

Fall 2021



MONTGOMERY SCHOLARS

An interdisciplinary honors scholarship program at Montgomery College

Application Guidelines for Admission

Fall 2021 Application Deadline

January 5, 2021

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Steps to Apply

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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 2021 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 2021.

- **Apply to Montgomery College by December 1, 2020**, 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 5, 2021**, and upload your official high school transcript and teacher recommendation letters on the Dropbox link provided.

Step 1 Complete Montgomery College Online Credit Admissions Application by December 1, 2020.

- To apply, visit montgomerycollege.edu/apply.
- You will receive a college ID (M#) that you will need to complete your application.
- *Please allow up to 2 weeks to receive your M#.*

Step 2 Claim your MyMC account at 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
- Sign in using your MyMC credentials.
- Complete the general application in Academic Works.
- Click on the Opportunities "ALL" tab.
- Search by keyword "Montgomery Scholars" to find the application (you may need to scroll half-way down the page).
- Once found, 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 5, 2021**

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.
- Your teacher recommendation letters and transcript should be uploaded on that link.

General Information and Instructions

Students selected for the Montgomery Scholars program for the fall 2021 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 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 2022).

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 5, 2021. Late submission of any required supporting materials may adversely affect consideration of your application. We will accept supporting application materials **uploaded by January 5, 2021.**

Applications for fall 2021 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 2021. Applications will not be considered for students who graduated from high school prior to May/June 2021.

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.

College Entrance Exam Scores (SAT or ACT) are optional for your Montgomery Scholars application to be considered.

For Applicants Submitting SAT and/or ACT scores

Applicants who took the SAT and/or ACT should upload copies of your SAT and/or ACT scores in your Montgomery Scholars application in Academic Works by the January 5, 2021 deadline. We also need your official

** If you have any questions about your eligibility for in-county tuition, please contact us.*

SAT and/or ACT scores by January 5, 2021. 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. 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. 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.

Montgomery Scholars program is not taking any Accuplacer test scores.

Due to the pandemic, testing on the Montgomery College campus has become widely unavailable. The Montgomery Scholars program is not requiring any students to take the Montgomery College Placement Test (Accuplacer or ESL-Accuplacer).

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 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 2020 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 or 240-567-4349.

Visit our website for additional information about even more scholarship opportunities at Montgomery College: montgomerycollege.edu/finaid.

High School Transcripts (submit through Dropbox)

Submit your official high school transcript by **January 5, 2021**. 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, 2021**.

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 provide on the Montgomery Scholars application. **Your teacher recommendations should be uploaded on that link no later than January 5, 2021.**

Personal 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 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 to achieve the goal. Give a descriptive title to your essay.

Part B Critical Thinking Essay (minimum of 500 words)

Choose one of the following prompts and include a title.

- What are your thoughts on self-branding? Do you think in contemporary society, creating an appealing image of yourself has become more important than the reality or truth behind that image? Explain.
- Does our ever-increasing use of technology significantly reduce our opportunities for human interaction, or does it provide us with new and better ways to communicate and connect with one another? Write an essay in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning.

** Dropbox links are student-specific and confidential. Only application reviewers will be able to open and view the uploaded files.*

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