Montgomery Scholars Program

Please contact Monica Young for specific questions related to the Montgomery Scholars Program admissions process at mcscholars@montgomerycollege.edu or 240-567-4377.

For questions about the academic content of the program, please contact Dr. Mary T. Furgol: mary.furgol@montgomerycollege.edu or 240-567-7285.

Visit our website: montgomerycollege.edu/montgomeryscholars.

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MONTGOMERY SCHOLARS
An interdisciplinary honors program at Montgomery College

Application for Admission

Fall 2019 Application Deadline
January 7, 2019
mcscholars@montgomerycollege.edu
Montgomery Scholars Application
Deadline: January 7, 2019

All candidates applying to Montgomery College's Montgomery Scholars Program must submit a credit admissions application to Montgomery College and a Montgomery Scholars Application with supporting documents.

STEPS TO APPLY

Step 1 – Complete Montgomery College Online Credit Admissions Application. To apply, visit montgomerycollege.edu/apply.
You will receive a college ID (M#) that you will need to complete your application. 
Deadline: January 7, 2019

Step 2 – Obtain a Montgomery Scholars Application from your school's College Career Center or go online to download one at montgomerycollege.edu/montgomeryscholars.

Step 3 – Make sure you have taken the SAT, or ACT by December 2018, or the Montgomery College Accuplacer at a Montgomery College Assessment Center by January 7, 2019. (see pages 1-2)

Step 4 – Arrange for at least two letters of recommendation from high school teachers who know you well.

Step 5 – Arrange for your high school transcript to be sent to the address below, or include a sealed copy in your application packet.

Step 6 – Fill in the Montgomery Scholars Application (Please use blue/black ink or type) and complete the essay section (please type).

Step 7 – Assemble all application materials:
• Montgomery Scholars Application Form
• Two high school teacher recommendations
• One high school counselor recommendation-optional but highly recommended
• Photocopy of your SAT and/or ACT scores
• Montgomery Scholars Application Checklist (must be filled out)
• Resume—optional but highly recommended
• Photocopy of AP Scores and/or SAT II scores
• Mid-year grade report—optional but highly recommended

Step 8 – Send all application materials in a complete packet to:

Montgomery College
Montgomery Scholars Program
Scholarship Office, Attn: Sepy Yousefi
900 Hungerford Drive, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20850
Montgomery Scholars Application Information

General Information and Instructions

Students selected for the Montgomery Scholars Program for the fall 2019 semester will be offered two-year (four academic semesters), full-tuition (30 credit hours per year at the in-county rate*) merit scholarships. Pending funding, these merit scholarships will also include the majority of expenses associated with attending a summer study travel experience in the United States (summer 2019).

Scholars Summer Study Travel Experience
Participation in a summer study travel experience is an integral part of the Montgomery Scholars Program. The study travel program is designed as an extension of the first-year Montgomery Scholars curriculum and a bridge to the second year curriculum. As such, it emphasizes scholarship, independence, interdisciplinary links, cultural awareness, and a travel and dorm experience. The Scholars Summer Study Travel Experience is pending funding.

Part 1 – Apply to Montgomery College

Admission to Montgomery College is a prerequisite to admission into the Montgomery Scholars Program (MSP). Applicants to the Montgomery Scholars Program should apply online for admission to Montgomery College by January 7, 2019.

If you have previously applied for credit admission to Montgomery College and have an M#, you do not need to reapply for admission to the College; however, you still must complete the MSP application and submit all required materials for consideration by the Montgomery Scholars Program selection committee.

For more information about applying to Montgomery College, visit montgomerycollege.edu/apply or call 240-567-5000.

Application Fees
There is a $25 application fee to apply to Montgomery College (which you have to complete before you apply to the Montgomery Scholars Program). This fee is automatically waived if you apply online to Montgomery College before January 7, 2019.

There is no application fee to apply to the Montgomery Scholars Program.

The admission application will generate your eight-digit Montgomery College ID number (M number), which is needed to complete your application to the Montgomery Scholars Program.

Part 2 – Apply to the Montgomery Scholars Program

Montgomery Scholars Application materials are due by January 7, 2019. Late submission of any required supporting materials may adversely affect consideration of your application. We will accept application materials postmarked by January 7, 2019.

Applications for fall 2019 will only be considered for students who are currently enrolled in their final year of high school and who will be completing high school graduation requirements by August 2019. Applications will not be considered for students who graduated from high school prior to May/June 2019.

Priority for the Montgomery Scholars Program and Montgomery Scholars scholarships will be given to residents of Montgomery County.

The selection committee will evaluate the Montgomery College transcript and records of high school seniors who currently attend or have previously attended Montgomery College.

Montgomery Scholars Application
This form should be completed and submitted with the required essay responses and all supporting materials in one complete packet postmarked by January 7, 2019.

College Entrance Exam Scores (SAT, or ACT, or the Montgomery College Accuplacer) SAT, or ACT, or the Montgomery College Accuplacer scores are required for your Montgomery Scholars Application to be considered.

For Applicants Submitting SAT and/or ACT scores: Applicants who took the SAT and/or ACT must include photocopies of your SAT and/or ACT scores in your complete Montgomery Scholars Application packet by the January 7, 2019 deadline. We also need your official SAT and/or ACT scores by January 7, 2019. Please request that these be sent to Montgomery College, Rockville Campus. Failure to submit official test scores may adversely affect consideration for the program.

* If you have any questions about your eligibility for in-county tuition, please contact us.
Montgomery Scholars Application Information

Part 2 (continued) – Apply to the Montgomery Scholars Program

The SAT Code for Montgomery College (Rockville Campus) is 5440. The ACT Code is 1723. Students should submit their official SAT or ACT test results from all test dates.

The selection committee will review test scores from the SAT I. The committee will consider your highest scores for each section of the SAT I (evidence based reading, writing, and math) from any test administration date. You should take the New SAT I or ACT no later than December 2018.

In keeping with Montgomery College requirements, all Montgomery Scholars applicants should take the appropriate placement test (Accuplacer or ESL-Accuplacer, or TOEFL) for English (sentence skills and reading sections).

You may test out of the English placement requirement if you meet the following criteria:

**SAT:** Evidence Based Reading/Writing score 480 or above or Reading subset 26 or above

**ACT:** Reading score 21 or above

**TOEFL:** 90 or above (IBT) or 575 or above (paper)

**IELTS:** 6.5 or above

For Applicants Submitting Accuplacer/ESL Accuplacer instead of SAT and/or ACT scores:

Montgomery Scholars applicants who take the Montgomery College Placement Test (Accuplacer or ESL-Accuplacer) for English (sentence skills and reading sections) and math should do so at a Montgomery College Assessment Center. You can find more information at montgomerycollege.edu/assessment.

Applicants to the Montgomery Scholars program should take the appropriate placement test (Accuplacer or ESL-Accuplacer) by January 7, 2019 at a Montgomery College Assessment Center.

Preparing for the Montgomery College/Accuplacer/ESL-Accuplacer

For more detailed information about placement testing, including the testing schedule for all three campuses, visit montgomerycollege.edu/assessment.

Prepare for your placement test by going to the following link: http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students

If your first language is American English or you have attended at US school for 10 or more years, you will take the Accuplacer placement test. Otherwise, you will take the ESL Accuplacer placement test, designed for students who speak American English as a second (or subsequent) language.

You must be accepted to the College and have a Montgomery College ID number (M number) in order to schedule and take the placement test. An “M number” is your student identification number, also called your College ID, assigned to you by Montgomery College once you have completed your application to the College.

Bring your recent photo ID: US government-issued photo identification, state-issued driver’s license or non-driver’s ID, passport, or school ID from the current academic year to take the placement test.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

If you are interested in applying for federal and state financial aid, please be aware that the financial aid process is separate and in addition to the admission and scholarship application process. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at 240-567-5100 for more information.

Montgomery College offers several scholarship programs. Students who apply for the Montgomery Scholars Program for fall 2018 do not need to complete a BOT Academic Specialty Scholarship application. Montgomery Scholars applicants who are not admitted into the Scholars program may be considered for BOT scholarships based on the complete application materials submitted to the Scholars program. Please visit our website for additional information about even more scholarship opportunities at Montgomery College: montgomerycollege.edu/finaid.

High School Transcripts

Submit your official high school transcript by January 7, 2019. The transcript should be in a sealed and signed/stamped envelope from the high school registrar and included in the complete packet.

First Semester Grades

Submission of first semester senior year grades is optional, but strongly recommended. For best consideration, first semester grades should be sent to the Scholarship Office no later than March 1, 2019.

Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation are required, although you may submit up to four letters to be reviewed. At least two letters should be academic recommendations from high school teachers. Additional recommendations will be accepted from teachers, counselors (recommended), employers, Montgomery College faculty, coaches, internship coordinators, etc.
Montgomery Scholars Application Checklist

Application Checklist

You must fill in and submit this checklist as part of the complete application packet, which should include everything below (please check the relevant boxes).

1. Montgomery College Online Credit Admissions Application
   Completed by January 7, 2019

2. Montgomery Scholars Application Form

3. Official High School Transcript Sent from HS on (provide date) _ _/ _ _/ _ _
   (in a sealed and signed/stamped envelope from the high school registrar)

4. Photocopies of:
   a) College Entrance Exam scores (SAT and/or ACT)
   b) AP scores

5. Request for Official SAT and/or ACT Scores to be sent to Montgomery College, Rockville Campus
   (Code 5440 for SAT, Code 1723 for ACT) was made on (provide date) _ _/ _ _/ _ _

6. Montgomery College Accuplacer or ESL-Accuplacer
   Date Accuplacer taken (provide date) _ _/ _ _/ _ _

Which MC Assessment Center did you take the placement test at:
   Germantown Campus
   Rockville Campus
   Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

7. Teacher Recommendation #1 form and letter (sealed envelope, signature on flap)

8. Teacher Recommendation #2 form and letter (sealed envelope, signature on flap)

9. Personal Essays
   Part A: Problem/Goal Essay
   Part B: Creative Essay

10. Optional Items:
    Additional Letters of Recommendation (one counselor recommendation preferred)
    Resume
    Mid-Year Grade Report

Send all application materials in a complete packet to:

Montgomery College
Montgomery Scholars Program
Scholarship Office, Attn: Sepy Yousefi
900 Hungerford Drive, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20850
Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application Form

Student’s Montgomery College MC ID #: M_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
All Montgomery College students receive an M number after they complete Part 1, the online Montgomery College admissions application.

This section is to be completed by the student. Official high school transcripts and standardized test scores must be postmarked by January 7, 2019. In addition, the student also should submit a more detailed resume of activities. Students with a special interest in art, poetry, photography, or other areas may wish to submit a brief portfolio with samples of their work. Students interested in music may include a tape or CD. Any supporting materials included with the application will not be returned to the student. Please contact MCScholars@montgomerycollege.edu by January 7, 2019, for questions related to submission of supporting materials.

1 Background

I. General Information
Name ________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Nickname ______________________________________________________________________________________________________
Full Mailing Address ______________________________________________________________________________________________________
Email ______________________________________________________________________________________________________
Phone Numbers (home and cell) ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

II. Ethnicity/Race/Gender
What is your race? Check one or more of the following:

☐ Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
☐ White ☐ Black or African American
☐ Asian ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ☐ Other

What is your Gender?

☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Other

III. Citizenship
Check one of the following:

☐ US ☐ Permanent Resident
☐ Not a US Citizen or Permanent Resident

What is your nation of birth? ______________________________________________________________________________________________________
What is your nation of citizenship? ______________________________________________________________________________________________________
What is your first language? ____________ How many years have you been in the US? ____________

IV. Family Education Background
Did either of your parents attend college? ☐ One ☐ Both ☐ Neither

Degree(s) earned by Parent One: ☐ None ☐ Associate’s ☐ Bachelor’s ☐ Master’s ☐ Doctorate

Degree(s) earned by Parent Two: ☐ None ☐ Associate’s ☐ Bachelor’s ☐ Master’s ☐ Doctorate

What is your program of study/major at Montgomery College? ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Where did you attend high school? ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

What is your expected high school graduation date? ______________________________________________________________________________________________________
Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application Form

Student's Montgomery College MC ID #: M_________________________ Student's Name:__________________________

2 College Entrance Exam Information (SAT, ACE, or the Montgomery College Accuplacer)

SAT, or ACT, or the Montgomery College Accuplacer scores are required for your Montgomery Scholars Application to be considered. Please answer the questions below:

Which standardized tests did you take? (Check all that apply.)

- SAT
- ACT

If you took the SAT: Was your highest Evidence Based Reading/Writing score 480 or higher?

- Yes
- No

Or was your Reading subset 26 or higher?

- Yes
- No

If you took the ACT: Was your English score 21 or higher?

- Yes
- No

Scholars applicants with SAT Evidence Based Reading/Writing scores below 480 or ACT English scores below 21 should make arrangements to take the appropriate Montgomery College placement test. Please refer to the Scholars Application Information on page 2 for more information.

What dates did you take the SAT or ACT? __________________________________________

Did you have your official test scores sent to the Rockville Campus?

- Yes
- No

Have you taken the MC Accuplacer or ESL-Accuplacer?

- Yes
- No

What date(s) did you take the MC Accuplacer or ESL-Accuplacer? ________________

Which MC Assessment Center did you take the placement test at:

- Germantown Campus
- Rockville Campus
- Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

Please indicate below any Advanced Placement (AP) exams that you have taken or plan to take, and the scores of all AP exams you have taken. Please submit in your complete application packet photocopies of all test scores and request official copies be sent to the Rockville Campus.

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3 How did you first hear about the Montgomery Scholars Program? (check all that apply)

- ACES
- College Tracks coach
- Current or Former Scholars
- High School College Career Center
- Mail
- MC Recruiter
- Montgomery Scholars Information Session
- Other______________________________
Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application Form

Student’s Montgomery College MC ID #: M__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ Student’s Name: __________________________

Also submit a more detailed resume of activities. Please label additional pages with your full name and M number.

I. Academic Honors

Please briefly describe any academic distinctions, honors, or awards you have received, starting from the ninth grade.

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II. Extracurricular and Community Service Activities

Please list your primary extracurricular, community service, athletic, or artistic activities below.

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III. Work Experience

List any employment (including summer jobs) you have held in the past three years.

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Additional Information

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide any additional information regarding your background and experiences that may assist the committee in the review of your application. You may enclose attachments if necessary.
Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application Form
Teacher Recommendation

All application materials are due January 7, 2019.

1 Instructions for Applicants:
Please fill in Part 1.

Student’s Name ________________________________  MC ID #: M__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
Student’s Email ________________________________
Student’s Home Phone __________________________
High School _________________________________
Teacher’s Name ________________________________  Subject Taught: ________________

2 Instructions for Teacher

Please complete Steps A and B. When both parts are completed, place this form and your recommendation letter in a sealed envelope with your signature on the flap and return to the applicant, or mail to: Montgomery College, Montgomery Scholars Program; Scholarship Office, Attn: Sepy Yousefi, 900 Hungerford Drive, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20850. You may also email this form and your recommendation letter to mcscholars@montgomerycollege.edu. Please title the subject line “Recommendation for (students name).”

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Teacher’s Signature _____________________________________________

Step B: On a separate sheet of paper, please provide insight into the academic abilities, college readiness, ability to complete coursework in a timely fashion, organizational skills, special talents, and personal character of the applicant. We welcome any information you can provide that will assist the selection committee in distinguishing this applicant from others. If you have questions or concerns about how to verify or expedite receipt of your recommendation, please contact mcscholars@montgomerycollege.edu. Thank you for your assistance.
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Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application Form

Personal Essays

Your responses to the following essay questions are an important component in the review of your Montgomery Scholars application. The essays provide an opportunity for you to demonstrate the clarity, originality, and organization of your thinking and writing. Your essays should be typed and submitted on separate sheets of paper. Please include your Montgomery College M number, your full name, and essay title on each page. Complete Part A and Part B.

Part A  Problem/Goal Essay (minimum of 300 words)

Describe a problem you have overcome or a goal you have achieved. Explain what you had to do in order to overcome the problem or to achieve the goal. Give a descriptive title to your essay.

Part B  Creative Essay (minimum of 500 words)

Choose one of the following prompts and include a creative title.

• Nick Collins, a science correspondent, wrote about the “Proustian phenomenon” which proposes, “distinctive smells have more power than any other sense to help us recall distant memories.” Describe an experience when a specific smell triggered/ triggers a rush of memories.

• If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

• What is the most memorable meal you have ever had? Explain.