






Bloch Scholars Program Application Packet 25–26

Metropolitan Community College

The Henry W. Bloch Scholars Program is a need-based scholarship program designed for local Kansas City area students with a drive to succeed and who intend to earn a bachelor's degree, but who may not be considered for traditional scholarships based on past academic performance or life circumstances.

AWARD

-  Funds to pay for **100%** of your tuition and fees each semester at MCC, renewable up to 6 semesters.
-  After you earn the Associate in Arts degree at MCC, your full tuition and fees scholarship transfers with you to the University of Missouri–Kansas City (UMKC) or Rockhurst University while you pursue a bachelor's degree.
-  A personal coach to help you learn the ropes, stay motivated, and keep working toward your dream.

OPPORTUNITY

Apply to the Program

Apply for the Bloch Scholars Program at MCC by March 1st.

Earn an Associates Degree at MCC

Accepted Scholars earn an Associate in Arts degree at MCC to prepare for transfer.

Transfer to UMKC or Rockhurst University

Scholars transfer to UMKC or Rockhurst University where their scholarship is renewed.

Graduate with a Bachelor's Degree

Scholars pursue and earn a bachelor's degree.

CONTACT

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 Bloch.Scholars@mccck.edu

READY TO APPLY?

Complete the attached application packet or visit <https://mccck.edu/blochscholars>.
Deadline to apply is **March 1st**.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

FINANCIAL NEED

Must complete the 2025–2026 FAFSA and demonstrate financial need; nor be considered for traditional scholarships due to past academic performance or life circumstances.

STUDENT STATUS

Must be a graduating high school senior or have a GED, HiSET, or high school diploma, and be a new, current, or returning MCC student; Must have 30 or more credit hours remaining to earn an Associate in Arts degree.

PLANS TO TRANSFER

Must plan to attend or be currently attending MCC with the intent to earn an Associate in Arts degree and then transfer to UMKC or Rockhurst University to earn a bachelor's degree*.

RESIDENCY

Must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident living in Missouri in one of the following counties: Jackson, Clay, or Platte; Must be eligible for MCC's in-district tuition.

*Professional Programs (ex. Dentistry, Medical, Pharmacy, Law, Physical Therapy, Architecture, etc.) are excluded.

EXPECTATIONS

ENROLL IN CLASSES FULL-TIME

Enroll full-time (at least 12 credit hours) every fall and spring semester. Classes must be in-person, hybrid, and/or video conferencing. Online courses may be taken upon request.

MEET ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Maintain a semester and cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.25 or higher while in the program at MCC. Must also maintain a semester and cumulative completion rate of 67% or higher while in the program at MCC.

ATTEND BLOCH SCHOLARS EVENTS

Attend all required Bloch Scholars events, such as an in-person program orientation over the summer, and transfer visits to both UMKC and Rockhurst University.

MEET WITH YOUR BLOCH COACH

Meet with your assigned Bloch Scholars Coach regularly throughout each semester to set academic and career goals.

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STEPS TO APPLY

APPLY TO MCC

Not a current MCC student? No worries! Your first step is to complete MCC's free application for admission online at www.mcckc.edu/apply-now/.

SUBMIT THE BLOCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION PACKET

Complete and submit the MCC Bloch Scholars Program Application. Refer to the next 3 pages.

COMPLETE THE 25–26 FAFSA AND ADD MCC'S SCHOOL CODE: 002484

FAFSA stands for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Visit www.fafsa.gov to complete the submit the 2025–2026 FAFSA. When listing schools, be sure to include MCC using our code: 002484. Need FAFSA help? Visit www.mcckc.edu/eoc/ or call 816–604–4400 for more information about our Educational Opportunity Center (EOC). *If you have concerns around completing the FAFSA, please contact Bloch.Scholars@mcckc.edu.*

WRITE A ONE-PAGE ESSAY ANSWERING THE QUESTION PROVIDED

“How will becoming a Bloch Scholar impact your educational and career goals?”

Within your essay, identify your strengths, accomplishments, and educational goals. You may choose to include struggles or life-changing barriers you have experienced and how you overcame them, but it is not required. Please type your essay.

SEND YOUR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS TO MCC

A transcript is a copy of a student's academic record listing courses taken, grades earned, and honors and degrees received. You must send your official High School or GED/HiSET transcript to MCC. You must also submit official transcripts for all colleges/universities you have attended or attempted credit at (including dual credit in high school). *Current high school seniors may submit unofficial transcripts at the time of application.*

SUBMIT A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, mentor, supervisor, etc. who is familiar with your academic work and character. Your recommender should answer the question, **“Why is (insert your name here) a good candidate for the Bloch Scholars Program at MCC?”** They can learn more about the program online at www.mcckc.edu/blochscolars. This letter can be submitted by you or emailed directly from your recommender to Bloch.Scholars@mcckc.edu.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Your application is not complete until all documents are submitted and all steps are completed.

Your Bloch Scholars Program Application, Essay, Unofficial Transcripts (if applicable), and Letter of Recommendation can be emailed directly to Bloch.Scholars@mcckc.edu or submitted in-person at [MCC-Penn Valley's Student Enrollment Center](#). If emailed, all materials must be sent as document files, **not** as images. Deadline to apply and submit all materials is **March 1, 2025**.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Do all of the application materials/documents need to be submitted at the same time?

No, it is not required to submit everything together. Applicants may submit the Bloch Scholars Application Packet and then choose to submit additional materials (ex. FAFSA, essay, letter of recommendation, etc.) at another time prior to the March 1st deadline.

Are Bloch Scholars required to earn a bachelor's degree as part of the program?

Yes, the program expectation is that Bloch Scholars will transfer to the University of Missouri–Kansas City (UMKC) or Rockhurst University to earn a bachelor's degree after earning their Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree at MCC.

Why are Bloch Scholars required to earn the Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree?

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree provides a well-rounded educational foundation that prepares students to select an appropriate major and career path, help them transfer, and successfully complete a baccalaureate (bachelor's) degree. By earning the A.A. degree, students also complete the CORE 42 – the framework for general education that all Missouri public two- and four-year institutions of higher education adopted. For more information, visit <https://dhewd.mo.gov/higher-education/academic-affairs/core-42>.

How is it decided whether a Bloch Scholar will transfer to UMKC or Rockhurst?

Each Bloch Scholar works with their Bloch Scholars Program Coach to determine which university is the best fit for them, based on factors such as intended major and long-term goals.

Does the Bloch Scholars Program pay for textbooks?

The Bloch Scholars Program does **not** cover the cost of textbooks. Bloch Scholars are responsible for covering non-tuition related expenses.

Can Bloch Scholars take online (internet) courses at MCC?

Bloch Scholars may take a limited number of fully online (internet) courses while at MCC with permission from their Bloch Scholars Coach. However, students are **not** permitted to take all of their classes in an online (internet) format.

Can Bloch Scholars take classes at any MCC campus?

Yes, Bloch Scholars can take their classes at any one of MCC's four physical campuses:

- **MCC–Blue River:** 20301 East 78 Highway, Independence, MO 64057
- **MCC–Longview:** 500 SW Longview Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64081
- **MCC–Maple Woods:** 2601 NE Barry Road, Kansas City, MO 64156
- **MCC–Penn Valley:** 3201 Southwest Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64111

Have questions not on this list? Email Bloch.Scholars@mccck.edu

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DIRECTIONS: Please fill out this application as completely and as accurately as possible. Your application is not complete until all required documents are submitted. Applications that are incomplete or inaccurate may be disqualified. The deadline to apply and submit all materials is **March 1st**.

First & Last Name

Cell Phone Number

Preferred Name (if different from your first name)

Alternate Phone Number

Street Address

Email Address

City

Alternate Email Address

State

Gender*

- Female
- Male
- Prefer Not to Disclose

Postal/Zip Code

What county do you live in?

- Clay County Platte County
- Jackson County Other

Race/Ethnicity - Select all that apply*

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino(a)
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident?

- Yes No Other/Not Sure

Did either of your parents complete a 4-year college degree (also called a bachelor's degree)?

- Yes No Not Sure

***Note:** This is for informational purposes only and will not affect selection for the Bloch Scholars Program.

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What do you hope to study in college? (If you are not sure, you can write undecided)

What careers or jobs are you interested in? (Your answer can be the same as the previous question)

Select which of the following best describes you at this current moment.

- High School Senior: Currently in high school but plan to graduate by June 2025.
- HiSET or GED Graduate: Passed the HiSET or GED but have never attended college.
- High School Graduate: Graduated high school before 2025 but have never attended college.
- Current MCC Student: Currently taking classes at MCC or plan to start classes in spring 2025.
- Returning MCC Student: Previously attended MCC but are not currently enrolled.
- Transfer Student: Previously attended (or are currently attending) another college or university but plan to enroll at MCC in summer or fall 2025.

DIRECTIONS: Only complete **one section** below based on your answer to the previous question.

If You Selected High School Senior or Graduate:

What high school will you (or did you) graduate from?

When will you (or did you) graduate high school?

Have you ever taken the ACT, SAT, or Accuplacer?

Yes **or** No **or** Not Sure

Did you take (or are you currently taking) any AP, IB, or dual credit courses while in high school?

Yes **or** No **or** Not Sure

What is your cumulative GPA?

If You Selected HiSET or GED Graduate:

What month and year did you earn (or do you plan to earn) your HiSET or GED?

If You Selected Current or Returning MCC Student:

What is your cumulative GPA?

Have you ever earned or attempted credit at any institutions other than MCC?

Yes **or** No

If yes, please list them here:

If You Selected Transfer Student:

What is your cumulative GPA?

List all institutions you have earned or attempted credit at:

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DIRECTIONS: Answer all questions as completely and accurately as possible.

Are you applying for other scholarship opportunities? (Examples: KC Scholars, Hispanic Development Fund (HDF), MCC Scholarships, etc.)

Yes **or** No **or** Not Sure

If yes, please list any other scholarships you are applying for or have already been awarded:

How did you learn about the Bloch Scholars Program at MCC?

Teacher, School Counselor, or College Advisor Email
 Flyer or Other Marketing Materials Friend or Classmate
 Website Family Member
 Bloch Scholars Workshop or Information Session Other
 College Fair or Visit from an MCC Admissions Recruiter

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Consent

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize Metropolitan Community College (MCC) to release educational records and information to The H & R Block Foundation, The Marion & Henry Bloch Family Foundation, University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), Donnelly College, and Rockhurst University. I understand further that this consent shall remain in effect until revoked by me, in writing, and delivered to the Bloch Scholars Program Coordinator, but that any such revocation shall not affect disclosures previously made by MCC prior to the receipt of any such written revocation. I have read the requirements for the scholarship for which I am applying; I understand them and I agree to follow all applicable rules and guidelines if I am awarded a scholarship. Scholarship awards are not guaranteed and are not final unless recipient maintains all qualifications.

Do you understand and agree to the statement above?

Yes **or** No

If awarded a spot in the Bloch Scholars Program at MCC, do you consent for your name to be published on a Bloch Scholars Program website and shared with staff, faculty and administrators at your high school (if applicable)?

Yes **or** No

Your Full Name:

Date:

Remember! Your application is not complete until all of your documents/materials are submitted!