

Scholarships Available – Apply Today!

DEADLINE: October 22, 2017

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must:

- Be enrolled in an Associate Degree, Technical Diploma or Certificate program.
- Be currently attending classes (full or part-time) at MATC. Each scholarship has its own credit requirements.
- Meet eligibility requirements for scholarships. Specific criteria are developed by each donor.
- Upon receiving a scholarship award, recipients must be willing to complete a student profile/questionnaire by the stated deadline to thank the donor.

HOW TO APPLY

- Go to <https://matc.academicworks.com>.
- Click on the orange Sign In button to log in.
- Login using your student ID # and your MyMATC password. If you don't know your password, call the MATC Help Desk at (414) 297-6541 for assistance
- Follow the on-screen instructions to apply.
- Complete the general application. After your application has been submitted, your application will be automatically matched to scholarships for which you immediately qualify. The system will also recommend other scholarships for which you might be qualified, but require more information from you.
- Use of your campus email is required – any notifications regarding scholarships awarded will go to that email address.

REFERENCES

- Some scholarships require references. You will need to enter the names and email addresses of your reference providers. **Enter them correctly**, or they won't receive the reference request email.
- There are two types of references: 1) MATC Faculty, and 2) General reference. Some scholarships require one or both types of references.
- Ask your reference providers for their permission BEFORE listing them so they are prepared.
- Once you submit your application, your references will be emailed a link to the form they need to complete. It is a short questionnaire followed by a section for comments.

AWARDS

- Scholarships that are need-based are awarded to qualified students with the highest level of unmet need, whereas scholarships that are merit-based are awarded on the strength of the overall application. The student's response to the essay question is vitally important in determining the application's review score. Students are advised to take their time to write a good essay. Merit-based scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis, with the essay score being the primary determining factor.
- The scholarship awards are of various amounts and are deposited into student accounts by the Financial Aid office approximately one month after classes begin each semester.

NOTIFICATION

- Recipients will be notified by campus email in December before the end of the semester
- If you are notified that you are receiving a scholarship, you must complete a mandatory student profile questionnaire by the stated deadline or your scholarship will be forfeited.

Questions? Contact the MATC Foundation office at (414) 297-6825 or email us at scholarships@matc.edu

Tips for a Successful Scholarship Application

The MATC Foundation awards approximately 200 scholarships each semester. The successful applicants for these scholarships have qualifications that fit the criteria established by the donor. They also complete the application in a concise, professional manner so that the scholarship review team is aware of their qualifications and future career plans. The following tips will help your application stand out from the rest.

1. Complete and submit the online scholarship application available at <https://matc.academicworks.com>. We advise you to complete it early so that your reference providers have ample time to complete your reference request. One or two sentence answers typically prove to be sufficient, so take your time to write a well thought out and complete application. Your scholarship essay carries more weight than your GPA in the scholarship application.
2. References are not required for every scholarship, but play an important role in the review process nonetheless. Many scholarships do require a reference, so read the qualifications closely. You must know your reference provider's email address & enter it correctly on the application.
3. Ask a prospective reference provider if they are willing to participate before listing them on the application. Instructors have the ability to decline completing reference requests if you have not checked in with them first.
4. You can check the status of your reference requests & send reminders to your reference providers by logging back into your application, and clicking "references".
5. The primary basis for scoring a scholarship application is the strength of the student essay, so take your time to compose a well thought out response and check it for spelling & grammatical errors before submitting your application. Neatness counts.
6. Many scholarship awards are based on need and/or merit (grades). Often there is more than one applicant with equal need/merit qualifications. The essay score is then used as tie breaker.
7. Enter your name in the electronic signature box at the end of the application before submitting your application. Without an electronic signature your application will remain in the "drafted" stage and won't be considered complete.
8. To view a list of scholarships available from outside organizations (not part of the MATC Foundation), hover your mouse over the "Opportunities" tab of the online application and click on "External". External scholarships use their own application. Click the opportunity name to access more information about it, including directions on how to apply.
9. CHECK YOUR EMAIL (student GMAIL account) regularly after submitting your application. This is the ONLY way that scholarship winners are notified of their award.