



MONTGOMERY SCHOLARS

A Full Scholarship Interdisciplinary Honors Program at Montgomery College

APPLICATION GUIDELINE FOR ADMISSION

**Fall 2026 Application Deadline
January 31, 2026**

mcscholars@montgomerycollege.edu

STEPS TO APPLY

Deadline: January 31, 2026

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.

Applications for fall 2026 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 in May/June 2026.

- **Apply to Montgomery College by December 1, 2025** (recommended deadline) to receive a College ID (M#).
- **Complete the Montgomery Scholars application at montgomerycollege.edu/mcscholars-apply by January 31, 2026.** Transcript and teacher recommendations are also due on the same date.

Step 1

Complete Montgomery College Online Credit Admissions Application by December 1, 2025.

- To apply, visit montgomerycollege.edu/apply.
- You will receive a College ID (M#) that you will need to complete your Montgomery Scholars application.
- Please allow up to two weeks to receive your M#.

Step 2

Claim your MyMC account at 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

Complete your Montgomery Scholars application.

- Go to montgomerycollege.edu/mcscholars-apply.

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“The Scholars program was truly the best two years of my life. The professors and students transformed the way I looked at the world and opened my eyes to my responsibility to the global community. I experienced a tremendous shift while in the program and I'd go back in a heartbeat.”

– Carly Stolikar '16
B.A., St. Mary's College of Maryland
Director of Development, NW Works

GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Students selected for the Montgomery Scholars program for the fall 2026 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, and depending on the College's operation status, these merit scholarships will also include the majority of expenses associated with attending a summer study travel experience in the United States (summer 2027).

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 and dependent on the College's operation status.

Montgomery Scholars Application materials are due by January 31, 2026. Late submission of any required supporting materials may adversely affect consideration of your application. We will accept supporting application materials **submitted by January 31, 2026.**

Applications for fall 2026 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 2024. Applications will not be considered for students who graduated from high school prior to May/June 2026.

Priority for the Montgomery Scholars program and 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) are optional but recommended for your Montgomery Scholars application to be considered.

For Applicants Submitting SAT and/or ACT Scores

Submit copies of your SAT and/or ACT scores in your Montgomery Scholars application by the January 31, 2026 deadline. We also need your official SAT and/or ACT scores by January 31, 2026. Please request that these be sent to Montgomery College, Rockville Campus.

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

The SAT Code for Montgomery College (Rockville Campus) is 5440. The ACT Code is 1723. Submit official SAT or ACT test results from all test dates. The selection committee will review test scores from the SAT I. If you choose to submit your scores, 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.

For All Applicants

A placement level of English 101 is required for applying to the Montgomery Scholars program. This placement is determined by your SAT, ACT, and/or AP Language and Composition Scores.

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 2026 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

Your official high school transcript will be submitted as part of your application by **January 31, 2026**. The application will ask for your counselor's email address, and your counselor will be sent instructions on how to upload your transcript.

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, 2026**.

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, employers, Montgomery College faculty, coaches, internship coordinators, etc.

Your recommenders have until January 31, 2026 to submit their materials.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

To complete the application you will be asked to complete some short answer questions, answer an essay question, and submit a personal creative work. Your responses provide an opportunity for you to demonstrate the clarity, originality, and organization of your thinking and writing. The suggested word counts are guidelines and not strict requirements.

The most important thing is to provide specific details and enough depth for us to get a clear understanding of who you are, what you think, what you do, and what you'd like to be.

Essay Question (300 to 500 words)

We ask that you watch a short video and provide a critical analysis on some particular aspect of the video. You do not have to account for every feature (nor can you, really). Try to focus on something in particular you'd like to discuss and share your ideas on what you're seeing here. You should avoid description/summary, and focus on significant, critical insights you'd like to share on the topic. Please reference specific details from the video in your analysis. Do not utilize any outside sources, nor discuss the content creator or any facts/details about them. We want to see your analysis/discussion of the video content itself.

Personal Creative Work

The last question on the application asks that you upload a one-page document, an image, or an audio/video file (up to two minutes), in which you put together anything you'd like that you think would give us further insight into who you are, what you do, what you'd like to be. It can be anything that is uniquely yours, from a poem you've written, to a drawing you made, to a photograph you took, to a recipe you created, to a video you took, to a song you recorded, to a screen capture of a project you created.

“Everyone in pharmacy school/med school/nursing school is going to be good at science, but part of why I was able to stand out are the communication and writing skills I learned through MC Scholars.”

— Yves Gomes '12

B.S., University of Maryland, College Park
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