

Dear MVCC Student,

I'm happy to announce that we are now accepting applications for the SUNY Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship for the **Spring 2023 semester**. The State University of New York offers this scholarship to continue its commitment to supporting and retaining a diverse student body that reflects the population of the State of New York.

Eligible students must be enrolled in a degree program and have demonstrated high academic achievement (3.0 average). Students may be full or part time. They must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a New York State resident. Eligible students must contribute to the diversity of the student body in their program or MVCC, "primarily overcoming a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education." (SUNY Guidelines)

Your application packet must include:

- A completed and signed application form that is attached.
- A letter of recommendation from a Guidance Counselor, Advisor, Teacher, Coach, etc.
- A copy of your high school or MVCC Transcript (may be unofficial).
- A 500-word (minimum) essay on how you contribute to the diversity at MVCC.

Diversity Indicators may include, but are not limited to:

- Financial need
- Economic disadvantage
- Disability
- First-generation college student
- Adult learner
- Non-English-speaking background
- Veteran
- Underrepresented ethnic group
- Gender equity
- Family background

Please note that no single indicator will form the sole basis for the award. Each application will be evaluated on its own merit. Prior to disbursement of Scholarships, selected students must have applied for TAP and Pell and may be required to document residency status.

Application deadline: Saturday, April 1, 2023. The application can be emailed directly to merickson@mvcc.edu with "Scholarship Application" in the subject line.

Best Regards,

Todd Marshall and Maureen Erickson

SUNY Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship Co-Chairs

