

Sophomore Scholars Program Information

PURPOSE: Sophomore Scholars is a Morgan Community College program that guarantees funding for up to 30 credit hours toward completion of a student's first associate's degree. High school graduates who have successfully completed (with a C or better) 30 credit hours of concurrent college level coursework at MCC are eligible to apply.

Sophomore Scholars Student Eligibility Criteria:

- ▶ High school graduate concurrently enrolled with Morgan Community College.
- ▶ Successful completion (C or better) of 30 or more college level credit hours with Morgan Community College and at least a 2.0 MCC cumulative grade point average. The required 30 credit hours must be earned at the time of high school graduation or no later than the semester immediately following high school graduation.
- ▶ Completion of the following no later than April 1 for May high school graduates and November 1 for December graduates:
 1. Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa. Students that are Colorado ASSET should submit the Colorado Application for State Financial Aid (CASFA) at cdhestudentxprod.regenteducation.net/signin.
 2. Complete and submit application at morgancc.edu/money. Click Apply for Scholarships.
 3. Apply for the College Opportunity Fund stipend at cof.college-assist.org.
- ▶ A copy of your final high school transcript and any requested documentation (tax return transcripts, verification worksheet, etc.) must be submitted by June 15 for May graduates and January 4 for December graduates.
- ▶ Students must qualify for in-state resident status or be classified as an ASSET student. Applicants that do not meet in-state residency requirements may apply for other financial aid programs.
- ▶ Students may enroll at any MCC location or CCC Online (**tuition restrictions apply**).

Morgan Community College Commitment:

- ◆ Eligible students will receive grant and/or scholarship funds (not a loan or work-study) to cover tuition and fees at MCC for an additional 30 credit hours of course work toward completion of their degree. (***On-campus, in-state tuition after Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF) is applied rates only.*** Non-resident, WUE, online and nursing tuition differential NOT eligible. Second or additional degrees not eligible for funding consideration.) **For program lengths longer than 60 credit hours, student will be responsible for cost of additional credit hours. Books are not included.**
- ◆ **Sophomore Scholars Program will only cover eligible charges for tuition and fees that are not covered by Federal/State grants.**
- ◆ This program is available for up to three academic semesters beginning the summer or fall semester after high school graduation. The scholarship with this program is no longer valid after the fall semester one-year after high school graduation (ex. graduate high school May 2024 – scholarship ends December 2025) or upon completion of 30 credits. **This program does not apply to any credit hours needed during the summer to complete the 30-hour eligibility requirement.** Any student who graduates from high school in mid-year is eligible to enroll in the spring semester if they meet stated student eligibility criteria.
- ◆ **Students must be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours per semester unless less than six credits are needed to graduate at the end of the semester.** Other financial aid may be available after that time, but is not guaranteed.
- ◆ All federal, state, and college rules and regulations regarding financial aid/scholarships apply to this program including MCC Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy.
- ◆ Students that qualify for both MCC Promise and Sophomore Scholars guarantees cannot receive both awards. Applicants that qualify for both will receive whichever award is highest in value (not to exceed tuition and fees). Sophomore Scholars can be combined with privately funded awards (MCC Foundation included).