

**2022-2023**

*Scholarship*

**SUCCESS GUIDE**



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# Scholarship Workshops

In Library Room 203-204

**1PM-3PM**

12/7/2022

1/11/2023

2/1/2023

2/15/2023 at MEC



Need \$\$\$ for College?

Attend a

**Scholarship Workshop!**

*First 50 in-person  
attendees receive  
a MPC swag bag!*



**ZOOM LIVE Available**  
**1PM-3PM**



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## 2. Students Apply! Applications open 12/1/22

Students can apply for scholarships at [mpc.awardspring.com](http://mpc.awardspring.com). Scholarship Workshops and 1-on-1 Assistance are available. Don't forget to request Letters of Recommendation early!

## 1. Donors Create Scholarships Year-Round!

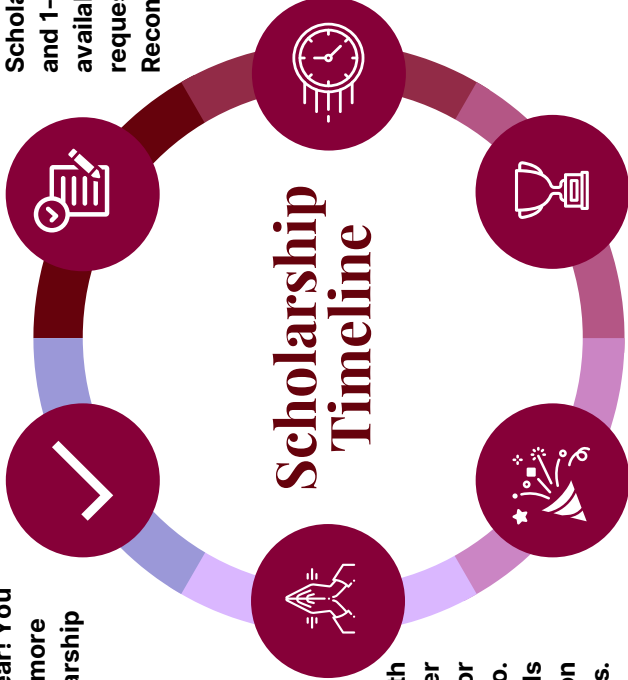
Donors create named scholarships to benefit MPC students like you all year! You may qualify for one or more out of nearly 40 scholarship opportunities!

## 3. Application Deadline March 5

Outside Scholarships may have different deadlines. View more about outside scholarships:

<https://www.mpc.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/outside-scholarships-new>

# Scholarship Timeline



## 6. Gratitude & Payment! May - August

Share gratitude with scholarship donors. Either record a thank you video, or send in a letter with a photo. You will receive your funds shortly after depending on your scholarship terms.

## 5. Celebrate! May

A Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held to celebrate your award!

## End of April

Awardee notifications sent out via e-mail and posted on AwardSpring!

## 4. Congratulations!

GET AHEAD

# SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY QUESTIONS

## ONE REQUIRED QUESTION

You will be required to write a 500 word personal statement telling about yourself and describing your educational journey and career aspirations. You may also describe challenges and accomplishments along the way, how your past has influenced you, or how receiving a scholarship would help you reach your goals.

## OPTION FOR SECOND ESSAY: CHOOSE 1 OF 3

- 1) The lessons we take from the obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- 2) Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you in a positive manner?
- 3) Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find particularly engaging or feel passionately about. Why does it captivate or inspire you? How do you plan to incorporate this into your future learning, career path, or life in general?

# How to Request a LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION



## Start early!

Ideally, request your recommendation letter at least 3 – 4 weeks before it is due. The earlier you make your request, the more time faculty or staff have to develop a personalized letter for you!

You can begin this process by 1.) sending instructors or faculty your completed **Reference Request Form** at the start of the semester, followed by 2.) Sending an official request when the scholarship application opens on 12/1/22 at [mpc.awardspring.com](http://mpc.awardspring.com).

## Provide information!

Often faculty and staff will need some specific information from you in order to write an effective recommendation. Provide your academic goals, the course you are enrolled in and something that makes you, you! The **Reference Request Form** provides an outline for you to complete and provide to those you wish to ask for a letter of recommendation.

## Send a Formal Request!

On your scholarship application at [mpc.awardspring.com](http://mpc.awardspring.com) there will be a specific section of the application to request two – four letters of recommendation (**only two are required, but you may submit up to four**).

Completing this section will issue a formal request to your recommender for a letter of recommendation.

## Ensure your application is complete!

Check on the status of your recommendation letters frequently through the [mpc.awardspring.com](http://mpc.awardspring.com) website.

Keep in contact with your instructors and follow-up either in-person or via e-mail to ensure they have completed your letters before the scholarship application deadline on March 5.

## Express your gratitude!

Say thank you and send a personalized thank you note or e-mail to the individual who wrote your recommendation.

### KEY Steps to Success

1. Reach out to your recommenders at the beginning of the semester, and let them get to know you as an individual. For guidance, use our **Reference Request Form** on the back page of this booklet.
2. Complete your portion of the [mpc.awardspring.com](http://mpc.awardspring.com) application and request letters of recommendation as soon as possible! Giving your recommenders **at least** 2 weeks (3–4 weeks recommended).
3. Follow-up with your instructor/faculty about your letters, ensure they are completed on time.
4. Remember to say **thank you!**





# Scholarship Information

Important  
Websites,  
Dates, and  
Contact Info

## MPC Scholarships

- MPC has one scholarship application for all MPC scholarships.
- Go to **mpc.awardspring.com** to apply.
- Applications are open 12/1/2022 - 3/5/2023

## Outside Scholarships

- Visit the MPC Financial Aid Office Website for more info:  
**<https://www.mpc.edu/financial-aid/resources>**
- Application deadlines vary, but start as early as November 1 and end as early as January 4. APPLY EARLY!!!

## Scholarship Workshops

(see pg 2 for more info)

- 12/7/2022
- 1/11/2023
- 2/1/2023
- 2/15/2023 (This session will be held at the Marina Education Center)

## One on One Assistance for MPC Scholarships

Available after December 1, email [scholarships@mpc.edu](mailto:scholarships@mpc.edu) to schedule a Zoom or in-person appointment.

## For More Information

Email: [scholarships@mpc.edu](mailto:scholarships@mpc.edu)

Call: (831) 646-4842

### Or Contact Financial Aid:

Email: [financialaid@mpc.edu](mailto:financialaid@mpc.edu)

Phone: (831) 646-4030



# REFERENCE REQUEST FORM

Remember that you will need to send your official request for a letter of recommendation through the scholarship application website, [mpc.awardspring.com](http://mpc.awardspring.com)

Hello \_\_\_\_\_,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am enrolled in your \_\_\_\_\_ course at Monterey Peninsula College.

My academic goal is

\_\_\_\_\_

Below I have listed some of my interests and accomplishments:

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I would appreciate it if you would write a recommendation letter to further my access to academic scholarships that will support my journey into higher education and allow me to more readily achieve my academic goals. A formal request will be emailed to you from AwardSpring soon.

Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_, my MPC student email address, with any questions.

Thank you for your time. It is truly appreciated!

Sincerely,

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