



Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation

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Scholarship FAQs

1. Do I need to submit official transcripts?

You are not required to submit official transcripts. Simply make copies of transcripts you may have on file or go to www.my.maricopa.edu and print a copy of your unofficial transcripts. Be sure to include transcripts from any institution you have attended in the past two years.

2. Do I need to submit a FAFSA with my application?

You are not required to submit a FAFSA. If you have already completed the FAFSA and feel that including a copy will further demonstrate financial need, you are more than welcome to include one.

3. Where can I find the due date for a specific scholarship?

Due dates are always located on the scholarship criteria.

4. Why am I required to provide information about my residency status, gender, ethnicity and age?

Most scholarships have several criteria that must be met. These criteria can consist of a number of things, including residency status, gender, ethnicity, and age. In order to evaluate students' eligibility, we must have this information. By asking for this information on all scholarship applications, we are able to consider students for any scholarship that is available or may become available later in the academic year. The Foundation takes student privacy very seriously. For this reason, we do not use student information for purposes other than evaluating eligibility for scholarships and compiling statistical data to help us better serve our students and donors.

5. Does my parent or guardian have access to my scholarship or academic information?

Your parent or guardian does not have access to your educational records. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prevents anyone from gaining access to your educational records without your permission. For more information about FERPA, visit <http://www.maricopa.edu/legal/ferpa/>.

6. How do I submit my application?

Applications may be submitted by mail to the address listed on the scholarship criteria. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. Be sure to postmark your application by the due date to ensure that your application will not be considered late.

7. Can I mail multiple applications in the same envelope?

You are more than welcome to mail multiple applications in the same envelope. Please make sure the amount of postage on the envelope is sufficient to mail your items.

8. Can I fax or email my application?

To date, emailed and faxed applications will not be accepted. The Foundation is currently working on developing an online application system. Please continue to mail applications until this system is implemented.

9. How will I know if I am awarded a scholarship?

You will receive an award letter from the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation.

10. Will I be notified if I am not awarded a scholarship?

In most cases, you will receive a regret letter before the semester begins.

11. How long will it take to find out if I did/did not receive a scholarship?

If you apply for a scholarship listed in the main advertisement for the academic year, you can expect to receive award letters one to two months after the due date. Regret letters are sent after all awards have been made. This usually occurs before the beginning of the academic year. If you apply for a late-advertisement scholarship (after the academic year has already begun), award status/selection is subject to the number of applicants and the donors' wishes.

12. Can I receive more than one scholarship?

You may receive more than one scholarship from the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. However, the goal of the Foundation is to help as many students as possible.

13. How are scholarships disbursed?

Once you have received your award letter, you are required to return several forms to the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation scholarship coordinator before your award is released to your campus. Once your forms are received, your award information is sent directly to your campus. After it reaches the campus, it can take several days for the award to be entered in your student account. Before the award is released, you are required to meet all enrollment and GPA requirements. Once the award is posted to your account, the positive balance remaining after your tuition and fees have been paid will be sent to you in the form of a check from the campus, unless your scholarship is designated for tuition and fees only. Awards are typically split between the fall and spring semesters, unless otherwise specified. You are required to maintain your enrollment and GPA throughout the academic year to remain eligible for your scholarship.

14. Why did I lose my scholarship?

If you fail to maintain your enrollment and GPA to satisfactorily meet the scholarship criteria, you may lose all or part of your scholarship. It is important to communicate to the scholarship coordinator any difficulties you may be having during the semester. Our goal is to help our students succeed.

15. What do I do if my award does not show up on my account?

If your award does not show up on your account, please contact the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation to verify that your award information has been sent. We will work with our contacts to get your award posted, so you won't have to visit the financial aid office.

16. What if I am dropped from classes for non-payment?

If you are dropped from your classes before your scholarship is posted, please contact the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. We will ask the campus to help get you back in your classes and defer your tuition until your award can be entered. Please note that this does not apply if you are dropped from your classes for non-payment of tuition and/or fees in excess of your scholarship amount. If you need help paying the remaining balance on your account, you may wish to use a payment plan or consult the financial aid office at your campus for additional financial resources.

17. Who can I contact with questions about my award or applying for scholarships?

For questions or concerns about your award or applying for scholarships, please contact Kala Weinacker at kala.weinacker@domail.maricopa.edu or (480) 731 8407.

18. How does the scholarship committee determine financial need, since applicants are not required to submit their FAFSA?

On every application, there is a question regarding financial circumstances and financial resources. This question allows applicants to disclose special information that may not otherwise be available to committee members. By using applicants' answer to this question, committee members are able to define need multi-dimensionally, rather than relying solely on applicants' EFC (expected financial contribution, determined by the FAFSA).

19. Can I duplicate essay answers on multiple applications?

Applicants may duplicate their answers on multiple applications. However, it is recommended that students review criteria to determine whether or not they should include additional details as appropriate for each scholarship.

19. What do I do if I have a question that is not included on this list?

If you have a question, it is likely that there are other students who need the same answer. Don't be afraid to ask—your question may be added to the FAQ list! Please contact Kala Weinacker at kala.weinacker@domail.maricopa.edu or (480) 731 8407 with questions or suggestions on how we can better serve you.