2020-21 Mission College General Scholarship Application Instructions

Students eligible to apply for Mission College Scholarships available in the 2020-2021 year are:

- New to Mission College (previously attended another college)
- Current Mission College Students who will attend Mission in Fall 2020-21
- Re-Entry Student-to college after 3+ years of absence
- Transfer Student from Mission College to a 4- year college after Spring 2020

Extended Deadline: **Friday, April 10, 2020**

ONLINE ONLY

Application Requirements:

- Completed ONLINE Scholarship Application
- Submit one letter of recommendation

**Important:**

1. Please, review the instructions and other valuable scholarship information found on the web page.
2. If you submit an identical answer to a previous year scholarship submission, your application will be disqualified.
3. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure accurate completion of all required application components. We will not verify completion or notify applicants of incomplete or missing components prior to the application deadline.

Letter of Recommendation must be submitted by Friday, April 10, 2020 to:

Online at: mcscholarships@missioncollege.edu or directly to Lucia.moreno@missioncollege.edu

For additional information, you can send email to: mcscholarships@missioncollege.edu or visit or call the Mission College Financial Aid Office at (408) 855-5065.
General Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a MC scholarship, you must:

- Declare a major at Mission College.
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least **2.50**.
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Have submitted a completed online scholarship application by the stated deadline.
- Meeting minimum requirements does not ensure receipt of a scholarship.
- Be currently working toward your first degree. High School students and students with a BA/BS degree are NOT eligible. Please note: There is a separate scholarship application for 2020 high school graduates, please check the Mission College Scholarship website for details.
- Have a valid FAFSA ([www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)) or Cal Dream Act Application ([www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org)) on file with Mission College if you want to be considered for need based scholarships.
- If you are receiving financial aid, packaging awards must be from Mission College and may not exceed unmet need.

Awards are selected based on information provided in each application. It’s possible for designated scholarship recipients to become ineligible to receive their award if they have a change from the information they provided in their application or no longer meet the eligibility criteria for the individual award.

Personal Essay Questions (continued on page 3)

Type your answers in the space provided online.

Review essay questions before submitting application online. You will not be able to save and continue.

Enter your responses to each question in the space provided in 600 words max (about 2500 characters). See the 2020-21 essay questions on the next page.

Letter of Recommendation

Only One letter of recommendation is required. You may use the letter of recommendation template provided on the website OR give the evaluator the Recommendation Form for them to submit with your Letter of Recommendation.

Helpful tips:

- Select someone who will say positive things about you and your academic achievement
- Evaluators must be a professional: dean, professor, counselor, instructor, or someone who knows you well professionally and academically.
- Give them plenty of time (2-3 week is suggested at minimum) to write an effective letter.
- Must be returned in a sealed envelope.

Selection Criteria

A committee made up of financial aid staff, departmental staff, and others will select the recipients based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- Level of criteria match
- Quality of response to essay questions

Scholarship Recipients will be notified via email.

Award & Disbursements

- Please keep in mind that some scholarships will require your attendance at the scholarship ceremony.
- Notification to scholarship winners will be sent via email by mid-April.*
- Submission of an application does not guarantee a scholarship.
- The award will be paid to the recipients during the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Scholarship awards will be disbursed the beginning of the term provided student meets all requirements and funds are available for disbursement*.

* subject to change
When writing your essay question please remember:

- Most of these questions are designed for you to demonstrate your motivation, vision, and creativity. This will allow you the opportunity to communicate the qualities and abilities you most want to share with the readers.

**Essay Question #1**: Personal Statement. Tell us about your background, your approach to overcoming obstacles, identity, interest and or talent. Please write an honest, personal statement that demonstrates who you are.

**Essay Question #2** If awarded a scholarship, how will it help you in achieving your academic goals? Please tell us why are you most deserving of a scholarship?