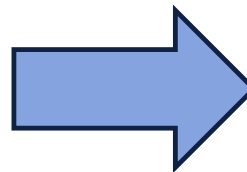
[Click here](#) if you do not know or need to reset your MEID or Password. Please note it will take at least 24 hours to update your password if you change it.

For additional scholarship opportunities, please visit the [Maricopa District's \(publicly funded\) site](#)

Login

Password

[Trouble signing in?](#)



Login using MEID & password

# GETTING STARTED

- Sign in with your MEID and college password
- Complete general application- all \* Questions are required
- Answer 3 essay questions
- Use the Save and keep editing button while completing the application to save your work
- Select Finish and continue to submit application
- Scholarship opportunities that require additional questions or essays will be available to you once the general application is complete



## Scholarship Application

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the scholarship application portal. It has a dark red background with two buttons: 'Opportunities' (highlighted) and 'Donors'. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search by Keyword' and a 'Search' button. The main content area has a white background and contains the following text:

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# TIPS FOR A GREAT SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Essay 1- Please describe in 7-10 sentences your financial need for the upcoming academic year. Identify the types of funding you plan to receive, including personal/family contributions, as well as any special circumstances.

- What is your current financial situation?
- How are you covering everyday expenses?
- Is your family able to support you financially?
- Who else in your household may be attending college?

Essay 2- Please describe in 7-10 sentences your academic goals and plans for achieving them. Include your prospective degree/certificate, time line for completion and an explanation of how you plan to apply your education to your career of choice.

- What has made you who you are?
- When did you first become inspired to pursue your major/degree/certificate?
- What is your timeline to reach your academic goals?
- What does career success look like to you?



# TIPS FOR A GREAT SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Essay 3- Please describe in 7-10 sentences your employment **OR** campus extra-curricular activities (clubs/organizations, athletic teams, etc.) **OR** your volunteer Community Service experience. Explain how you have demonstrated leadership skills.

- What do you do to serve your community?
- What is a day like at your job?
- Why do you choose to be involved in a student organization?
- How has a positive or negative experience shaped your leadership skills?

## Helpful hints

- Be positive- Be truthful- Be descriptive
- Reflect on your life goals and career aspirations
- Share your unique story
- Be original – Be yourself
- Use Word to check for spelling errors
- Have a friend or family proof read your essays for grammatical errors
- 7-10 sentences is a minimum



# I RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP – NOW WHAT?

- Congratulations- Tell your family, friends and co workers! Share the good news!
- Students are notified of their scholarship award through their Maricopa.edu email address
- Students are encourage to write a thank you note to donors
- We notify the college financial aid office of the scholarships awards
- Each scholarship has criteria to be verified such as GPA, credit hours, and/or major
- Scholarships can be viewed under View Financial Aid award under Finances in your student center
- Scholarships can be renewable
- We might contact you for special events and promotional articles/publications

# MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

- **MCC John Dutson Photography Scholarship Endowment** – I am a MCC student; majoring in photography or art; I must have and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA; must enroll in and successfully complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester; minimum of 6 credit hours at MCC already completed at time of application.
- **MCC David G. Karam Memorial Scholarship Endowment** – For students enrolled in the Fire Science or Emergency Medical Technology program at Mesa Community College. Students should be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours and demonstrate financial need (per current FAFSA).
- **MCC Ken and Martie Martin Early Childhood Development Scholarship** - I plan to attend Mesa Community College. I have a 2.5 GPA. I plan to enroll and successfully complete 6 credit hours per semester. I am majoring in AAS - Early Learning & Development, AAS - Early Childhood Admin & Mgmt, AAS - Early Care & Ed, or CCL -Early Care Specialist. Preference given to students not receiving Pell Grant &/or TEACH (Teacher Ed & Compensation Helps) funding.

## ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

- **[www.azfoundation.org](http://www.azfoundation.org)**
  - Single application- Currently offers over 90 scholarships for incoming freshman and continuing students



**MADE MY FAMILY PROUD**



**APPLIED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

memegenerator.net

## WEBSITE & DEADLINES!

- [Mcccdf.academicworks.com](https://mcccdf.academicworks.com)
- Open for applications on Feb 1st
- Close for applications on March 16

SHARE YOUR UNIQUE STORY







THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

*Questions?*

FOUNDATION.SCHOLARSHIPS@DOMAIL.MARICOPA.EDU

480-731-8406 or 480-731-8407

*[mcccdf.org/scholarships](http://mcccdf.org/scholarships)*