



2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS GUIDE



MPC

FOUNDATION
MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE

HOW IT WORKS

Our 6 step process for SCHOLARSHIPS



1

Donors Create Scholarships Year-Round Donors establish named scholarships to support MPC students throughout the year. We currently have over 100 scholarship opportunities available and the number continues to grow!

2

Students Apply Applications open December 1, 2024 at mpc.awardspring.com. Take advantage of scholarship workshops and 1-on-1 assistance. Remember to request letters of recommendation early!

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Applications Close The deadline is March 2, 2025. Note that outside scholarships such as the Pister or Baskin Scholarships may have different deadlines.

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Congratulations! You will be notified of scholarship awards by the end of April.

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Celebrate! Join us for the Scholarship Award Ceremony (Thursday, May 8, 2025) with friends and family.

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Gratitude & Payment From May to September, send a heartfelt thank you letter or video to your donors. Scholarship funds will be disbursed based on the terms of your award.

GETTING STARTED

MPC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



One Application

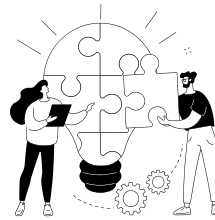


One application lets you apply for all MPC scholarships. Go to mpc.awardspring.com to apply!



Outside Scholarships

Other organizations offer scholarships as well. Deadlines vary, but start as early as NOW and close as early as Nov. 1. Visit www.mpc.edu/scholarships for more info



Get Help

One-on-one appointments are available via Zoom or in person. Email scholarships@mpc.edu



For more information

Email:
scholarships@mpc.edu
Call: (831) 646-4842



LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION Checklist



The Reference Request Form on the next page provides an outline for you to complete and provide to those you wish to ask for a letter of recommendation.

- 1** Plan Ahead: Request letters at least 3-4 weeks before the scholarship deadline for thoughtful responses. (By Feb. 10)
- 2** Choose Wisely: Pick recommenders who know you well and can speak positively about you. You can submit 2 - 4 letters; at least one must come from a current or former instructor.
- 3** Formal Request: Politely ask for recommendations via email or phone before sending the Awardspring link. Verify that you have their correct email address to send the Awardspring link.
- 4** Provide Essential Information: In your request, include pertinent information about yourself, such as:
 - o Your full name
 - o The deadline for the scholarship application
 - o Your academic goals and future aspirations
 - o The course(s) you are currently enrolled in
- 5** Highlight Uniqueness: Showcase your achievements and qualities that make you stand out.
- 6** Mention Submission Process: Let recommenders know to use mpc.awardspring.com to upload letters. Log into Awardspring and submit the requests to your recommenders.
- 7** SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION: You can revise your application after you submit it. Submit early to see what other scholarships you qualify for.
- 8** Stay in Touch: Check in periodically, respecting their time and reminding them of the deadline.
- 9** Follow-up: Ensure recommendations are submitted before the deadline and offer gratitude. Revise your application if necessary.
- 10** Express Gratitude: Thank recommenders with a heartfelt note or phone call for their support.
- 11** Confirm Submission: Check mpc.awardspring.com to verify all letters and your application are submitted by the deadline.

MPC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 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

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:

Could you please write a recommendation letter for me by the end of February to support my scholarship application? A formal request will come from AwardSpring soon. Thank you!

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

Thank you for your time. It is truly appreciated!

Sincerely,

GET AHEAD

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY **QUESTIONS**

Two essay questions are required for this year's scholarship application. The first essay lets you explain your financial situation the way that numbers can't. The second gives you a chance to tell us about you, your plans, goals, dreams, and why a scholarship will help you make them come true.

FINANCIAL SECTION REQUIRED QUESTION

Please describe how a scholarship will support your educational goals. You could include information about your financial situation; for example, your living situation, employment status, debts, expenses, family situation, other means of financial support, or any other information that you would like the scholarship reviewers to consider as they review your scholarship application regarding your financial need. (Up to 500 words)

REQUIRED PERSONAL STATEMENT ESSAY

Please write a 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.

This essay has a maximum length of 1,000 words.



SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY ONE-ON-ONE WRITING HELP

Get help with your Scholarship Essays
at the Reading and Writing Center!



Get insights on how to write a clear and memorable personal statement. Meet in-person, online, or drop off your essay for review.

Find us in Humanities 107 on the MPC Monterey Campus or
at The Lobo Hub (MA 201) on the MPC Marina Campus.

Monterey hours (Subject to Change)

Monday - Thursday 8 AM - 7 PM

Friday 8 AM - 2 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM

Marina hours (Subject to Change)

Monday 9 AM - 1 PM

Wednesday 9 AM - 1 PM

Contact Info:

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MONTEREY PENINSULA
College

Scholarship Workshops

Weds. December 4, 1 - 3 pm **MPC Library** 203/204

Thurs. January 9, 1 - 3 pm **MPC Library** 203/204

Weds. January 29, 6 - 8 pm **Marina Campus**

Tues. February 11, 5 - 7 pm **MPC Library** 203/204



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Scholarship Workshop!**

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Available**



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