
Chapter: Student Affairs

Modification No. 005

Subject: **Board of Trustees Student Grants and Scholarships**

- I. The Montgomery College Board of Trustees is committed to providing access to higher education to an economically and academically diverse population of students. Board of Trustees grants and scholarships are provided by the College's Board of Trustees to assist recent Montgomery County Public School graduates, Montgomery County residents, and a limited number of Maryland state and out-of-state residents who have financial need or have demonstrated academic potential.
- II. The Board of Trustees authorizes the President to occasionally designate grants or scholarships for special purposes. When there are such occasions, there may be additional criteria which must be met by applicants.
- III. The President is authorized and directed to establish procedures to implement this policy.

Board Approval: July 16, 1984; April 21, 1986; November 21, 1988; May 10, 2004; March 21, 2016.

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I. Grants

The College will determine the eligibility of students, their financial need, and their grant amounts through the Office of Student Financial Aid using the following guidelines:

- A. A minimum of 75% of the recipients shall be Montgomery County residents.
- B. Funds may be awarded as need-based grants to students who are not Montgomery County residents.
- C. Recipients must be able to demonstrate financial need on the basis of a needs analysis performed by authorized personnel in the Office of Student Financial Aid. Students demonstrate financial need when their cost of attendance, as determined by the Office of Student Financial Aid, minus their expected family contribution, as determined by a need analysis formula, equals a positive amount.
- D. Recipients must maintain a 2.00 cumulative grade point average in order to continue an award in subsequent semesters.
- E. Grant funds may be used for dual enrollment students with documented financial need

II. Scholarships

- A. The President shall include funding in the proposed operating budget to support a minimum of 150 merit scholarships covering a maximum of fifteen credit hours per semester for the fall and spring semesters in one academic year.
- B. There will be one merit scholarship for one academic year per Montgomery County public high school awarded solely on the basis of academic potential. Each participating high school will nominate one student from the current graduating class based on academic performance and interest in attending Montgomery College.
- C. A limited number of scholarships are renewable for a second year, provided the eligibility criteria are met. The qualifying grade point average for second-year renewal will be determined annually based on available funding.

Administrative Approval: March 23, 2016