

2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS – **APPLY JANUARY 31 – MARCH 17, 2024**

HOW TO APPLY

- Go to: <https://matc.awardspring.com/>
- Click on the Sign In With Your School Account button to log in.
- Login using your MATC student email and 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.

WHEN TO APPLY / SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

- **The application for FALL 2024 / SPRING 2025 semester scholarships will be open: January 31 – March 17, 2024**
- Scholarship offer emails will be sent to finalists in early-May
- Scholarship recipients must accept their scholarship offer, complete the student profile, and be enrolled in fall semester classes by the time fall classes begin or risk losing their scholarship

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must:

- Be enrolled in an Associate Degree or Technical Diploma.
- 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.

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 (Instructors) or MATC Staff, 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

- The scholarship awards are of various amounts and are deposited into student accounts by the Financial Aid office at the same time that the first financial aid disbursements are made.

NOTIFICATION

- Recipients will be notified by campus email before the end of each 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) 297-6900 or email us at scholarships@matc.edu

Tips for Writing Your 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.awardspring.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 insufficient, 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 a tiebreaker.
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. CHECK YOUR EMAIL (student GMAIL account) regularly after submitting your application. This is the ONLY way that scholarship winners are notified of their award.