MONTGOMERY SCHOLARS

An interdisciplinary honors scholarship program at Montgomery College

Application Guidelines for Admission

Fall 2020 Application Deadline
January 7, 2020

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Steps to Apply

Deadline: January 7, 2020

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 through Academic Works.

Applications for fall 2020 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 2020.

- **Apply to Montgomery College by December 1, 2019,** to receive a College ID (M#).
- **Log-In to Academic Works** using your MyMC user ID to access the Montgomery Scholars application and other scholarship opportunities.
- **Complete the Montgomery Scholars application by January 7, 2020,** and mail in your official high school transcript and teacher recommendation letters.

Step 1 – Complete Montgomery College <u>Online</u> Credit Admissions Application by December 1, 2019.
> To apply, visit montgomerycollege.edu/apply.
> You will receive a college ID (M#) that you will need to complete your application.
> *Please allow up to 2 weeks to receive your M#.*

Step 2 – Claim your MyMC account here https://mymc.montgomerycollege.edu/
> Go to MyMC and click on "Claim Your Account." You will be prompted to enter your MC Student ID along with your M# (nine characters including the M).
> Once you are logged in to MyMC, set up your Montgomery College email account by clicking on the email icon. MC will communicate with you through your College email account.

Step 3 – Log in to Academic Works to access the Montgomery Scholars application.
> Go to montgomerycollege.academicworks.com
> Sign in using your MyMC credentials.
> Complete the general application in Academic Works.
> Click on the Opportunities "ALL" tab.
> Search by keyword "Montgomery Scholars" to find the application (you may need to scroll half-way down the page).
> Once found, click the "Apply" button to fill in the application and answer the two essay prompts.

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Step 4 – Have your official high school transcript and teacher recommendations mailed to:

> **Montgomery College**
> **Montgomery Scholars Program**
> **Attn: Montgomery Scholars Aide**
> **51 Mannakee St, HU 203**
> **Rockville, MD 20850**

General Information and Instructions

Students selected for the Montgomery Scholars program for the fall 2020 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 2021).

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.

Montgomery Scholars Application materials are due by January 7, 2020. Late submission of any required supporting materials may adversely affect consideration of your application. We will accept supporting application materials **postmarked by** January 7, 2020.

Applications for fall 2020 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 2020. Applications will not be considered for students who graduated from high school prior to May/June 2020.

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.

College Entrance Exam Scores (SAT or ACT, or the Montgomery College Accuplacer) 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 should upload copies of your SAT and/or ACT scores in your Montgomery Scholars application in Academic Works by the January 7, 2020 deadline. We also need your official SAT and/or ACT scores by January 7, 2020. Please request that these be sent to Montgomery College, Rockville Campus. Failure to submit official test scores may adversely affect consideration for the 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 2019.**

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.

Applicants to the Montgomery Scholars program should take the appropriate placement test (Accuplacer or ELS-Accuplacer) no later than **January 7, 2020**.

You can find more information at montgomerycollege.edu/assessment.

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 a U.S. 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: U.S. 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.

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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 Sepydeh Yousefi at sepydeh.yousefi@montgomerycollege.edu or 240-567-4349 for more information.

Board of Trustees Academic Specialty Scholarship

Montgomery College offers several scholarship programs. Students who apply for the Montgomery Scholars Program for fall 2020 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.

For more information, please contact Sepydeh Yousefi at sepydeh.yousefi@montgomerycollege.edu or 240-567-4349.

Visit our website for additional information about even more scholarship opportunities at Montgomery College: montgomerycollege.edu/finaid.

High School Transcripts (submit by mail)

Submit your official high school transcript by **January 7, 2020**. The transcript should be in a sealed and signed/stamped envelope from the high school registrar and mailed to Montgomery College, Montgomery Scholars Program, Attn: Montgomery Scholars Aide, 51 Mannakee Street, HU203, Rockville, MD 20850.

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, 2020**.

Letters of Recommendation (submit by mail)

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. Mail recommendation letters **no later than January 7, 2020**.

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 through Academic Works. Complete Part A and Part B. We strongly encourage you to compose your responses in Word and then cut and paste them into the appropriate box.

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.

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

- If you could change one moment in your life, what would it be and why?

Application Form Teacher Recommendation

All application materials due January 7, 2020

Montgomery Scholars Applicants: Please fill in your personal information only. Your teacher will complete the section two.

1 Student's Name _____ MC ID #: M__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

Student's Email _____ Home Phone _____

High School _____

Teacher's Name _____ Subject Taught: _____

Teacher: Please complete both parts of Section 2. When complete, 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; Attn: Montgomery Scholars Aide, 51 Mannakee Street, HU 203, 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)."

2 **A:** Please complete this section.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Nearly Always	Always
Engages in course material						
Completes work in a timely fashion						
Seeks help when needed						

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. We welcome any information you can provide that will assist the selection committee in distinguishing this applicant from others.

What are the first three words that come to mind when you think of this student?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Teacher's Name _____

Teacher's Signature _____

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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