APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
WHY SCHOLARSHIPS?

NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

APPLY NOW FOR 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
Two main scholarship sites- Foundation (privately funded) and District (public funded)

- Foundation - mcccdf.academicworks.com
- District - 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

Select Sign In Button

List of all available scholarships

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
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 do 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 APPLIED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!

LOOK AT ME NOW!
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
- **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**
  - Single application- Currently offers over 90 scholarships for incoming freshman and continuing students
MADE MY FAMILY PROUD

APPLIED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
WEBSITE & DEADLINES!

- Mcccdf.academicworks.com
- Open for applications on Feb 1st
- Close for applications on March 16
SHARE YOUR UNIQUE STORY

YOU ARE AWESOME
JUST THE WAY YOU ARE
THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

Questions?

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