

Fall 2023



# MONTGOMERY SCHOLARS

An Interdisciplinary Honors Program at Montgomery College

**Application Guidelines for Admission**

**Fall 2023 Application Deadline**

**January 8, 2023**

[mcscholars@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:mcscholars@montgomerycollege.edu)

## Steps to Apply

**Deadline: January 8, 2023**

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 through Academic Works and Dropbox.

Applications for fall 2023 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 2023.

- **Apply to Montgomery College by December 1, 2022** to receive a College ID (M#).
- **Log-In to Academic Works** using your MyMC user ID to access the Montgomery Scholars application and other scholarship opportunities.
- **Complete the Montgomery Scholars application by January 8, 2023.** Transcript and teacher recommendation letters are also due in Dropbox on the same date.

### Step 1 Complete Montgomery College Online Credit Admissions Application by December 1, 2022.

- To apply, visit [montgomerycollege.edu/apply](http://montgomerycollege.edu/apply).
- You will receive a college ID (M#) that you will need to complete your application.
- *Please allow up to two weeks to receive your M#.*

### Step 2 Claim your MyMC account at [mymc.montgomerycollege.edu](http://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 Log in to Academic Works to access the Montgomery Scholars application.

- Go to [montgomerycollege.academicworks.com](http://montgomerycollege.academicworks.com).
- Sign in using your MyMC credentials.
- Complete the general application in Academic Works.
- Go to [montgomerycollege.edu/mcscholars-apply](http://montgomerycollege.edu/mcscholars-apply).
- Click the "Apply" button to fill in the application and answer the two essay prompts. Click "submit" once everything has been filled out. **Deadline to apply: January 8, 2023.**

### Step 4 Have your official high school transcript and teacher recommendations uploaded on Dropbox.

- Once you have submitted your application on Academic Works, you, your teachers, and your counselor will receive an email with a Dropbox link.
- Click on the link.
- *Links are not created automatically. Please allow up to two business days for the Dropbox link to be created and sent.*

## General Information and Instructions

Students selected for the Montgomery Scholars program for the fall 2023 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 2024).

### 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 8, 2023.** Late submission of any required supporting materials may adversely affect consideration of your application. We will accept supporting application materials **uploaded by January 8, 2023.**

Applications for fall 2023 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 2023. Applications will not be considered for students who graduated from high school prior to May/June 2023.

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

Upload copies of your SAT and/or ACT scores in your Montgomery Scholars application in Academic Works by the January 8, 2023 deadline. We also need your official SAT and/or ACT scores by January 8, 2023. Please request that these be sent to Montgomery College, Rockville Campus.

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, Accuplacer, and/or AP Language and Composition Scores. However, due to the current operational status of the College, Accuplacer testing has been replaced by the MC Remote Placement process. **Hence, if you do not meet the following criteria, you MUST pursue the MC Remote Placement option outlined in this website: [montgomerycollege.edu/remote-placement](http://montgomerycollege.edu/remote-placement).**

**IMPORTANT: You must pursue the MC Remote Placement process if you do not meet any of the following criteria.**

- SAT: Evidence Based Reading/Writing score 480 or above. OR Reading subset 26 or above.
- ACT: Reading score 21 or above.
- TOEFL: 90 or above (IBT) or 575 or above (paper).
- IELTS: 6.5 or above.
- AP Language and Composition: 3 or above.
- You have not submitted SAT/ACT scores.
- You have scored below the specified SAT/ACT 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](mailto: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 2023 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](mailto: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](http://montgomerycollege.edu/finaid).

### High School Transcripts (submit through Dropbox)

Submit your official high school transcript by **January 8, 2023**. You and your counselor will receive a Dropbox link through the email address you provide on the Montgomery Scholars application. **Your transcript should be uploaded on that link.**

### 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, 2023.**

### Letters of Recommendation (submit through Dropbox)

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. Your teachers will receive a Dropbox link through the emails you have provided on the Montgomery Scholars application. **Your teacher recommendations should be uploaded on that link no later than January 8, 2023.**

## Application 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 through Academic Works. Complete Part A and Part B. Your essays should be uploaded as Word or PDF documents.

### Part A Problem/Goal Essay (minimum of 500 words)

Describe a problem you have overcome or a goal you have achieved, and what the experience has meant to you, or how it has shaped you. Explain what you had to do in order to overcome the problem or to achieve the goal. Give a descriptive title to your essay and provide as many details and examples as you can.

### Part B Critical Thinking Essay (minimum of 500 words)

Should all college students be required to take courses outside of their major, or should they only focus on the courses that directly relate to their major? Write an essay taking a position on this issue, and explain your reasoning for the position you take.

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