



# ALL ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS

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Your  
comprehensive  
guide to getting  
free money for  
college as an  
MPC student.



# TODAY'S AGENDA

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What are scholarships?

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Why should I apply for scholarships?

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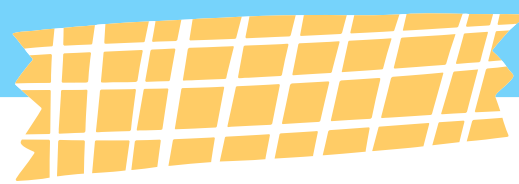
How do I apply for scholarships?

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Tell me about Outside Scholarships.

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Help and Resources



# WHAT ARE SCHOLARSHIPS?

I'm glad you asked...



# MPC SCHOLARSHIPS



We have  
money for all  
different  
kinds of  
students!

These are all  
managed on  
campus! No  
scams here.

- There are over 90 named scholarships for different purposes
- One application gives you access to \$400,000 or 300 awards
- Last year 90% of applicants received an award
- Awards range from \$100 - \$30,000!
- An average award is \$1500

PROS: Efficient, legitimate, high chance of winning CONS: None?

# OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Contact Deanna  
Galdo with  
questions about  
outside  
scholarships



dgaldo@mpc  
.edu  
or  
646-3042

Visit the webpage regularly as it is updated as new scholarships are added

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

- PROS:
  - Legitimate
  - Extra opportunities
  - Some high dollar amounts
- CONS:
  - Specific applications - one app per scholarship
  - Different deadlines
  - More competition



# WHY APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?

Do you like free money?





# WHY APPLY?

- You have a great chance of getting an award.
- Scholarships provide a boost of confidence and acknowledgement for your hard work
- Most awards come as a check to you, to be spent on anything you need.
- Recipients are celebrated at an award ceremony in May
- Other opportunities are sometimes offered to our scholars like internships and networking!



**Fatima**



**Ashlin**



# WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

1 Anyone who plans to enroll in at least one class at MPC in Spring 2023

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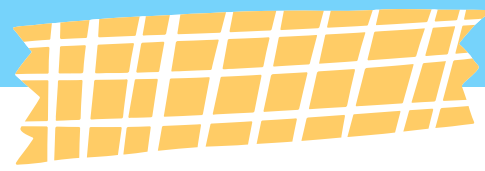
2 Anyone who plans to enroll in at least one class at MPC in Fall 2023

## That includes:



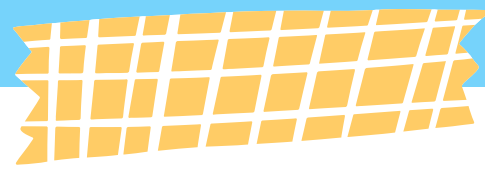
- Incoming high school graduates
- Dually enrolled high school students
- International students
- Re-entry students
- Dreamers
- Students who are transferring
- Students with not so excellent grades
- Students with disabilities
- Students from all backgrounds, genders, races and ethnicities
- This list is not exhaustive. If you meet the criteria to the left then YOU ARE ELIGIBLE!





# NEW SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2023

- **Donna McCarron Happy Days Memorial Scholarship**
  - For a science student who is financially needy
- **Hilda Holl Memorial Scholarship**
  - For Business students, hispanic and female preferred
- **Hornik Family Foundation Scholarship for Merit in STEM**
  - For exceptional STEM students at MPC
- **Nina's Scholarship:**
  - For students facing hardship
- **O'Hare/Chenoweth Family Scholarship**
  - For re-entry students



# NEW SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2023

- **Paver/Brown Scholarship (Official name pending)**
  - For students in Social Sciences - preferably Gender or Ethnic studies
- **Forsythe, Roberts, and Ehrat Scholarship**
  - For nursing students embarking on a first career
- **Ann J. Brorsen Scholarship**
  - For re-entry nursing students
- **Vincent J. Delacy Ryan Memorial Scholarship**
  - For transfer students, preferably those who have their sights set on UCLA



# HOW DO I APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?

It's easier than you think.



# AWARDSPRING

- Log in and register an account at [mpc.awardspring.com](https://mpc.awardspring.com)
- If you registered in the past, you still have an account! You can log on with your same password or click "Forgot Password" to reset it.



The screenshot shows a user interface for logging in or registering. It is overlaid on a background image of a smiling female student with dark hair, wearing a purple top and a black backpack, holding a pen and looking at an open book. The interface includes the following elements:

- Sign In** header
- Email** label above a text input field containing "gbianchi@mpc.edu"
- Password** label above a text input field containing "....."
- [Forgot password](#) link
- Sign In** button
- Don't have an account?** text
- Register** button

# OVERVIEW ON TABS



[mpc.awardspring.com](https://mpc.awardspring.com)



1

Applicant Personal Information

2

Academic Information

3

Financial Information

4

Qualification Questions

# LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

YOU MUST SUBMIT 2 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. YOU MAY SUBMIT A MAX OF 4. ONE SHOULD BE FROM A CURRENT OR RECENT INSTRUCTOR.

PROVIDE AT LEAST 2-3 WEEKS NOTICE TO YOUR RECOMMENDER. ASK THEM FACE TO FACE FIRST IF POSSIBLE - IF NOT THEN ASK BY EMAIL OR PHONE. THEN SEND AWARDSRING REQUEST.

WHEN YOU SEND THE AWARDSRING REQUEST, CUSTOMIZE THE MESSAGE BOX. ENTER IN YOUR GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

FOLLOW-UP ON RECOMMENDATIONS . IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY SHOW AS COMPLETE. IN YOUR AWARDSRING. AFTER YOU SUBMIT YOUR APP, YOU CAN STILL CHECK AND MAKE CHANGES.

# PERSONAL STATEMENT

This question is required

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

**Pick one of the following to answer:**

- 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?

# TRANSCRIPTS

**1** You do not need to upload MPC transcripts.

**2** If you are in High School, it is recommended that you upload High School transcripts.

**3** If you have attended other colleges, please upload those transcripts.





# NEW FAQ PAGE

Check out our new FAQ page for answers to almost every question!

- Do I have to fill out a FAFSA form to be eligible for scholarships?
- I'm not a very good student. Can I still apply for MPC scholarships?
- I can't remember my username or password from last year. What should I do?



If you can't find the answer you need, email us at [scholarships@mpc.edu](mailto:scholarships@mpc.edu)

# OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS

- 1 The application saves dynamically.
- 2 "Submit" as soon as you can continue to edit until March 5th.
- 3 There will be follow-up essays AFTER you submit for special scholarship opportunities.



## DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: MARCH 5TH

Submit early - you can continue to make edits up until March 5th, but if you do not hit submit, your application will not be considered. We will not score your application until March 6th!

Once you submit, you will have follow-up essays available. While not required, they dramatically increase your odds of winning a scholarship.





# OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Which ones should I know about?



# IMPORTANT OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

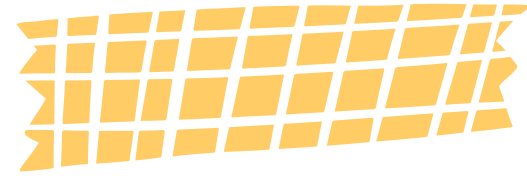
## PISTER LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

- FOR STUDENTS TRANSFERRING TO UC SANTA CRUZ IN FALL 2023
- \$20,000 (\$10K/YR FOR 2 YRS)
- DEADLINE FEB 12.
- CONTACT DEANNA GALDO AT 646-3042 OR DGALDO@MPC.EDU

## PEGGY AND JACK BASKIN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

- FOR FEMALE STUDENTS TRANSFERRING TO ANY UC FALL 2023
- MIN. 3.5 GPA
- \$20,000 (\$10K/YR FOR 2 YRS)
- DEADLINE FEB.
- CONTACT DEANNA GALDO AT 646-3042 OR DGALDO@MPC.EDU





# HELP AND RESOURCES

What is available?





# HELP & RESOURCES

1

Workshops: 12/7, 1/11, and 2/1 at 1pm in LTC 203-204

2

Marina Workshop tentatively scheduled 2/15 3-4PM

3

1-on-1 Assistance, by zoom or in-person. Email [scholarships@mpc.edu](mailto:scholarships@mpc.edu) to schedule.

4

Reading & Writing Center, ARC or email [scholarships@mpc.edu](mailto:scholarships@mpc.edu) anytime



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**DREAMS DON'T WORK  
UNLESS YOU DO!**





**THANK  
YOU!**

Questions?