

HENRY W. BLOCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2024-2025

APPLICATION PACKET



APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2024

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What is the Henry W. Bloch Scholars Program?

Since 2001, the H&R Bloch Foundation and MCC have provided full tuition and fees for local students with a determination to succeed, regardless of their finances, test scores, or life circumstances. Since 2019, the program has expanded with the generous support of the Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation. The Henry W. Bloch Scholars Program is designed to attract, encourage, and support promising students living in urban environments in Kansas City, who demonstrate financial need and who want to earn a four-year degree but would not be considered for traditional scholarship programs.

How Much is the Award?

Henry W. Bloch Scholars will earn the Associate in Arts degree at MCC. Once the associate's degree is earned the student will transfer to UMKC or Rockhurst University to earn a bachelor's degree*. The program provides:

- Full tuition and fees each semester**, renewable up to 6 semesters;
- A personal coach to help you learn the ropes and stay motivated;
- The opportunity to continue your education and renew your scholarship at UMKC or Rockhurst University after earning your associate degree at MCC;
- Encouragement to keep working towards your dream.

*Professional programs (ex. Dental, Medical, Pharmacy, Law, Physical Therapy, Occupation Therapy, etc.) excluded.

Bloch Scholar Expectations



Full-Time Enrollment

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



Academic Standards

Maintain a semester and cumulative GPA of 2.25 while in the program. Must also maintain a semester and cumulative completion rate of 67% or higher while in the program.



Attend Bloch Events

Attend all mandatory Bloch Scholar events, such as an in-person program orientation over the summer.



Bloch Coaching

Meet with assigned Bloch Scholars Coach regularly to set academic and career goals.

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**Recipients may not be awarded any other MCC scholarships, as the Bloch Scholarship will always be applied towards tuition & fees prior to other funding.

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Eligibility Requirements



Financial Need

Must complete the 2024-2025 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, have a GED or HiSET, be transferring to MCC, or be a current or returning MCC student who has 30 or more credit hours left to earn their 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.

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Steps to Apply



Apply to MCC

Not a current MCC student? Complete our free application for admission online at www.mcckc.edu/apply/now/.



Submit the Bloch Scholars Program Application

Application is attached to this packet.



Complete the 24-25 FAFSA & Add MCC's Code: 002484

Need FAFSA help? Visit www.mcckc.edu/eoc/ for more information about our Educational Opportunity Center (EOC).



Write a One-Page Essay Answering the Prompt

"How will becoming a Bloch Scholar impact my educational and career goals?" Within the essay, identify your strengths, accomplishments, and educational goals. You may choose to include struggles or life-changing barriers you have experienced and how you have overcome them.



Submit Official Transcripts

Official High School or GED/HiSET and official transcripts for all college coursework and schools attended must be submitted. Current high school students may submit an unofficial transcript.



Letter of Recommendation

Include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, mentor, etc. who is familiar with your academic work and character. This can be submitted by you or directly from your recommender.

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Your application is not complete until all documents are submitted. This application and all required documents must be completed and emailed to Bloch.Scholars@mccckc.edu by **March 1, 2024**. The application may also be submitted in-person to MCC-Penn Valley's Student Enrollment Center (SEC). If emailed, the application and all materials must be sent as document files, **not** as images.

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

First & Last Name

Street Address

City

State

Postal/Zip Code

What county do you live in?

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

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

Social Security Number (SSN)

Are you a first generation student?

Being a first generation student means that your parent(s) did not complete a 4-year college or university degree.

☐ Yes **or** ☐ No **or** ☐ Not Sure

MCC Student ID Number

Cell Phone Number

Alternate Phone Number

Email Address

Alternate Email Address

Gender

Which of the following best describes you? (select all that apply)

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Asian
☐ Black or African American
☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
☐ White

Are you Hispanic or Latino(a)?

☐ Yes **or** ☐ No

Questions? Email

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II. CURRENT ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Student Types:

- Current MCC Student
- Returning MCC Student
- New MCC Student
- Transfer Student
- High School Student
- HiSET or GED Student

Which of the following best describes the type of student you are?

If you are a current high school student, please answer the following:

What high school are you currently attending?

What is your anticipated graduation month & year?

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

Have you earned any dual credit in high school or taken any AP or IB courses?

If you are a current or returning MCC student, please answer the following:

Have you ever earned credit at or attended an institution other than MCC?

If yes, please list them:

If you are a transfer student, please answer the following:

List previous institutions attended:

Has MCC received all official transcripts?

If you are a HiSET or GED student, please answer the following:

Year you earned your HiSET or GED:

State you took the HiSET or GED in:

What is your current cumulative GPA?

What degree are you pursuing at MCC?

Area of intended study or career interest?

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III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Have you completed the 2024-2025 FAFSA and added MCC's code: 002484?

What's the FAFSA? [Click here to learn more](#) or visit www.fafsa.gov

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

☐ Yes **or** ☐ No **or** ☐ Not Sure

If you selected Yes, please list the other scholarships you are applying for:

If you are a current MCC student - Are you currently receiving other scholarships?
If yes, please list them here:

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Consent

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize the College to release educational records and information: Receipt of scholarship to The H&R Block Foundation, The Marion & Henry Bloch Family Foundation, 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 College, but that any such revocation shall not affect disclosures previously made by the College 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 final unless recipient maintains all qualifications.

Name:

Date:

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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 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 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/core42.php>.

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

Each Bloch Scholar works with their Bloch Scholars 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 Scholar's Coach. However, students are not permitted to take **all** of their courses in an online (internet) format.

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