

Fall 2014



Montgomery Scholars Program

Application for Admission

Fall 2014 Application Deadline
January 17, 2014

Mcscholars@montgomerycollege.edu

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Montgomery College

Montgomery Scholars Application

Deadline: January 17, 2014

All candidates applying to Montgomery College's Montgomery Scholars Program must submit a credit admissions application to Montgomery College (Part 1) and a Montgomery Scholars Application with supporting documents (Part 2).

Part 1 – Montgomery College Online Credit Admissions Application

To apply, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/apply.

- **Deadline: January 17, 2014**

Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application/Supporting Documents

- **Deadline: January 17, 2014**

The following supporting documents must be submitted by January 17, 2014:

- **High School Performance Profile—required**
- **Essays—required**
- **Official high school transcript—required**
- **Official college entrance exam scores: either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT I) or the American College Testing Program (ACT) scores—required**
- **Two letters of recommendation—required**
- **Resume—*optional but highly recommended***
- **Placement testing—required (see instructions)**
- **Official Advanced Placement (AP Scores) or SAT II—*optional but recommended***
- **Mid-Year Grade Report—*optional but recommended***

Send all application materials to:

**Montgomery College
Montgomery Scholars Program
Scholarship Office
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 2014 semester will be offered two-year (four academic semesters), full-tuition (15 credit hours per semester at the in-county rate) merit scholarships. Pending funding, these merit scholarships will also include the majority of expenses associated with attending the summer study travel experience in the United States (summer 2015).

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 2014, the study travel program in the summer of 2015 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 17, 2014.

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 documents for consideration into the Montgomery Scholars Program.

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

Montgomery County Public High School seniors should check with their high school Career Center for more information about applying to Montgomery College.

Application Fees

There is a \$25 application fee to apply to Montgomery College (which you have to do before you apply to the Montgomery Scholars Program). This fee is automatically waived if you apply online to Montgomery College before January 17, 2014.

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

The admission application will generate your Montgomery College ID number (M number) that is needed to complete your application to the Montgomery Scholars Program.

Part 2 – Apply to the Montgomery Scholars Program

Montgomery Scholars Application Materials
Scholars supporting application materials are due by January 17, 2014. Late submission of any required supporting materials may adversely affect consideration of your application. We will accept application materials postmarked by January 17, 2014.

Applications for fall 2014 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 2014. Applications will not be considered for students who graduated from high school prior to May/June 2014.

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 Form

This form should be completed and submitted with the required essay responses by January 17, 2014.

Official College Entrance Exam Scores (SAT and/or ACT)

Applicants may either provide the original score report from the College Board (SAT), and/or ACT, or 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 by January 17, 2014, may adversely affect consideration for the program.

The SAT Code for Montgomery College (Rockville Campus) is 5440. The ACTs 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 an applicant's highest scores for each of the three sections of the SAT I (Critical Reading, Math, and Writing) from any test adminis-

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tration date. Applicants for the Scholars program should take the New SAT I or ACT no later than **December 2013**.

High School Transcripts

Applicants should submit their official high school transcript by **January 17, 2014**. Transcripts should be mailed from the high school to the address provided in the Montgomery Scholars application.

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, 2014.

Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation are required, although applicants 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.

Placement Testing

In addition to providing SAT or ACT test scores, applicants must place on a college level in reading and English to be considered for admission into the Scholars program. Montgomery College assesses new students to determine the appropriate reading, English, and math placement prior to enrollment at the College. In keeping with Montgomery College requirements, any prospective Montgomery College student should take the appropriate college placement test (Accuplacer or ESL-Accuplacer/LOEP) for English, reading, and math if the student falls below the following levels:

SAT:

- Critical Reading score below 550 (take both sentence skills and reading sections)
- Math score below 550

ACT:

- English score below 24 (take both sentence skills and reading sections)
- Math score below 24

TOEFL:

- Below 575 (paper) or 90 (IBT)

IELTS:

- Below 6.5

Students must submit official Advanced Placement (AP) and/or TOEFL scores, if applicable. If your standardized test scores are below these levels, you will need Montgomery College placement test results in order to complete your Montgomery Scholars

application. You should make arrangements to take the appropriate placement test.

Note: If you scored a 3 or higher on the AP English Language exam (must submit official scores), you may not need to take the Montgomery College English Accuplacer placement test as part of the Scholars application process.

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.

If you have not taken the placement test already, it is recommended that Scholars applicants take the appropriate placement test prior to February 28, 2014.

Students 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, visit: www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/AssessCtr.

Prepare for your placement test by going to one of the following links:

Accuplacer placement test preparation:
<http://demo-test.accuplacer-test.com>

ESL Accuplacer placement test preparation:
www.accuplacer-test.com/accuplacer-loep-free-sample.htm

Financial Aid and Scholarships

For those who may be 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. Please visit our website for additional information about scholarship opportunities at Montgomery College: www.montgomerycollege.edu/finaid.

Montgomery Scholars Application Checklist

All application materials are due January 17, 2014.

Application Checklist

For student use. Please do not submit with application.

Part 1 – Admissions Application

- Online Application for Admission to Montgomery College

Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application

- High School Performance Profile
- Two Recommendation Forms

I gave the first form to:

I gave the second form to:

- Two Personal Essays
- Official High School Transcript

Requested of:

Date Requested:

- Official Standardized Test Scores

Requested of:

Date Requested:

- Official Advanced Placement or SAT II Scores (optional)
- Placement Testing Completed or Equivalent Completed

Date Completed:

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Rockville, MD 20850**

Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application High School Performance Profile

Student's Montgomery College M Number: _____

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 17, 2014**. In addition, you 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 17 for questions related to submission of supporting materials.

1 Background

I. General Information

Name _____

Nickname _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone Numbers (home and cell) _____

II. Ethnicity/Race

Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin? Yes No

What is your race? Check one or more of the following: White Black or African American
 Asian American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

III. Citizenship

Check one of the following: US Permanent Resident
 Not a US Citizen or Permanent Resident

If you are not a US citizen or a permanent resident, complete the following:

What is your nation of birth? _____

What is your nation of citizenship? (required) _____

IV. Family Education Background

Did your mother attend college? Yes No

If yes, degree(s) earned: None Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate

Did your father attend college? Yes No

If yes, degree(s) earned: 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? _____

Please submit your official high school transcript.

Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application High School Performance Profile

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

3 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.

I. Academic Honors

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

II. Extracurricular and Community Service Activities

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

Activity	Grade Level	Brief Description of Involvement
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III. Work Experience

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

Position and Employer	Date of Employment	Description of Duties
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4 Additional Information

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

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Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application Teacher Recommendation

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

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1 Instructions for Applicants

This recommendation form must be completed by a high school teacher who can attest to your academic performance and personal character. Please complete the top portion.

Student's Name _____

Student's Address _____

Student's Home Phone _____

High School _____

Teacher's Name _____ Subject Taught _____

2 Instructions for Teacher

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide insight into the academic abilities, 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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Student's Name _____

Student's Address _____

Student's Home Phone _____

High School _____

Teacher's Name _____ Subject Taught _____

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Part 2 – Montgomery Scholars Application Personal Essays

Your responses to the following essay questions are an important component in the review of your Montgomery Scholars application. The essay provides an opportunity for you to demonstrate the clarity, originality, and organization of your 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 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 achieve the goal.

Part B Minimum of 500 words.

Choose **one** of the following:

- Explain what the items in your locker at school or in your backpack reveal about your personality/identity. Also, choose at least two aspects of your personality/identity these objects do not reveal—why do you think that is?
- Describe a day in the life of a penny, a dime, or a quarter—be as creative as possible.
- If you could make your home anywhere in the world and have any occupation, where would you live, what would you do, and why?

Montgomery Scholars Program

Please contact Patricia Lopez for specific questions related to the Montgomery Scholars Program admissions process: patricia.lopez@montgomerycollege.edu or 240-567-7552.

For questions about the academic content of the program, please contact Dr. Mary T. Furgol: mary.furgol@montgomerycollege.edu or 240-567-7285.

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