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Scholarship Awards Program
2016-2017
Executive Director’s Message

The Merced College Financial Aid Office is pleased to provide you with the Merced College Foundation Scholarship Booklet for the 2016-2017 academic year. Please review the booklet carefully. You will find all necessary information and instructions to help you apply for our scholarships.

The Foundation encourages the giving of private donations to fund our program. Many of our donors have established endowments that provide perpetual awards. Many others make annual contributions. All of our donors care about the quality of education at Merced College and have invested in student success. When you receive a Foundation scholarship, you are receiving a gift from a donor who has your interests at heart.

Our goal is to provide you with the necessary financial support that recognizes your academic achievements. We are glad to assist you with any question you may have concerning the Foundation scholarship program, scholarships in general, or other financial aid programs. Please contact the Scholarship Office at (209) 384-6220.

Sincerely,

Robin Shepard
Executive Director
Merced College Foundation
General Information

Purpose
The Merced College Foundation Scholarship Program provides financial support and public recognition to students who have demonstrated high academic achievement. Individual awards vary from $200 to $1,000. Scholarships are funded from annual private donations, business contributions, and endowments.

Types of Available Scholarships
Scholarships are available to continuing Merced College students, transferring students, or incoming freshman. Criteria for individual scholarships vary; however, most are directed toward major areas of study. Several scholarships are specifically designed for re-entry students, single parents, and students with financial need. Several others are unrestricted, open scholarships.
Award amounts listed are subject to change based on the availability of funds. Some scholarships are funded by endowment earnings and may vary from year to year.

Who May Apply
Any fully matriculated student attending Merced College full-time beginning fall 2015 and who has successfully completed at least 12 units (minimum 2.0) at Merced College can apply for scholarships. Full-time enrollment is considered to be at least 12 units.

Eligibility Criteria
Most scholarships require a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and full-time enrollment. Some scholarships may require a higher GPA. Others stress financial need. Determination of financial need is based upon student comments in the autobiographical statement and/or information from your current fafsa on file.
Additional criteria may include evidence of community service, letters of recommendation, additional essays, and affiliation with a civic or fraternal association. Applicants should carefully review the criteria established by the donor.

Application Process
Except for those available to incoming freshman, scholarships awarded to students already in attendance are based on completion of 12 units at Merced College prior to December 31, 2015.
Students applying for Merced College Foundation scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year must complete the following:

An autobiographical statement of your educational goals and career aspirations, and any other important and relevant information (including community service, financial need, first generation college student, etc.)
Academic Transcripts (high school transcripts for incoming freshman; transcripts from other colleges if you wish for them to be considered). Transcripts are required of Merced College students (current Merced College unofficial transcripts will be accepted).

Please be as specific and thorough as possible when the completing application form. Other requirements may include essays for specific scholarships. Some donors have established an interview process in addition to the application package. If an item required by the application or by a specific scholarship is not included, you will not be considered for an award.

What Happens After you Apply

The Scholarship Office forwards all scholarship applications to the appropriate donors, academic departments, or the scholarship review committee.

Some scholarships may require a personal interview with the donor. The Scholarship Office will notify finalists and schedule interview times.

Recipients are notified just prior to the annual Scholarship Sunday Ceremony, which will be held this year in the college theater on May 22. Students are required to attend as most donors will be there to hand out the award(s). The scholarship office should be notified immediately by the recipient if they cannot attend.

Scholarship awards are released to their recipients beginning the first week of the fall 2016 semester. Awards of more than $300 are disbursed in two payments, half in the fall semester and half in the spring semester. Recipients must be enrolled full-time to receive their first disbursement, and must complete a full-time load at a minimum 2.0 GPA during the fall semester to receive their second disbursement.

To receive an award, recipients must write an acknowledgement note or thank-you letter to the donor and mail it to the Scholarship Office. No student will be given his or her award without taking this step.

If you are a transferring student, the Scholarship Office must receive a verification of enrollment in the fall semester from your four-year institution prior to disbursement.

Your Responsibilities as a Scholarship Recipient

Write an acknowledgement note or thank-you letter to your donor in care of the Scholarship Office.

Complete a full-time load in the fall semester at a minimum 2.0 GPA and again be enrolled full time in spring to receive a second disbursement.

Retain your copy of the award letter and instructions. The instructions provide information about receiving your scholarship.

Application Deadline

Complete scholarship applications (including all supporting documents) must be turned into the Financial Aid or Scholarship Office no later than 4 p.m. on March 31, 2016. No applications will be accepted after this date.
Tips for the Autobiographical Statement

Why is the autobiography so important?

The purpose of the autobiography is to give you the opportunity to tell the scholarship committee or donor about aspects of your background that may not be apparent in your application. Your personal attributes, as well as your academic record, will be considered. Remember, you are competing with a large number of highly qualified candidates. Your autobiography will help the donor or committee gain insight into your character.

What does the scholarship committee or donor look for in your autobiography?

Your autobiography must clearly convey who you are, where you’ve been, and where you are going. The following personal characteristics can be included: creativity, intellectual curiosity and achievement, the ability to overcome or manage unusual circumstances, challenges and hardships, initiative and motivation, leadership, persistence, service to others, financial need, etc.

Describe your volunteer work and other community service activities. Your values and goals should be demonstrated. Activities, honors and awards, employment history can be included.

What is a good autobiography?

There is no single “good autobiography. The committee and donors will look for statements in which the quality of your character emerges. Not only what you’ve done, but also why you have chosen particular paths in your life will be examined. Remember, the committee or donors will ask, “What do we know about this individual?” If the answer is “very little,” then your statement has not succeeded.

What kind of autobiography should I avoid?

Autobiographies that mention only activities and honors are rarely successful. “A Chronicle of My Life” that lists details without getting to the heart of who you are is rarely successful. Avoid stereotypical, one-dimensional statements such as “Everything I’ve learned in life came as a result of being involved in team sports.” Avoid gimmicks or comical statements. A sense of humor is valuable, but do not try to be exceptionally funny. Avoid generalizations and focus on particulars.
Should I write about unusual personal circumstances or hardships?

Yes, but it is not the hardships in your life that are important. It is how you endured those hardships, how they affected you, how you learned to cope, and what you’ve learned as a result. Remember, you are trying to demonstrate your character. Describing a hardship to evoke sympathy is not a good idea.
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AARP Chapter 282 Merced Scholarship ($2,000)
Four $500 scholarships available to transferring (fall 2016) Merced College graduates one Education major, one Allied Health major, one Agriculture major and one Engineering major. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Finalists may be interviewed. Selected by donor.

Administrative Office Management Scholarship ($1,000)
Two $500 scholarships available to students majoring in Administrative Office Management. Minimum 3.0 GPA in AOM course work. Selected by donor.

American Association of University Women – Alice Osborn Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a female incoming or continuing Drama major. Must be a full-time female student enrolled in two drama classes and must attend MC in 2016-2017. A biographical essay, including short-and-long term goals, and two letters of recommendation are required. Recipient must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

American Association of University Women – Merced Branch Scholarship ($1,000)
Two $500 scholarships available to female students majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math, and will be transferring in fall 2016. Minimum 3.5 GPA. Selected by donor.

American Legion Post #83 Scholarship ($300)
One $300 open scholarship available to a continuing MC student with preference given to a Veteran. Selected by Merced College Foundation Scholarship Committee (MCFSC).

American Legion James V. Pernetti Post 166 Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available for a Los Banos Military Veteran. Must submit DD-214 or DD-215 with application. Must be enrolled at the Los Banos Campus or concurrently enrolled at both Los Banos and Merced Campus. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Selected by donor.

American Legion Riders Chapter 83-Merced Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to a MC student who is a veteran. Selected by donor.
Deloris Anenson/Sheryl Weins Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to re-entry student who has successfully completed Math A and/or English 84. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Associated Students of Merced College Emerging Leader Scholarship ($200)
One $200 scholarship available to an up and coming ASMC student in recognition of meritorious and outstanding contribution(s) to student activities within the past academic year. Continuing or transferring student. Must provide proof of fall/spring ASMC Sticker (a copy of ID card or receipt), resume, letter of recommendation, 2.5 GPA. Selected by ASMC.

Associated Students of Merced College Outstanding Member of a Club Scholarship ($200)
One $200 scholarship available to a member of an ASMC recognized student club who has served his or her organization with distinction within the past academic year, thus raising the bar for active participation by an undergraduate. Continuing or transferring student. Must provide proof of fall/spring ASMC Sticker (a copy of ID card or receipt), resume, letter of recommendation from their club advisor, 2.5 GPA, and a 500 word or less narrative summarizing achievements. Selected by ASMC.

Associated Students of Merced College Natalie Banuelos Outstanding Student Service Scholarship ($200)
One $200 scholarship available to an ASMC student who has made the most significant contributions to ASMC within the past academic year. Continuing or transferring student. Must provide proof of fall/spring ASMC Sticker (a copy of ID card or receipt), resume, letter of recommendation, 2.5 GPA, and a 500 word or less narrative summarizing achievements. Selected by ASMC.

Associated Students of Merced College Academic Excellence Scholarship ($200)
One $200 scholarship available to a current or transferring ASMC student who has achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better and have completed at least 24 units at Merced College. Must provide proof of fall/spring ASMC Sticker (a copy of ID card or receipt), resume, letter of recommendation and a 500 words or less narrative summarizing achievements. Selected by ASMC.

Associated Students of Merced College Los Banos Campus – Bob Lynn Memorial Scholarship ($200)
One $200 open scholarship available to a full-time Los Banos Campus student. Selected by Los Banos Campus.
Associated Students of Merced College Los Banos Campus – Roy Savage Memorial Scholarship ($200)
One $200 open scholarship available to a full-time Los Banos Campus student. Selected by Los Banos Campus.

Don Avila Mechanized Agriculture Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to a Mechanized Agriculture major that has completed at least one semester in the program. Selected by Agriculture Department and donor.

Gilbert Barboza Music Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a Music Education major transferring to a 4 year university. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

James W. Barger Memorial Scholarship ($400)
One $400 scholarship available to a Math or Agricultural Science major with preference given to Pre-Veterinary students with a minimum 3.5 GPA. Must be a graduate from Merced or Golden Valley High Schools. Selected by donor.

Jeanet Barker Memorial Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to a transferring (fall 2016), female Merced College graduate who is committed to encouraging others to succeed and who has a strong desire to help make the world a better place in which to live. Must have financial need. Selected by MCFSC.

Barnett Family Art/Music Scholarship ($1,000)
Two $500 scholarships available to students continuing, or transferring to a four year institution majoring in Art or Music. Financial need considered. Selected by donor.

David Basmajian Memorial Scholarship ($400)
One $400 scholarship available to an MC student with financial need. Must have a minimum 3.5 GPA. Selected by donor.

Lillian G Baxter Nursing Scholarship ($5,000)
Five $1000 scholarships available to a student currently enrolled in the MC nursing program, dedicated to a career in nursing. Financial need. Selected by the Allied Health Department.

Biology Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to students majoring in Biological Sciences transferring to a four year institution in fall 16. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Reed Boyer Scholarship ($400)
One $400 scholarship available to 2nd year Theater Arts students. Students must submit a one page essay about their major in Theater. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.
Joseph F. Branco Memorial Trust Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to an animal husbandry major with financial need and minimum 2.5 GPA. Selected by Agriculture Department.

Iver K. Brand/Stanislaus Farm Supply Scholarship ($1,000)
One $1,000 scholarship available to a student majoring in Agriculture or a related field, Dairy Science, Animal Science, Crop, Tree or Vegetable Science, transferring or planning to transfer to a four year college. Preference is given to Stanislaus Farm Supply or farm bureau member families. A minimum 2.0 GPA is required. Financial need. Selected by donor.

Vivian Grace Reyburn Broddrick Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a self-supporting incoming or continuing MC student, preferably female, majoring in liberal arts or medical science. Must have a minimum 3.5 GPA. Selected by donor.

Buuck Family Scholarship ($1000)
One $1000 scholarship available to a female student majoring in Math, Science or Engineering. Preference given to those with a record of community service or volunteer work. Minimum 3.5 GPA required. Selected by MCFSC.

Juanita Dolores Burnett Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to second year nursing students with academic achievement. Two letters of recommendation required. Selected by MCFSC.

Fred Calico Memorial Scholarship ($300)
One $300 award available to an MC student athlete who has demonstrated the spirit of serving others. Selected by MSFSC.

California Women for Agriculture Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to women majoring in Agriculture who are transferring to a four-year college in fall 2016. A detailed resume must be submitted. Selected by donor.

Joylana Cardenas Memorial Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a single parent who is a Business major with a preference for those in Accounting. Minimum 3.0 GPA required. Selected by donor.

Jean Carlson Memorial Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a female, sophomore, re-entry student who is a single parent. Selected by MCFSC.
Castle Air Force Base Officers’ Wives’ Club Scholarship ($1,000)
Two $500 scholarships available to an active duty or retired military member, veteran or an immediate family member. Must be involved in student activities and community services. Applicant must complete essay on “How the military has influenced my life” or “Why the military is important to me.” Must have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Castle Air Museum Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to an active duty, retired military member or immediate family member, including grandchildren, and/or Castle Air Museum membership. Must provide proof of relationship. Available to continuing or transferring students. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Financial need. Selected by MCFSC.

Cazares Family Nursing Scholarship ($1000)
Two $500 scholarships available to Merced County residents who are nursing students enrolled in the LVN or RN Program. Financial need will be considered. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Chemistry Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to Chemistry majors transferring fall 16. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Chrysalis/PEO Chapter UC Re-entry Wilma Arnold Memorial Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to a continuing student pursuing a teaching career. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

James and Barbara Cox Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to a Merced College graduate transferring to a four-year California University. Area of study Electronic Technology or related area. Selected by donor.

Crawford Family Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a transferring Agriculture major. Selected by the Agriculture Department.

Byron Cunningham Memorial Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available with preference given to a Le Grand High School graduate with an Agriculture or Agribusiness major. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by Agriculture Department.
Dr Margaret Dale Memorial Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to transferring (fall 2016) students majoring in Veterinary or Medical Science. Selected by donor.

Dance Teachers’ Cooperative Scholarship ($500)
One $250 award for incoming and one $250 award for continuing students of Dance or Theater Arts. Must submit brief resume of future goals and past accomplishments. The award is for one incoming freshman and one transferring student. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Davis Family Memorial Scholarship ($200)
One $200 scholarship available to a graduating Le Grand High School female athlete with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Zelma “Zeb” Davis Scholarship ($600)
Two $300 scholarships available to students enrolled in the RN Program. Preference given to a single parent. Must have attended Merced County elementary and/or high schools. Must have contributed to the community in the health field or with children. Selected by Allied Health.

Delta Kappa Gamma Epsilon Psi Scholarship ($300)
One $300 Scholarship available to incoming, continuing, or transferring Los Banos Campus students majoring in Education, Liberal Studies or Child Development. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Delta Kappa Gamma Zeta Gamma Chapter Maude Edmondson Memorial Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to incoming, female students majoring in Education, Liberal Studies, or Child Development. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Delta Kappa Gamma Zeta Gamma Chapter Joyce Payne Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
One $1,000 scholarship available to continuing, MC female students majoring in Education, Liberal Studies, or Child Development. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Delta Kappa Gamma Zeta Gamma Chapter Ola Menke Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
One $1,000 scholarship available to transferring (fall 2016) female students majoring in Education, Liberal Studies, or Child Development. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.
Jeff Denham Future Leaders Scholarship ($2,000)
Two $1,000 scholarships available to continuing students, or students transferring to UC Merced. One letter of recommendation from a professor or community leader. Must submit letter on future goals and past accomplishments including leadership ability and involvement in their community. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Disabled American Veterans Atwater/Merced Chapter #31 Scholarship ($1,000)
Two $500 scholarships available to Disabled American Veterans or immediate family members, including grandchildren. Must provide proof of disability and/or relationship to a disabled veteran. Awarded to an MC student or student transferring to a four-year university with financial need and a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Bob Edminster Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
Two $500 scholarships available to continuing Los Banos students. In honor of Bob Edminster, who devoted thousands of hours of his life to the passionate study of plants and trees. Preference is given to a student with an interest in plant or life science, especially a student with a love of wildflowers and trees. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Selected by donor and LB Campus.

Jim & Lu Edmonson UC Merced Transfer Scholarship ($10,000)
Seven $1,000 scholarships available for MC students transferring to UC Merced in fall 2016, and three $1,000 scholarships available to MC students in a health related area of study transferring to UC Merced in fall 2016. Selected by MCFSC.

Charles Edwards Trust Agriculture Scholarship ($10,000)
Ten $1,000 scholarships available to continuing or transferring students majoring in an Agriculture Program. Selected by MCFSC.

Jane Edwards Trust Art Scholarship ($10,000)
Ten $1,000 scholarships available to continuing or transferring students majoring in an Art Program. Selected by MCFSC.

Ellison Scholarship ($1,500)
Three $500 scholarships available to incoming high school, minority students, with a significant community service background. Minimum 2.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Michael Evans Memorial Trust Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a transferring music major with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.
Sylvia Fennessy Memorial Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available for any active duty veteran, honorably discharged veteran or immediate family members, including grandchildren with any transferable course of study. Must have a financial need and a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Reno Ferrero Family Trust Scholarship ($1,000)
Two $500 scholarships available to Electrical Engineering majors, or a related major. Selected by donor.

Jeremy C. Fielder Memorial Scholarship ($1000)
One $1000 scholarship available to a student enrolled in the Merced College RN Program. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Marilyn & Don Fister Memorial Scholarship ($300)
One $300 Scholarship available to dependents of City of Merced Public Safety Officers (Fire/Police). Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Foster Farms Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available for continuing MC students with financial need. Must have a minimum 3.5 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Fraternal Order of Eagles #2194 Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship ($1,200)
Three $400 scholarships available to incoming or continuing graduates of Merced, Atwater, Livingston or Le Grand high school enrolled in a Vocational Education program. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Fraternal Order of Eagles #2194 Betty Starnes Memorial Scholarship ($1,600)
Four $400 scholarships available to incoming or continuing graduates of Merced, Atwater, Livingston or Le Grand High School enrolled in a vocational education program. Must be a continuing MC student with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

George A. Fuller Memorial Aviation Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to an Aviation/Aeronautics, or related Engineering major. Selected by MCFSC.

Cynthia E. Garcia Memorial Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to a female continuing student with any course of study that is transferable to a four year institution. One letter of recommendation from a professor or community leader. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.
**Gateway Quilters Guild Re-entry Scholarship ($1,000)**
Two $500 scholarships available to continuing female re-entry students who will attend MC in fall 2016. Must have financial need and a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

**Geology Scholarship ($300)**
One $300 scholarship available to a Geology major who is transferring fall 16. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

**Elmo Giampaoli Ag Business and Accounting Scholarship ($2,000)**
Two $1000 scholarships available to a continuing or transferring, Accounting or Agriculture Business major. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

**Louis P. Gonella Memorial Scholarship ($250)**
One $250 scholarship available to a Business major, preference given to those in Real Estate. Must be a Merced County resident. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

**Arnold, Ione & Brynhild Grasmoen Memorial Scholarship ($10,000)**
Ten $1,000 scholarships available to continuing or transferring students. Selected by MCFSC.

**Stephan Gray Memorial Scholarship ($500)**
One $500 scholarships available to continuing or transferring Merced College student. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Applicants should write a letter addressing how they would contribute to the betterment of the community. The letter should also address financial need. Final candidates may be interviewed. Selected by donor.

**Sarah Greene Memorial Scholarship ($500)**
One $500 scholarship available to students currently enrolled in the Registered Nursing or Radiology Programs. Must have a minimum 3.4 GPA. Selected by donor.

**Haden & Dawson Scholarship ($1,000)**
Two $500 scholarships available to a student with financial need. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

**Dr Robert Ballengee Harvey Memorial Music Scholarship ($250)**
One $250 scholarship available to a continuing or transferring Music major. Minimum 3.3 GPA required. Selected by donor.

**Humanities and Social Science Los Banos Campus Scholarship ($1000)**
Two $500 scholarships available to a Humanities or Social Sciences major. Must have been enrolled at LB campus for at least two full semesters. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.
Hundal Farms Trust Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to a continuing or transferring student pursuing a teaching career. Selected by MCFSC.

Huntington Lankford Developmental Education Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a student who has successfully completed a minimum of 24-units at Merced College, and successfully completed READ-80 or READ 81, and/or Engl-84; and successfully completed ENGL 85. Applicant must submit a letter written to perspective Developmental Education students regarding overcoming the barriers to reading and writing in college. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Christine Coats Ichord Memorial Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to outstanding continuing or transferring students in Landscape Horticulture with community service. Student must intend to work in the Landscape horticulture industry; and preferably be working in a field related to landscape horticulture. Selected by Agriculture Department.

International Business Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to transferring (fall 2016) students majoring in Business with an International focus. Selected by donor.

Anne Johnson Memorial Scholarship ($400)
One $400 scholarship available to a student who academically excels. Selected by MCFSC.

Ralph Kaufman Memorial Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a continuing or transferring student in an Agricultural program. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Mary Keating Memorial Scholarship ($600)
One $600 scholarship available to students enrolled in the LVN or RN Program. Selected by donor.

Jim & Bernice Kidd Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to an incoming, self-supporting student seeking a career in mental health. Psychology major or social work goals. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Bill & Tom Kirby Agricultural Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to a continuing, or transferring, Agriculture major. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by Agriculture Department and donor.
Annabelle Broddrick Klinger Scholarship for Women in Public Administration ($800)
One $800 scholarship available to female continuing or transferring students majoring in Political Science. Must have a 3.5 GPA. Selected by donor.

James K. Kubo Memorial Scholarship ($750)
One $750 scholarship available to an incoming freshman from Atwater, Le Grand, or Livingston High Schools. General Education major. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Lakireddy Family Foundation Scholarship ($6,000)
Six $1,000 scholarships available to students currently enrolled in a MC Allied Health program, RN, LVN, Radiologic Technology, Sonography, or Sports Medicine. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

John J. Latorraca Law Enforcement Scholarship ($1,000)
Two $500 scholarship available to graduating senior’s from a Merced County high school majoring in Administration of Justice. Must have financial need (50% of decision). Selected by donor.

Dean S. Lesher Trust Scholarship ($8,000)
Eight $1,000 scholarships available to students transferring to a four-year California college or university in fall 2016. Selected by MCFSC.

Los Banos Math Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to a Math major or related field. Must have successfully completed one Math class at the Los Banos Campus. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donors.

Los Banos Science Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a student who is enrolled in at least two natural science courses, either a life science and/or a physical science such as biology, anatomy, or chemistry, at the Los Banos Campus and must be majoring in a natural science. The student autobiographical essay must be two pages detailing their desire to pursue a career in the natural sciences, such as biology, chemistry or nursing. Essay must be typed, double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Penny Lowry Memorial Scholarship ($1000)
One $1000 scholarship available to a continuing female single parent majoring in Liberal Studies. Financial need. Minimum 2.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.
George Mack Memorial Scholarship ($200)
One $200 scholarship available to a transferring Business or finance major. Selected by MCFSC.

Mathematics/Engineering Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a transferring Mathematics or Engineering major. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

McConnell Trust Honors Program Scholarship ($14,000)
Seven $1,000 scholarships available to incoming freshman and seven $1,000 scholarships available to continuing MC students who qualify for the Honors Program. Recipients are required to enroll in one honors course each semester. A minimum 3.5 GPA is required. Selected by MCFSC.

Catherine & Ted McVey Trust Scholarship ($2000)
Four $500 scholarships available to a student transferring to a four-year institution fall 2016. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Catherine & Ted McVey Trust Scholarship ($1000)
Two $500 scholarships available to Los Banos Campus student. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by Los Banos Campus.

Merced Breakfast Lions Club Scholarship ($1,500)
Three $500 scholarships available to MC students graduating spring 2016 and transferring to a four-year college or university (fall 2016). A minimum 3.0 GPA is required. Selected by donor.

Merced College CSEA Chapter #274 Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
Two $500 scholarships available to a CSEA member (1/2-time member or dependent attending college full-time) or dependent by blood or marriage. Must include member’s name. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Selected by donor.

Merced College Faculty Association Scholarship ($2000)
Five $400 open scholarships available to students with financial need. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Merced College Music Department Scholarship ($600)
Three $200 scholarships available to Music majors; Instrumental Piano, Music Theory, or Digital Music. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.
Merced College Pre-Medical Club Scholarship ($500)
One $250 scholarship and two $125 scholarships available to any major with a health related career goal. Must be an active member for either the fall 2015, or spring 2016 semesters. Must include a list of club activities they have participated in. One letter of recommendation. Minimum 2.8 GPA. Selected by donor.

Merced College Veterans Association Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a veteran, dependent of a veteran, or currently serving in the armed forces. Must be a member in good standing in the Merced Veterans Association. Proof of veteran or dependent status must be provided with the scholarship application. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Merced County Continuity of Care Scholarship ($600)
Two $300 scholarships available to students in a Nursing Program. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Merced County Historical Society Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to continuing, or transferring students majoring in History. Preference will be given to students who have an interest in Merced County history and involvement in community service. Finalists may be interviewed. Financial need considered. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Merced County Republican Women Federated Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
Two $500 scholarships available to continuing or transferring women who are registered Republicans who have completed their freshman year with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Must have some volunteer service in the community. Letter should include how the student has personally incorporated the following beliefs:
We believe our strength comes from diversity of opinion, experience and culture.
We believe in the grassroots political activism.
We believe our legacy is developing political leaders for the future.
We believe women are the powerful force for change for the 21st Century.
We believe in government that requires personal responsibility while protecting the worth of the individual.
Selected by MCFSC and donor.

Merced Garden Club Scholarship ($750)
One $750 scholarship available to a continuing or transferring full-time student majoring in Agriculture, preference given to those in Horticulture. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.
**Merced-Marijosa Retired Teachers Scholarship ($1,000)**
One $1000 scholarship (a minimum of 1/1000) available to a student accepted to a four-year institution in fall 2016 preparing for a teaching credential. Must have financial need and a minimum 3.0 GPA. Renewable with transcript. Selected by donor.

**Merced-Marijosa County Medical Society Auxiliary Scholarship ($200)**
One $200 scholarship available to students in the LVN or RN or Radiology Technician programs. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

**Merced Medical Clinic Scholarship ($500)**
One $500 scholarship available to a Pre-Med, Nursing, Radiology, Laboratory Technology, Pharmacology or Pharmacy majors with a minimum 3.5 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

**Merced School Employees Federal Credit Union Scholarship ($3,000)**
Two $1,500 scholarships available to continuing or transferring students majoring in Business. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

**Merced School Employees Federal Credit Union Scholarship LB Campus ($1,000)**
Two $500 scholarships available to Los Banos Campus students majoring in Business. Minimum 3.0 GPA required. Selected by MCFSC.

**Merced United Methodist Church Scholarship ($500)**
One $500 scholarship available to an incoming or continuing Merced College student, in a nursing, fire science, law enforcement, teacher preparation, or ministerial course of study. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Selected by donor.

**Randy Nahas Memorial Trust Scholarship ($300)**
One $300 scholarship available to a transferring graduate of Merced College. Selected by MCFSC.

**Howard Nutcher Memorial Trust Scholarship ($500)**
One $500 scholarship available to an incoming freshman pursuing a degree in Mechanized Agriculture. GPA is considered. Selected by Agriculture Department.

**Don Odishoo Memorial Scholarship ($500)**
One $500 scholarship available to a continuing MC football player who has excelled academically. Selected by MCFSC.
The Bernard Osher Foundation Scholarship CCCSE ($1,000)
One $1,000 award available to a continuing MC student in any major area of study. Student must have completed 24 or more degree applicable units. Must receive a CCC Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver in award year 2016-2017. Financial need must be demonstrated. Selected by MCFSC.

The Bernard Osher Foundation/ Matilde Stromming Scholarship CCCSE ($1,000)
One $1,000 award available to a continuing MC student in any major area of study who graduated from Mariposa High School. Student must have completed 24 or more degree applicable units. Must receive a CCC Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver in award year 2016-2017. Financial need must be demonstrated. Selected by MCFSC.

Charles Ostrander Memorial Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to an Anthropology major. Selected by Anthropology Department.

Pacific Bell Pioneers Merced Life Member Club Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to second year nursing student with financial need. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Pacific Gas & Electric Merced, Field Service Department Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to a continuing HVAC, Engineering, or Industrial Technology student. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected donor.

Jane Pellock Memorial Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to a continuing or transferring student. Selected by MCFSC.

Eyleen Peterson Memorial Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to a transferring student of Dance or Theater Arts. Must submit brief resume of future goals and past accomplishments. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Philosophy Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a Philosophy major or related discipline. Must have completed at least two philosophy classes. If student is not philosophy major, academic promise must be shown. Selected by donor.

Patrick Pressly/Jeffrey Brown Memorial Scholarship ($400)
One $400 scholarship available to a Chowchilla High School graduate. Must be a three year band member. Selected by Chowchilla High School.
J.W. “Doc” Preston Memorial Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a Pre-Veterinary or Agriculture major. Must be transferring to a four-year institution in fall 2016. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Loyd “Red” Prichard Memorial Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a male or female intercollegiate athlete transferring to a four-year institution (fall 2016). Minimum 3.2 GPA. Selected by donor.

June Prowell Scholarship ($200)
One $200 scholarship available to an MC nursing student. Must have a minimum 3.5 GPA. Selected by donor.

Rahilly Scholarship ($200)
One $200 scholarship available to a continuing MC athlete who has completed 24 units at Merced College. Must have a minimum 2.4 GPA. Selected by donor.

Ken Randol Memorial/Merced Rotary Club Scholarship ($1,000)
One $1,000 scholarship available to an Agriculture major. Must be transferring to a four-year Institution (fall 2016). Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by Agriculture Department.

Margaret Randolph Scholarship ($400)
One $400 scholarship available to a Music major, preference given to voice students. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Michael and Marlis Riley Memorial Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to a Political Science/Law major. Must currently be a financial aid recipient. Minimum 3.55 GPA. Selected by donor.

May Grant Robbie Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to students with academic ability (preferably students over the age of 35). Recipient can only be selected once for this scholarship. Selected by MCFSC.

A.H. Tony & Delores Rose Memorial Scholarship ($200)
One $200 open scholarship available to continuing or transferring Merced College students. Selected by donor.

Schelby Agricultural Advisory Committee Scholarship ($200)
One $200 scholarship available to a Special Education major with evidence of leadership, paid or voluntary work experience with handicapped individuals and a minimum 2.5 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.
Science, Math and Engineering Scholarship ($1,000)
One $1,000 scholarship available to a transferring student majoring in Chemistry, Math, Biology, Physics, Geology, Engineering, Pre-Med, Pre-Vet, Pre-Pharmacy, or Pre-Dental. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Glen Sheesley Memorial Trust Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to an Agriculture major (preferably one from the Livingston area). Selected by Agriculture Department.

James E. Shepard Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
One $1000 scholarship available to a continuing or transferring student with academic achievement majoring in English, Literature, Composition, or Rhetoric. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Silva Scholarship ($1,000)
Two $500 scholarship available to continuing or transferring Merced College students. Preference given to single parents. Financial need. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Hughes & Margaret Smith Scholarship ($1,000)
One $1,000 scholarship available to a student transferring to a four year California college or university in fall 2016. Must be majoring in Agriculture, Animal Science, Environmental Studies or Veterinary Medicine. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC and donor.

Melissa Smith Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to an incoming or continuing student majoring in Agriculture, Animal Science, Environmental Studies, or Veterinary Medicine. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC and donor.

Social Science Club Eugene Mena Memorial Scholarship ($600)
Two $300 Scholarships available to Los Banos Campus students. One for a graduate student transferring to a four year institution fall 2016 and one for a continuing student with a major of Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Anthropology, Geography, Economics, Political Science, or closely related field. Financial need and extracurricular activities will be considered. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Soroptimist International of Merced Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to second year MC students studying journalism. Applicant must submit sample news story of 200 words or less. Minimum 3.2 GPA. Selected by donor.
Marianne & Susan Spevak Developmental Memorial Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a LB Campus, continuing, or transferring student who has taken and successfully completed at least one developmental English or reading course two or more levels below transfer level English. Student must have an identified career goal, and a Merced College Ed Plan on file with a counselor. Must have shown evidence of important student characteristics, such as; Perseverance (especially in the face of life obstacles), Determination, and Diligence in completing course requirements. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Selected by LB Campus and donor.

St John Festa, Inc Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to an Agriculture major. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Don Stewart Scholarship ($10,000)
Ten $1,000 scholarships available to MC students enrolled in the MC Nursing or Rad Tech Programs from Merced, Stanislaus, or Mariposa County. Financial need considered. Selected by Allied Health Department.

Bud Stout Memorial Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to transferring Civil Engineering majors with a minimum 3.5 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Jim Sutherland Music & Theater Scholarship ($1000)
One $1000 scholarship available to a veteran or active duty student majoring in Music or Theater. Selected by MCFSC.

Taher Scholarship ($1,500)
Three $500 scholarships available to continuing students with a 3.0 GPA. Selected by MCFSC.

Alfred Turner Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
Two $500 scholarships available to dependents of current, retired, or deceased law enforcement officers. Primary residence in the Los Banos, Dos Palos, Firebaugh, Mendota, and Gustine communities or within the Los Banos CHP area. Renewable with satisfactory academic progress and after annual interview by selection committee. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Braulio & Mary Velasquez Memorial Scholarship ($300)
One $300 open scholarship available to continuing or transferring Merced College students. Selected by donor.
Veterans of Foreign Wars LT Lawrence F. Muth Post 2487 Scholarship ($300)
One $300 scholarship available for a Los Banos Military Veteran. Must submit DD-214 or DD-215 with application. Must be enrolled at the Los Banos Campus or concurrently enrolled at both Los Banos and Merced Campus. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Selected by donor.

Fred Wack Scholarship for Public Administration ($300)
One $300 scholarship available to a Political Science or Public Administration major graduating spring 2016 and accepted to a four-year institution fall 2016. A minimum 3.25 GPA is required. Selected by donor.

Jacqueline Weeks-Eck Vocal Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to incoming, continuing, or transferring Merced College students majoring in Vocal Studies. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Audition is required. Selected by donor.

Frances Luxhoi White Scholarship ($500)
One $500 scholarship available to students with financial need. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required. Selected by MCFSC.

Angela & Lisa Williams Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
Two $500 scholarships available to Human Services or Social Service majors. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Selected by donor.

Randy Wittenborn Memorial Scholarship ($200)
One $200 scholarship available to an Agriculture major transferring to a four-year institution. Selected by Agriculture Department.

Jack Wright Memorial Scholarship ($200)
One $200 scholarship available to an MC student majoring in a dental field. Must have a minimum 3.75 GPA. Selected by donor.

Yosemite Dental Society Scholarship ($200)
One $200 scholarship available to an MC student majoring in dental field. Must have a minimum 3.5 GPA. Selected by donor.

Yosemite Farm Credit Scholarship ($1,500)
Two $750 scholarships available to continuing Agriculture majors. Must be active in Ag department functions and active in the community. Minimum 2.75 GPA. Selected by Agriculture Department.

Jerry Young Memorial Scholarship ($600)
One $600 scholarship available to Mechanized Agriculture students. Selected by Agriculture Department.
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