

## **SCHOLASTIC HONORS RECOGNITION INFORMATION SHEETS**

Students may be eligible for one or more of the following honors recognition programs if they meet the eligibility requirements indicated. Eligible students are notified by mail in accordance with the notification timetable of each program.

If a student believes he or she is eligible for one or more of the honors programs and is not officially notified, the student should contact the Office of the Registrar, Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Room S115 or e-mail [curtinp@matc.edu](mailto:curtinp@matc.edu).

Students with questions concerning any of the recognition programs should first consult the fact sheet or information materials included with each program's information packet before contacting the Office of the Registrar.

- **Phi Theta Kappa and National Technical Honor Societies —  
Fall and Spring Semesters**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Completion of at least 24 associate degree (8 of which may be transfer credits) or 12 technical diploma credits with a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade-point average. PTK is open only to students enrolled in associate degree programs, and NTHS is open only to students enrolled in associate degree or technical diploma occupational programs. An application and a one-time membership fee are required to join either society.

**Benefits:**

Opportunity for educational scholarships to four-year colleges, identification of employment opportunities, National Dean's List recognition, transfer assistance to senior institutions, transcript notation and more.

**Notification Timetable:**

Eligible students are notified at the beginning of August for the fall semester and at the end of January for the spring semester.

- **All-USA Academic Team — Fall Semester**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Completion of 32 associate degree credits with a 3.25 or higher cumulative grade-point average; and your intention and eligibility to graduate from your current program during the current academic year or by next August. An application/profile and letters of recommendation are required.

**Benefits:**

A college financial award of up to \$400 and potential national scholarships of \$2,500, \$2,000 and \$1,000, local and national exposure to businesses and corporations and senior educational institutions, and an invitation to the college's recognition banquet for the finalists and their guests.

**Notification Timetable:**

Eligible students are notified by the beginning of July.

- **Dean's List of Current Honor Level Students — Fall and Spring Semesters**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Completion of at least 16 associate degree **or** 8 technical diploma credits with a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade-point average. **This is not a competitive program. There are no requirements to receive recognition other than those previously stated.**

**Benefits:**

College recognition

**Notification Timetable:**

Eligible students are notified that the list has been posted on the college's website as well as on the campus bulletin boards by the end of October for the fall semester and by the end of March for the spring semester.

- **Scholastic Recognition/Honor Graduation —  
Fall and Spring Semesters**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Registered and eligible to graduate in either December or May from an associate degree, technical diploma or adult high school program and have a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade-point average. This is not a competitive program. Therefore, there are no requirements to receive recognition other than those previously stated.

**Note:** In order to graduate and receive scholastic recognition, students must officially **apply** for graduation with the college registration office. The deadline to apply is October 31 for fall graduates and March 31 for spring graduates.

**Benefits:**

Transcript notification, honor cords for graduation, an invitation to the Scholastic Recognition Ceremony for the honor graduate and their guests and an opportunity to be nominated for a Lamp of Knowledge or other special recognition award.

**Notification Timetable:**

Eligible students are notified between mid-October and the end of November for the fall semester and between mid-March and the end of April for the spring semester.

- **Lamp of Knowledge/Special Recognition Program Awards —  
Fall and Spring Semesters**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Honor graduate status and nomination by the faculty of your program. This is not a competitive program. Only the nomination of a faculty member from the student's program is required. Students are not permitted to participate in the nomination process, except to speak to faculty about a possible nomination.

**Benefits:**

Lamp of Knowledge award and appreciation gift, an invitation to the Lamp of Knowledge Awards Banquet (the second most important program a student is invited to attend following commencement) for the award recipient and their guests and an opportunity to apply for the Outstanding Graduate Honor and financial award.

**Notification Timetable:**

Nominated students are notified following their award selection between mid-October and the end of November for the fall semester and between mid-March and the end of April for the spring semester.

- **Outstanding Graduate Honor — Fall and Spring Semesters**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Honor graduate status and a faculty member's Lamp of Knowledge or special recognition award nomination. An application and essay are required.

**Note:** Honor graduates are encouraged to apply for this honor even if they have not as yet been nominated for a Lamp of Knowledge or other special recognition award by the faculty of their academic program, but hope to be. In the event they are nominated, they will automatically be a candidate for the Outstanding Graduate Honor. (See Scholastic Honor Recognition Documents icon — go to Outstanding Graduate Application/Profile.)

**Benefits:**

Appreciation gift, district recognition, a financial award and graduation ceremony perks for graduates and their guests.

**Notification Timetable:**

Eligible students are notified by the end of November for the fall semester and the end of April for the spring semester following their Lamp of Knowledge or other special recognition award nomination.

- **State Ambassador Award — Spring Semester**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Completion of at least 24 associate degree credits or 8 technical diploma credits with a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade-point average and returning to MATC next fall to continue their studies. Being an active and involved student willing to represent the college is important. An application, essay and letter of recommendation are required.

**Benefits:**

A college scholarship of up to \$400, state scholarship, college and state recognition and invitation to a recognition banquet for the finalists and their guests.

**Notification Timetable:**

Eligible students are notified by mid-December.

- **President's Award**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Completion of at least 32 associate degree or 12 technical diploma credits with a 2.75 or higher cumulative grade-point average and have graduated or will be graduating from current program during the current academic year or by this August. Community service efforts are important. An application, essay and letter of recommendation are required.

**Benefits:**

Opportunity for MATC Foundation financial award, district recognition, honor certificate and invitation to college recognition banquet for the finalists and their guests.

**Notification Timetable:**

Eligible students are notified by mid-January.