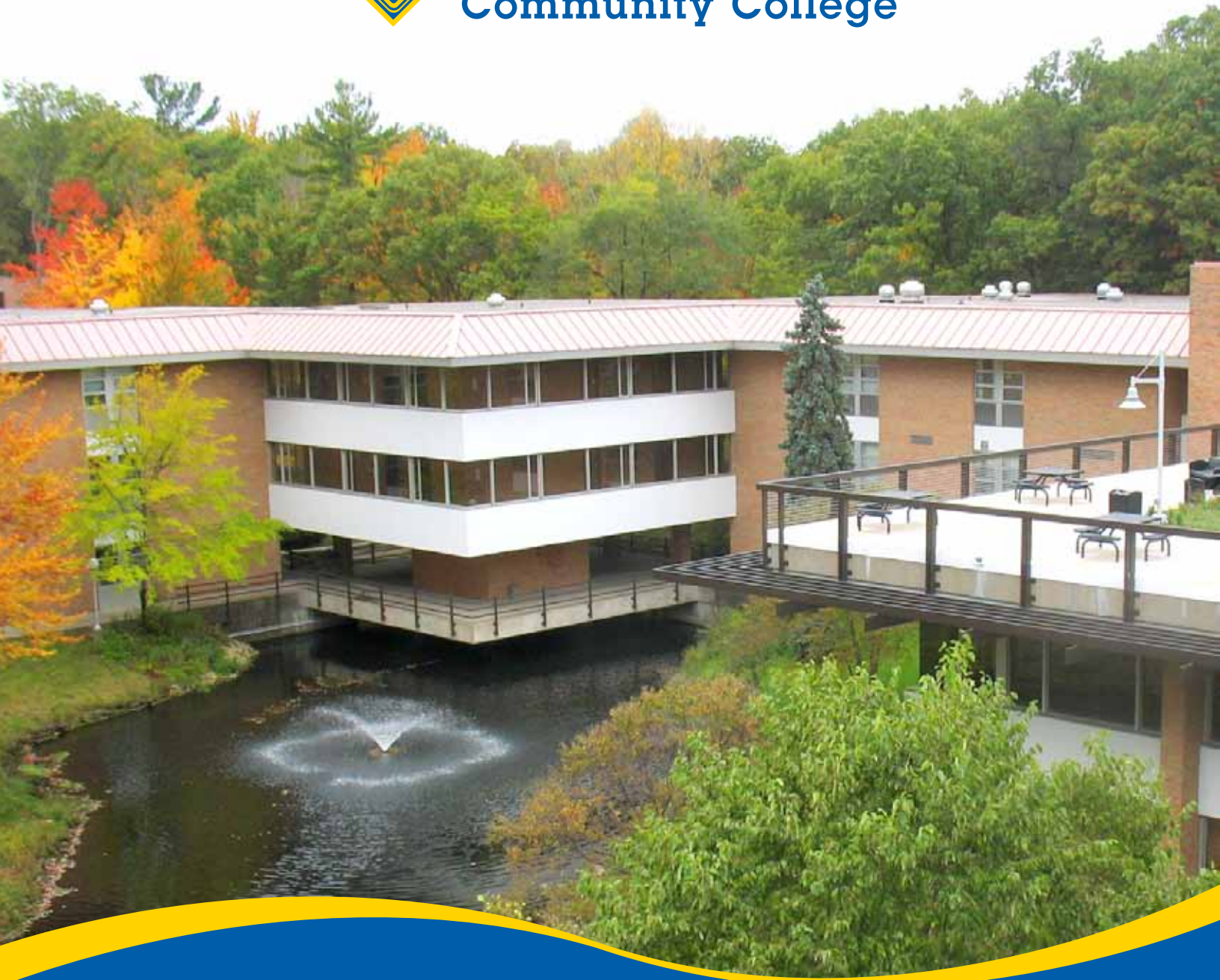




**Muskegon
Community College**



GET STARTED NOW!



Due date for most scholarships is March 1, 2012

Scholarship Guide

About Scholarships

As your community college, we are committed to putting academic excellence and success within your reach. Generous friends, organizations, businesses and MCC have established these scholarships to help you succeed in achieving your educational goals.

Scholarships are designed to:

- Recognize talent, leadership and academic excellence
- Provide financial assistance; and
- Encourage you to start or continue a college education, receive training to become more employable, or advance within a particular career.

1. For admission to Muskegon Community College, apply online at www.muskegoncc.edu and click on "Apply Now."
2. Have your high school transcript on file at Muskegon Community College (You must request that your high school guidance office send us a copy directly.)
3. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if required by the scholarship for which you are applying:
 - You can complete this online at www.fafsa.gov.
 - The code for Muskegon Community College is 002297.
 - FAFSA will then send your results directly to us
4. Visit www.muskegoncc.edu/scholarships for the individual requirements and applications for scholarships in this guide.
5. Essay writing tips:
 - Make sure you answer the question.
 - Revise. Editing takes time. Spell check doesn't always help.
 - Be yourself and be original.
 - Word choice is important in your composition for clarity. Big words don't necessarily mean big scholarships.
 - Spend time on the introduction and make body paragraphs relate to it.
 - A good ending is important.
 - Leave it alone for a while. Go back after awhile and take another look.
 - Give your draft to others to review.
 - Revise, revise, and revise!

Visit www.muskegoncc.edu/scholarships



Muskegon Community College 2012-2013 Scholarship Application

Submit application by **March 1, 2012**

Applicant's Name: _____

SSN # (last four digits) or MCC Student ID #: _____ E-mail address: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Township (if applicable): _____ Phone Number: _____

High School: _____ High School Graduation/GED Date: _____

Planned College Major/Career Goal: _____

Complete all scholarship application requirements. A complete scholarship application will include:

ESSAY: Write your essay answering: What is your career goal and what experiences have led you to this?

TRANSCRIPT(S): High school transcript must be sent directly to MCC by your high school; If you attended other colleges, please provide those transcripts as well.

APPLICATION: Be sure your admission application is on file at MCC.

(Submit your admission application at www.muskegoncc.edu.)

FAFSA: Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), if required.

OTHER INFORMATION: Be sure to review scholarship requirements and include any additional information, such as letters of recommendation. List any clubs, memberships, activities or jobs you have held. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

| Activity/Employer | Dates Participated | Offices Held/Job Title | Special Awards |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

By signing this application, you give Muskegon Community College permission to forward your application to outside scholarship committees connected with the scholarships listed in this brochure and on the MCC Web site. You also give MCC permission to announce your name, hometown, photo and any scholarships you receive in press releases, in MCC publications and on the MCC Web site.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications without all requirements completed will not be considered.

Return application materials to:

Muskegon Community College

Admissions Office, Room 108

221 S. Quarterline Road, Muskegon MI 49442

Questions? Please call (231) 777-0366

Scholarships Available to MCC Students

Check each scholarship below for which you are applying. Please read the details on pages 4-6 for the correct application process for each one.

- Muskegon Community College Board of Trustees Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College Board of Trustees Scholarship for Home Schooled
- Muskegon Community College Faculty Association Memorial Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College Faculty Association Nielsen Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College Faculty Association Recognition Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College Social Sciences Scholarships
- Amos Nordman Foundation Scholarship
- Brenda Gardner | ADAC Scholarship
- DeBower Foundation Scholarship
- Dr. C. Kenneth Dryer Medical Student Scholarship
- Dr. C. Kenneth Dryer Nursing Student Scholarship
- Muskegon Heights Optimists Club Scholarship
- Muskegonites Child Study Club Scholarship
- Muskegon Scholars
- Performance Based Scholarships (PBS)
- The Greater Muskegon Evening Optimists Scholarship Fund
- School Zone Scholarship

All applications for Community Foundation for Muskegon County (CFFMC) Scholarships found on pages 7-8 must be sent directly to www.cffmc.org/receive/scholarship



Scholarships at MCC

Muskegon Community College Board of Trustees Scholarship

Amount: \$500.00 at the time of high school graduation

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Please see your high school counselor for application

- Are in-district residents, or who are residents of the State of Michigan and graduates of an in-district high school
- Provide verification of the date of high school completion
- Apply for the scholarship by the stated deadline
- Have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.35 or better and enroll full time at MCC
- Enroll as a full-time student (at least 12 credits per semester) no later than the fall semester following high school completion.
- The scholarship award is applied toward the full-time tuition charges

Muskegon Community College Board of Trustees Scholarship for Home Schooled

Amount: \$500.00 home-schooled students at the time of high school graduation.

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Please see admissions for application

- Are in-district residents, or who are residents of the State of Michigan and graduates of an in-district high school
- Provide verification of the date of high school completion
- Apply for the scholarship by the stated deadline
- Have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.35 or better and enroll full time at MCC
- Enroll as a full-time student (at least 12 credits per semester) no later than the fall semester following high school completion
- The scholarship award must be applied toward the full-time tuition charges

Muskegon Community College Faculty Association Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$600.00 awarded to a student leaving MCC after two years of study

Deadline: The 2nd Friday in March. Applications received by Denise Passage in Room 260

Separate application

- 36 credit hours from MCC must have been earned at the time of application
- A completed degree (ASA, AAS, etc.) is not required
- The applicant must supply evidence of acceptance at a four-year institution.
- A 3.25 cumulative GPA is required at the time of application.
- Applicant must be recommended by two faculty members
- Required essay on application

Muskegon Community College Faculty Association Nielsen Scholarship

Amount: \$200.00 MCC Bookstore Voucher

Deadline: First Friday in November. Applications received by Denise Passage in Room 260

Separate application

- Successfully complete 12 credit hours at MCC with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Register to take at least three credits at MCC the next winter semester
- Turn in a completed application form (available from MCC faculty member)
- MCC faculty member's signature on the application form
- Required essay on application

Muskegon Community College Faculty Association Recognition Scholarship

Amount: \$600.00

Deadline: The 2nd Friday in March. Applications received by Denise Passage in Room 260

Separate application

- A full-time or part-time MCC student who has demonstrated financial need in order to complete his or her program or degree at MCC
- A 3.25 cumulative GPA (based on a minimum of 12 MCC credit hours completed) is required at the time of application
- Applicant must be recommended by two faculty members
- Required essay on application

Muskegon Community College Social Sciences Scholarships

Amount: \$1,000.00

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Separate application

- You must be a full-time student during the award semester
- You must be enrolled for at least one social sciences course during the award semester
- You must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher
- Required essay on application.

Scholarships at MCC

Amos Nordman Foundation Scholarship

Amount: *Varies based on need*

Deadline: *March 1, 2012*

- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office

Brenda Gardner | ADAC Scholarship

Amount: *\$1,000 ~ disbursing \$500 per semester*

Deadline: *March 1, 2012*

- Muskegon County resident who has an interest in working in human resources
- Enrolled in any business related program at Muskegon Community College (degree or certificate) that could lead to employment in human resources
- A cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better
- Completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for the academic year requesting the scholarship funds
- Completed the Muskegon Community College General Scholarship Application, attaching an additional 500 word essay that explains the reason for pursuing a career in human resources and related goals for working in this field
- The second semester disbursement is contingent upon the student achieving “satisfactory status” according to the College’s Satisfactory Academic Progress policy

DeBower Foundation Scholarship

Amount: *\$500.00 for the first year. Renewable*

Deadline: *March 1, 2012*

- Students who intend to complete a baccalaureate degree in mathematics, science or engineering.
- High GPA, especially in science/math courses
- Financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office

Dr. C. Kenneth Dryer Medical Student Scholarship

Amount: *The purpose of the Fund is to provide two scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year at Muskegon Community College. Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$2,550, awarded in two tuition payments, one for each semester, of \$1,275. The scholarships are in honor and memory of Dr. C. Kenneth Dryer, a 1936 graduate of MCC*

Deadline: *March 1, 2012*

- Successful completion of at least one semester at Muskegon Community College, earning 12 or more credit hours with a GPA of 3.0 or better
- Intention to attend medical (not osteopathic) school
- Completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for the academic year requesting the scholarship funds

- Completed the Muskegon Community College General Scholarship Application, attaching an additional 500-1000 word essay that outlines their academic goals and explains why he/she is pursuing a career in medicine, which medical school he/she would like to attend, and the reasons for his/her financial need
- The second semester disbursement is contingent upon the student achieving “satisfactory status” according to the College’s Satisfactory Academic Progress policy

Dr. C. Kenneth Dryer Nursing Student Scholarship

Amount: *The purpose of the Fund is to provide two scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year at Muskegon Community College. Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$2,550, awarded in two tuition payments, one for each semester, of \$1,275. The scholarships are in honor and memory of Dr. C. Kenneth Dryer, a 1936 graduate of MCC*

Deadline: *March 1, 2012*

- Is a currently enrolled student in the Muskegon Community College Nursing Program
- Has successfully completed one academic year at Muskegon Community College, earning at least 30 credit hours with a GPA of 3.0 or better
- Completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for the academic year requesting the scholarship funds
- Completed the Muskegon Community College General Scholarship Application, attaching an additional 500 word essay that outlines academic goals and explains why he/she is pursuing a career in the Nursing profession. The essay should also provide information that illustrates his/her financial need.
- The second semester disbursement is contingent upon satisfactory progress in the nursing program, as defined by program director

Scholarships at MCC

Muskegon Heights Optimists Club Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Deadline: March 1, 2012

Separate application

- Must be a resident of Muskegon Heights, Michigan
- Must demonstrate unmet financial need, as determined by MCC
- Must have minimum 2.0 GPA
- Must be a full-time student (at least 12 credits per semester)
- Required essay on application

Muskegonites Child Study Club Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00 or \$500.00 based on credit hours

- Enrolled in an Education Program - Pursuing Teacher Certification Preparation (Degree or Certificate)
- Successfully completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at MCC at the time of application
- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Enrolled in six or more credit hours the following semester at MCC
- Demonstrate financial need (as determined by the Financial Aid Office)
- Complete application and submit essay of 500 words or less expressing need for scholarship and discussing career goals

Muskegon Scholars

Amount: Up to \$4,200.00 per student

Deadline: Winter Semester - December 1, 2011

Separate application

- For students entering a S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics) area major
- Completion of the FAFSA
- Recommendation from a professional regarding the applicant's aptitude and interest in science or mathematics
- Completion of the math requirement for admittance into the program
- Completion of the scholarship application which will include a written essay on the S.T.E.M. application

Performance Based Scholarships (PBS)

Amount: Varies

Deadline: April 1, 2012 (May be extended for some disciplines)

Separate application

- Freshman students who demonstrate a particular creative talent (for example: in art, music, drama, dance, creative writing, etc.) or a high level of achievement in a certain academic area
- This program is not based on financial need.

The Greater Muskegon Evening Optimists Scholarship Fund

Amount: Up to \$1,000.00 annual award, which is distributed in two portions up to \$500.00 each term

Deadline: Visit www.muskegoncc.edu for availability

Separate application

- Student must maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Must live in the service area of Muskegon County
- 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Demonstrate financial need by releasing a copy of their EFC number from the FAFSA
- Must be full time student and completed 24 credit hours
- Required essay on application

School Zone Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: March 1, 2012

- Any student may apply, but preference will be given to relatives of employees of School Zone Publishing. Please list employee's name, job title and dates of employment
- Enrolled in six or more credits per semester at the time of the awarding of the scholarship
- Show evidence of at least average academic achievement
- Attach your high school or MCC transcript

Community Foundation for Muskegon County Scholarships for Muskegon Community College

The following funds are administered by the Community Foundation for Muskegon County (CFFMC) for the **specific benefit** of Muskegon Community College students. Most of these awards require that you apply directly to the **Community Foundation for Muskegon County Scholarship Program**, (<http://cffmc.org/receive/scholarship>). An added benefit of applying to this program is that applicants will be considered for **ALL** CFFMC Scholarships, which are provided by over 275 separate scholarship funds. We wish you well with your scholarship search!

Muskegon Community College William H. Young Memorial Scholarship

Amount: Varies

- For a high school graduating senior or current college student
- For a resident of West Michigan, with preference given to a resident of Muskegon or Ottawa County
- Must demonstrate a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must be seeking an associate's degree
- Preference will be given to students pursuing a degree in a social services field
- Must apply through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County: <http://cffmc.org/receive/scholarship>

Muskegon Community College William & Velva Riggs Scholarship

Amount: Varies

- For a high school graduating senior or current college student
- For a resident of West Michigan, with preference given to a resident of Bridgeton Township, within Holton High School District
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must be a regular degree-seeking student
- Must demonstrate a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must apply through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County: <http://cffmc.org/receive/scholarship>

Muskegon Community College Samuel L. Westerman Scholarship

Amount: Varies

- For current sophomore students working on completion of an associate's degree who are transferring to a baccalaureate degree-granting institution
- Priority given to a student from a farm or rural area
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must demonstrate a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must apply through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County: <http://cffmc.org/receive/scholarship>

Muskegon Community College Richard Kraft/Suzanne Kraft Mateer Scholarship

Amount: Varies

- For high school graduating seniors of Muskegon, Ottawa, Oceana and Newaygo Counties
- May pursue any degree
- Must demonstrate a GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Must have a minimum ACT score of 27
- Must apply through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County: <http://cffmc.org/receive/scholarship>

Muskegon Community College Muskegon District Nurses Scholarship

Amount: Varies

- MCC student enrolled in a full-time Nursing Program
- Must demonstrate a GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Must apply through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County: <http://cffmc.org/receive/scholarship>

Muskegon Community College Kyvig Scholarship

Amount: Varies

- For a Muskegon County resident
- For a high school student attending MCC
- Must demonstrate a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must apply through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County: <http://cffmc.org/receive/scholarship>

Muskegon Community College Judith Brooky-Green Scholarship

Amount: Varies

- For MCC dance students who wish to attend special workshops, summer camps or internships
- For MCC graduates seeking to continue their dance education
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must apply through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County: <http://cffmc.org/receive/scholarship>

Community Foundation for Muskegon County Scholarships for Muskegon Community College

Muskegon Community College Herman and Marjorie Dekker Scholarship

Amount: Varies

- For a graduate of Muskegon High School or Western Michigan Christian High School
- For a student majoring in fine arts, with preference given to drawing
- Must demonstrate academic/artistic achievement as determined by the college
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must apply through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County: <http://cffmc.org/receive/scholarship>

Muskegon Community College F. Charles Raap Public Service Scholarship

Amount: Varies

- For a Muskegon County resident
- Must demonstrate commitment to public service
- Must demonstrate a GPA of 2.5 or above
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must apply through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County: <http://cffmc.org/receive/scholarship>

Muskegon Community College MHS Class of '46 Scholarship

Amount: Varies

- For graduates of Muskegon High School who are attending MCC or graduates of MCC who are transferring to a four-year college or university
- Must demonstrate a GPA of 3.5 or above
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must apply through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County: <http://cffmc.org/receive/scholarship>

Muskegon Community College August VanEerden Scholarship

Amount: Varies

- For graduates of Muskegon High School who are attending MCC
- For students who are pursuing a degree in education
- Must demonstrate a GPA of 2.7 or above
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must apply through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County: <http://cffmc.org/receive/scholarship>

Muskegon Community College Archie McCrea Scholarship

Amount: Varies

- For graduates of MCC who are transferring to a four-year college or university
- For students who are pursuing a degree in journalism
- Must demonstrate a GPA of 2.5 or above
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must apply through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County: <http://cffmc.org/receive/scholarship>



Other Scholarships Available:

Grand Valley State University, The Community College Distinguished Graduate Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000.00 renewable for an additional year

Deadline: MCC student who has applied and been admitted to GVSU by December 31st for the following fall semester

Separate application

- A cumulative 3.5 GPA
- An associate's degree from MCC
- Matriculate directly to GVSU

Women's Division Chamber of Commerce

Amount: \$1,000.00 scholarships to students that will be attending MCC or Baker College

Deadline: Visit www.womensdivision.org

Separate application

- Applicants must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Reside in Muskegon County
- Plan to attend MCC or Baker as a first-year or second-year full-time student
- Complete the application form at www.womensdivision.org
- Submit an official high school or MCC transcript.

Grand Haven Area Community Foundation

- Visit www.ghacf.org/scholarships.htm

Notes:

Additional Scholarship Resources

What about community scholarships?

Scholarship monies are readily available in your local community. Many local and national civic and community organizations have a long tradition of investing in local talent. Scholarships are often awarded to those who simply take the time to investigate. Your employer may also offer educational incentives.

Check out the following:

- Your high school guidance office
- Your local public library
- MCC's Admissions Office (231) 777-0366
- Your Chamber of Commerce

Are scholarships available online?

Check out these websites for great scholarship resources. Steer clear of organizations promising to find you scholarships for a fee. The best resources are free.

www.finaid.org

Scholarships and financial aid calculators

www.petersons.com

Peterson's Guide to Scholarships and Colleges

www.fastweb.com

Step-by-step assistance in finding scholarships

www.ed.gov

Department of Education

www.cashe.com

MI-Cashe Information (free scholarship search)

www.muskegoncc.edu/financialaid

Financial aid and admissions representatives are here to help, online and in person.

www.muskegoncc.edu/scholarships

There are many ways to help pay for college, and scholarships can be a great opportunity as they are awards that do not need to be paid back.





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