

Scholarship Criteria:

1. Applicant must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours at one of the 10 Maricopa Community Colleges or one of the Skills Centers.
2. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
3. Applicant must have completed *at least* 6 credit hours at a college or university.
4. Applicant must submit a completed application form with two faculty signatures.
5. Applicant must submit an essay describing their academic and professional goals and how their community college experience will help them succeed.
6. All above criteria must be met or application will not be considered.

Application Materials Checklist:

- I have included 1 completed scholarship application form
- I have included 1 unofficial copy of my transcript
- I have included a typewritten essay of *not more than* two pages (*and I have read the essay criteria below*).

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED, FAXED, DELIVERED, OR
POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN
13 April (for Fall Scholarship)
15 November (for Spring Scholarship)**

DO NOT send via FedEx, UPS, or Registered USPS

Essay Criteria

The essay portion of the application is an academic exercise designed to demonstrate your academic competence **and** potential. The essay is not about financial need or hardship.

Essay Prompt

The essay should describe your specific academic **and** professional goals **and** how your community college experience will help you succeed in reaching these goals.

Essay Criteria

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| Thesis | Your thesis should provide a controlling idea that guides the content of your essay. |
| Content | Your essay should describe specific <ul style="list-style-type: none">• academic goals (e.g. certificate, degree, program of study, etc.)• professional goals (e.g. job, career, or field)• college experiences (e.g. classes, programs, services, internships, service learning, etc.) that will help you reach your goals |
| Voice | Your essay should be in your voice and express your personality. This is about you and your goals. |
| Length and Organization | Your essay should be <i>no less than</i> three paragraphs. It should include an introduction, body (with supporting details), and conclusion. |
| Format | Your essay should meet the following basic style elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• double spaced• pagination – numbers on each page• font – 12 point (Arial, Times, or Times New Roman)• margins – 1 inch margins |
| Audience | Your readers are all college faculty, so your essay should be carefully edited and relatively free of grammatical and spelling errors |