



MPC Scholarship Workshop

Scholarship Applications are Open Now!

Applications are due March 6, 2022

mpc.awardspring.com

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Why Should I Apply for a Scholarship?

- Most awards come as checks written out directly to you; you can spend it on whatever you need, from rent, to books, to tuition, food or even a laptop.
- Scholarships deliver a boost of confidence that acknowledge the hard work you've put in!
- If selected, we will celebrate your success at our Scholarship Awards Ceremony in May – (depending on the status of the pandemic.)
- MPC has 81 unique named scholarships with different purposes.
- MPC awarded 210 students last year out of 388 applicants.
- Scholarship awards vary from \$100 - \$25,000+!
- The average award is \$1,000.



Who Can Apply?

- If you are enrolled for classes in the Spring 2022
- If you plan to enroll in classes in the Fall of 2022
- Includes second-year students, re-entry students, Veterans and active duty military students, incoming high school graduates, and foreign exchange students!



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Apply by the Deadline: March 6, 2022



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Step 1: Go to mpc.awardspring.com

- Click on “Register”



Representatives of the 2019 Group of Scholarship Winners

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- Scholarships
- Sign In
- Register

Instructions on how to apply at:
<https://www.mpc.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/mpc-scholarships>

Sign In

Email

Password

[Forgot password](#)

Don't have an account?

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Step 2: Sign up using your MPC email address

- If you already have an Awardspring account, you do not need to create a new one.
- **Please note: If you don't use your MPC email address, your recommendation requests may go into your instructors' spam boxes.**
 - Your password must have:
 - one uppercase letter
 - one lowercase letter
 - at least one special character or one number

Click **“Create Account”**



Step 3: View your dashboard for application status

You can start your application one of three ways:

1. Click “START APPLICATION”
2. Click “1 ITEM REQUIRING COMPLETION” <or>
3. Click “APPLICATION” on the left sidebar navigation.



Step 4: Fill out your scholarship application

Just one application lets you apply to all of the available scholarships!

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Step 4 Continued: Parts of the Application

There are 8 sections of the application that you need to fill out:

- **Applicant Personal Information**—Your basic contact information
- **Academic Information**—Questions about your major, career plans, and GPA
- **Financial Information**—Basic questions about your household income and employment status
- **Letters of Recommendation**—Two are required; four are suggested
- **Qualification Questions**—These are crucial questions that help determine what scholarships you are eligible for
- **Personal Statement**—Five essay questions for you to answer to tell who you are and why you deserve a scholarship
- **Academic Transcripts**—Super easy—you don't have to do anything!
- **Acknowledgement**—Your electronic signature on the application and acknowledgement that everything is true and accurate.

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Go Slowly! Proofread what you type!

- It's very important to take your time and answer the questions correctly.
- We verify the information you provide prior to your scholarship funds
- Giving an incorrect answer can disqualify you from a scholarship

Example:

What is your zip code?

If you type in an incorrect zip code (94930 instead of 93940 for instance), you wouldn't be eligible to receive scholarships limited to Monterey County residents.



Step 4 Continued: Letters of Recommendation

- You must have at least **two** letters of recommendation in order to have a complete application.
- You should ask for four in case somebody does not follow through.
- Please contact your "recommender" prior to sending them an email request through AwardSpring.
- Please allow your "recommender" at least two weeks to submit a recommendation. (February 20th is the absolute latest to ask)
- You will need to log in and verify that they submitted it, and check back with them if they did not.
- **You may be disqualified from receiving scholarships if you do not receive at least two letters of recommendation. At best, it will reduce your score greatly.**
- Please note that you can submit your fully completed application even if your recommendations have not all been received. After submitting your application, you can still log in and track recommendations, edit them and send new requests.



Step 4 Continued: Letters of Recommendation

Good options for Letters of Recommendation:

- Teachers
- Counselors
- Pastors
- Employers/Past Employers
- Volunteer Supervisor

Not-So-Good Options for Letters of Recommendation

- Your parents (We're pretty sure they're biased)
- Your drinking buddy (Dude! I'll write your recommendation! "John is a most excellent dude!")
- Someone you just met ("I only met Ariceli two weeks ago, but she seems like a very nice person.")

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Step 4 Continued: Qualification Questions

- These are 100% crucial to determining which scholarships you are eligible for
- Take your time, answer them correctly

If you have any questions, set up an appointment for 1-on-1 Assistance by emailing atarbox@mpc.edu or calling (831) 646-4842

Example of a qualification question:

Did you at any point attend a high school in Monterey County?

- Yes
 No

If you graduated from a Monterey County high school and you hit "No" by mistake, you would miss out on at least **SEVEN** scholarships

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Step 4 Continued: Personal Statement

- There are 5 personal statement questions as part of the application.
- They give you a chance to tell the most about who you are as a person.
- They tell your story to the scholarship committee person who is reading and scoring your application!
- Put some time and effort into answering these questions well.
- You can work on them on your own and then copy and paste them into your application
- Utilize the **Reading and Writing Center** for help.



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Step 4 Continued: Personal Statement

The Personal Statement Questions are:

(maximum word count is 500)

- Describe your short- and long-term academic and career goals.
- Pick an experience from your life (whether positive or negative) and explain how it has influenced you.
- Describe your most meaningful achievement(s).
- What are you most passionate about?
- From a financial standpoint, what impact would a scholarship have on your education?

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Step 4 Continued: Academic Transcripts

Your MPC academic transcripts will be uploaded for you – you don't need to do anything.



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Step 5: Submit Your Application

Once all sections, except Letters of Recommendation, are complete, you can submit your application!

- Plan to “submit” your application before the deadline so you have time to work on “follow-ups” (more information on that in a moment.)
- You can still access and make changes to the Letters of Recommendation section on your application after “submitting.” up until the deadline of March 6th.

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Step 6: View Follow-Up Work

Do you want to increase your chances of winning scholarships?

- If so, click on “View Follow-Up Work” after Submission
- These are essays and additional questions required by some of the scholarships. Complete these to increase your chances of receiving an award!
- Answering these essays and additional questions are NOT REQUIRED, however, you could be eligible for even more scholarships.



Step 5 Continued

The screenshot shows a dashboard with a sidebar on the left containing 'Dashboard', 'Scholarships', and 'Application'. The main content area has a header that says 'You have some follow-up work to do. Click "Complete Follow-Up" in the boxes below.' Below this are two summary boxes: '7 Items requiring completion' and '5 Applied scholarships'. Under the '7 Items requiring completion' box, there is a section titled 'Follow-Ups' with seven individual scholarship items, each with a 'Complete Follow-Up' button. The items are:

- Bruce C. Greger Memorial Scholarship (Due 3/19/2018)
- Cozzetta Gold Standard Scholarship (Due 3/19/2018)
- Frances Quiñones Scholarship (Due 3/19/2018)
- Harland and Lillie Murphy Scholarship (Due 3/19/2018)
- Other Initiative California Community College Students Schola... (Due 3/19/2018)
- Phyllis E. Girard Scholarship (Due 3/19/2018)
- Rosalbelle Hamann Memorial Scholarship (Due 3/19/2018)

Click on “COMPLETE FOLLOW-UP” under each item.



Example of Follow-Up Work

Dashboard Scholarships - Bruce C. Gregor Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships Application

Submit Application

Overview

This award was established because Bruce Gregor was able to achieve both personal and career satisfaction, due in no small part to his years after he served in the U.S. Coast Guard and returned to Monterey Peninsula College. A successful applicant might identify with one (1) of these statements: I have struggled to succeed academically but I show promise or potential. I come from an economically disadvantaged background. I am a non-traditional or re-entry student. I come from a marginalized culture or ethnic background.

Quick Facts

Apply by Mar 19, 2018
\$500.00

Apply for this Scholarship

Describe on a one page statement your educational and career goals.

500 words left

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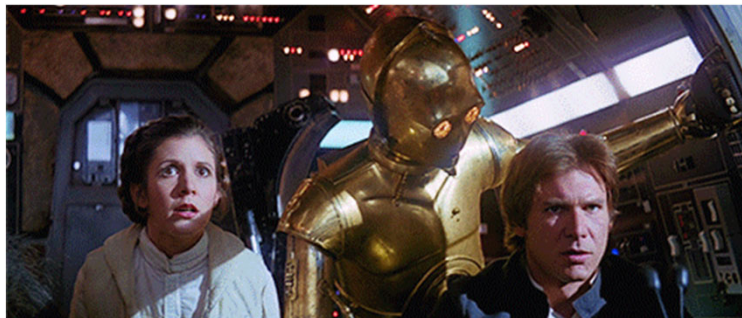
My name is Anna Lopez, and I am a first-generation college student. My parents brought us here from Mexico when I was only 3 years old. I started working when I was 12 years old to help

Submit Application

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Step 6: Complete Follow-Up Work



- **Optional – but will greatly increase the odds that you will receive a scholarship.**

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Step 7: View the Status of Your Scholarships

Scholarship Name	Award	Deadline	Status
Bill and Sherry Young Scholarship Fund Bill and Sherry Young established this scholarship in 2015 to suppo...	N/A	Due Mar 19, 2018	Applied
Sherman Smith Scholarship Any major, minimum 2.0 CGPA and a U.S. citizen/Non-resident citiz...	N/A	Due Mar 19, 2018	Applied
Steven Crouch Scholarship Any major, minimum 2.0 CGPA and a U.S. citizen/Non-resident citiz...	N/A	Due Mar 19, 2018	Applied
Theodore Balestreri Scholarship This fund has been established to provide sscholarships to underp...	N/A	Due Mar 19, 2018	Applied
Women Reaching Out to Women Females Only	N/A	Due Mar 19, 2018	Applied



Scholarship Status Example

Scholarships - Bill and Sherry Young Scholarship Fund

✓ You applied for this scholarship on 2/5/2018 **Cool!**

Overview
Bill and Sherry Young established this scholarship in 2015 to support financially needy Monterey Peninsula College students who are pursuing an education in any major. Applicants must be enrolled at least 6 units, but may be transferring or returning to MPC.

Quick Facts
Apply by Mar 19, 2018
\$1,000.00 **Even Cooler!**

Qualifications

- ✓ Must be enrolled in at least halftime for the 2018-2019 academic year
- ✓ Must be a U.S. Citizen/Eligible Non-citizen
- ✓ Must be a resident of Monterey County



Step 8: Go Celebrate!



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For 1-on-1 Assistance with your application,
make an appointment with Gina Bianchi by
emailing atarbox@mpc.edu or calling
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Appointments Offered:

Mon: 9 – 3 PM Via Zoom
Tues: 9 – 3 PM Via Zoom
Wed: 9 – 3 PM In-Person
Thurs: 9 – 3 PM Via Zoom
Fri: 9 – 3 PM Via Zoom





Questions?

