

Montgomery Scholars Program

Please contact Monica Young (240-567-4377) for specific questions related to the Montgomery Scholars Program admissions process at mcscholars@montgomerycollege.edu.

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Visit our website: montgomerycollege.edu/montgomeryscholars

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Fall 2017



MONTGOMERY SCHOLARS

An interdisciplinary honors program at Montgomery College

Application for Admission

Fall 2017 Application Deadline
January 6, 2017

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Montgomery Scholars Application

Deadline: January 6, 2017

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.

STEPS TO APPLY

Step 1 – Complete Montgomery College Online Credit Admissions Application

To apply, visit montgomerycollege.edu/apply.

You will receive a college ID (M#) that you will need to complete your application.

• **Deadline: January 6, 2017**

Step 2 – Obtain a Montgomery Scholars Application from your school's College Career Center or go online to download one at montgomerycollege.edu/montgomeryscholars.

Step 3 – Make sure you have taken the SAT and/or ACT by December 2016 (if you take either test in January 2017, you will need to rush the scores to us. SAT/ACT scores are required for your application to be considered.)

Step 4 – Arrange to take the Montgomery College Accuplacer (see instructions on page 2).

Step 5 – Arrange for at least two letters of recommendation from high school teachers who know you well.

Step 6 – Arrange for high school transcript to be sent to the address below, or include a sealed copy in your application packet.

Step 7 – Fill in the Montgomery Scholars Application (please use blue/black ink or type) including the essay section (please type).

Step 8 – Assemble all application materials:

- Montgomery Scholars Application Form
- Two high school teacher recommendations
- Photocopy of your SAT and/or ACT scores
- Montgomery Scholars Application Checklist (must be filled out)
- Resume—optional but highly recommended
- Photocopy of AP Scores and/or SAT II scores
- Mid-year grade report—optional but highly recommended

Step 9 – Send all application materials in a complete packet to:

Montgomery College
Montgomery Scholars Program
Scholarship Office Attn: Paty Lopez
900 Hungerford Drive, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20850

Montgomery Scholars Application Information

General Information and Instructions

Students selected for the Montgomery Scholars Program for the fall 2017 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 2018).

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. It is likely that for Scholars entering the program in fall 2017, the study travel program in the summer of 2018 will be within the United States.

Part 1 – Apply to Montgomery College

Admission to Montgomery College is a prerequisite to admission into the Montgomery Scholars Program (MSP).

Applicants to the Montgomery Scholars Program should apply online for admission to Montgomery College by January 6, 2017.

If you have previously applied for credit admission to Montgomery College, you do not need to reapply for admission to the College; however, you must complete and submit all required materials for consideration by the Montgomery Scholars Program selection committee.

For more information about applying to Montgomery College, visit montgomerycollege.edu/apply or call 240-567-5000.

Application Fees

There is a \$25 application fee to apply to Montgomery College (which you have to complete before you apply to the Montgomery Scholars Program). This fee is automatically waived if you apply online to Montgomery College before January 6, 2017.

There is no application fee to apply to the Montgomery Scholars Program.

The admission application will generate your eight-digit Montgomery College ID number (M number), which is needed to complete your application to the Montgomery Scholars Program.

Part 2 – Apply to the Montgomery Scholars Program

Montgomery Scholars Application materials are due by January 6, 2017. Late submission of any required supporting materials may adversely affect consideration of your application. We will accept application materials **postmarked by** January 6, 2017.

Applications for fall 2017 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 2017. Applications will not be considered for students who graduated from high school prior to May/June 2017.

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.

Montgomery Scholars Application

This form should be completed and submitted with the required essay responses and all supporting materials in one complete packet postmarked by January 6, 2017.

College Entrance Exam Scores (SAT and/or ACT)

SAT and/or ACT scores are required for your Montgomery Scholars Application to be considered. You **must include** photocopies of your SAT and/or ACT scores in your complete Montgomery Scholars Application packet by the January 6, 2017 deadline.

We also need your official SAT and/or ACT scores. By January 6, 2017, please request that these be sent to Montgomery College, Rockville Campus. Alternatively, applicants may log-in and print their scores from the testing website in front of an Enrollment Services staff member. Failure to submit official test scores may adversely affect consideration for the program.

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

Montgomery Scholars Application Information

Part 2 (continued) – Apply to the Montgomery Scholars 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, including the writing section. The committee will consider your highest scores for each of the three sections of the SAT I (Critical Reading, Math, and Writing) from any test administration date. You should take the New SAT I or ACT no later than **December 2016**.

High School Transcripts

Submit your official high school transcript by **January 6, 2017**. The transcript should be in a sealed and signed/stamped envelope from the high school registrar and included in the complete packet.

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, 2017.

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 (recommended), employers, Montgomery College faculty, coaches, internship coordinators, etc.

Placement Testing

All Montgomery Scholars applicants should take the Montgomery College Placement Test (Accuplacer or ESL-Accuplacer/LOEP) for English (take both sentence skills and reading sections) and math at a Montgomery College Assessment Center. You can find more information at montgomerycollege.edu/assessment.

It is recommended that applicants to the Montgomery Scholars Program take the appropriate placement test by February 11, 2017.

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: US 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.

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 US 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 may test out of the English placement requirement if you meet the following criteria:

SAT:

- Critical Reading score 500 or above

ACT:

- English score 21 or above

TOEFL:

- 90 or above (IBT) or 575 or above (paper)

IELTS:

- 6.5 or above

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 the Financial Aid Office at 240-567-5100 for more information.

Montgomery College offers several scholarship programs. **Students who apply for the Montgomery Scholars Program for fall 2017 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. Please visit our website for additional information about even more scholarship opportunities at Montgomery College: montgomerycollege.edu/finaid.

Montgomery Scholars Application Checklist

Name: _____

MC ID #: M_____

Application Checklist

You must fill in and submit this checklist as part of the complete application packet, which should include everything below (please check the relevant boxes).

1. **Montgomery College Admission Application**
Completed by January 6, 2017
2. **Montgomery Scholars Application Form**
3. **Official High School Transcript Sent from HS on (provide date) __/__/__**
(in a sealed and signed/stamped envelope from the high school registrar)
4. **Photocopies of:**
 - a) College Entrance Exam scores (SAT and/or ACT)
 - b) AP scores
5. **Request for Official SAT and/or ACT Scores** to be sent to Montgomery College, Rockville Campus
(Code 5440 for SAT, Code 1723 for ACT) was made on (provide date) __/__/__
6. **Teacher Recommendation #1** form and letter (sealed envelope, signature on flap)
7. **Teacher Recommendation #2** form and letter (sealed envelope, signature on flap)
8. **Personal Essays**
 - Part A: Problem/Goal Essay
 - Part B: Creative Essay
9. **Placement Testing**
Date Accuplacer taken (provide date) __/__/__
(Please circle one) Test taken at the Rockville – Germantown – Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
- If you did not take the Accuplacer please specify why not:**
 - SAT critical reading 500 or above
 - ACT English score 21 or above
 - TOEFL 90 or above (IBT) or 575 or above (paper)
10. **Optional Items:**
 - Additional Letters of Recommendation (one counselor recommendation preferred)
 - Resume
 - Mid-Year Grade Report

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 Montgomery Scholars Program
 Scholarship Office, Attn: Paty Lopez
 900 Hungerford Drive, Suite 200
 Rockville, MD 20850

Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application Form

Student's Montgomery College M Number: M _____

All Montgomery College students receive an M number after they complete Part 1, the online Montgomery College admissions application.

This section is to be completed by the student. Official high school transcripts and standardized test scores must be postmarked by January 6, 2017. In addition, the student also should submit a more detailed resume of activities. Students with a special interest in art, poetry, photography, or other areas may wish to submit a brief portfolio with samples of their work. Students interested in music may include a tape or CD. Any supporting materials included with the application will not be returned to the student. Please contact MCScholars@montgomerycollege.edu by January 6, 2017 for questions related to submission of supporting materials.

1 Background

I. General Information

Name _____

Nickname _____

Full Mailing Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone Numbers (home and cell) _____

II. Ethnicity/Race/Gender

What is your race? Check one or more of the following:

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

White Black or African American

Asian American Indian or Alaskan Native

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Other _____

What is your Gender?

Female Male Other

III. Citizenship

Check one of the following:

US Permanent Resident

Not a US Citizen or Permanent Resident

What is your nation of birth? _____

What is your nation of citizenship? _____

What is your first language? _____ How many years have you been in the US? _____

IV. Family Education Background

Did either of your parents attend college? One Both Neither

Degree(s) earned by Parent One None Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate

Degree(s) earned by Parent Two: None Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate

What is your program of study/major at Montgomery College? _____

Where did you attend high school? _____

What is your expected high school graduation date? _____

Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application Form

Student's Montgomery College M Number: M _____ Student's Name: _____

4 Academic Honors, Extracurricular and Community Service Activities, and Work Experience

Also submit a more detailed resume of activities. Please label additional pages with your full name and M number.

I. Academic Honors

Please briefly describe any academic distinctions, honors, or awards you have received, starting from the ninth grade.

Five horizontal lines for writing academic honors.

II. Extracurricular and Community Service Activities

Please list your primary extracurricular, community service, athletic, or artistic activities below.

Table with 3 columns: Activity, Grade Level, Brief Description of Involvement. Includes five horizontal lines for data entry.

III. Work Experience

List any employment (including summer jobs) you have held in the past three years.

Table with 3 columns: Position and Employer, Date of Employment, Description of Duties. Includes five horizontal lines for data entry.

5 Additional Information

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide any additional information regarding your background and experiences that may assist the committee in the review of your application. You may enclose attachments if necessary.

Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application Form Teacher Recommendation

All application materials are due January 6, 2017.

1 Instructions for Applicants:

Please fill in Part 1.

Student's Name _____ M#: M _____

Student's E-mail _____

Student's Home Phone _____

High School _____

Teacher's Name _____ Subject Taught: _____

2 Instructions for Teacher

Please complete Steps A and B. When both parts are completed, 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 the address on the bottom of this page. You may also e-mail this form and your recommendation letter to mcscholars@montgomerycollege.edu. Please title the subject line "Recommendation for (students name)."

Step A: Please fill out the grid below and answer the following question below it:

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

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

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Teacher's Signature _____

Step 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 of the applicant. We welcome any information you can provide that will assist the selection committee in distinguishing this applicant from others. 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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Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application Form 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 on separate sheets of paper. Please include your Montgomery College M number, your full name, and essay title on each page. **Complete Part A and Part B.**

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 and include a creative title.:

- What is your favorite word? Why?
- What is the most memorable meal you have ever had? Explain?
- What do you think has been the most significant technological invention and why?