



# **FACULTY SENATE SCHOLARSHIPS 2018**

*for Merritt College students*

Application Deadline:  
Friday, March 30, 2018, 1:00pm

For more information, contact MARTY ZIELKE at [mzielke@peralta.edu](mailto:mzielke@peralta.edu).  
[www.merritt.edu/wp/academicsenate/](http://www.merritt.edu/wp/academicsenate/)



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**The Faculty Senate Scholarships applications will require:**

1. A Faculty Senate application form for each scholarship
2. A typed personal statement for each scholarship
3. One (1) letter of recommendation from a Merritt College part-time or full-time **FACULTY** (Instructor, Counselor, Librarian or Nurse) for each scholarship. You may use the same recommendation for different scholarships, but you must attach a copy of the recommendation to each scholarship application.

**Scholarship applications are DUE by 1:00 pm  
on Friday, March 30, 2018 in R-109K.**

*Please read the criteria carefully before you apply.  
The Scholarship Committee will only review applications  
which meet the eligibility requirements.*

If you have any questions, please contact Marty Zielke at  
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## SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

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### CAROLA THOMPSON-BOWERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

1. The student must have been a **tutor or tutee** in regular attendance at the Merritt College Learning Center, tutoring or studying Mathematics, Science, or CIS.
2. The student should have completed at least 35 semester units at Merritt College and have an overall GPA of at least 3.2 by the end of the Fall 2017 semester.
3. The student must have been admitted as a transfer student by a four-year, accredited college or university. (Applicant must provide a copy of admission letter to Marty Zielke in R-109K by 5:00 pm or via email on May 3, 2018.)

### NORBERT BISCHOF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

1. The student has completed at least three semester courses of college-level work in the area of Math, Sciences and/or Humanities with the intent to continue education at Merritt College and thereafter to transfer to a four-year institution for work in one of these or a closely related area.
2. The student has completed at least 24 semester units of work at Merritt College and has an overall GPA of at least 3.0 by the end of the Fall 2017 semester.
3. The student shows evidence of community service [noted in personal statement], in addition to a wide breadth of academic and extracurricular interests.
4. A written statement that includes a brief summary of background, future educational and career goals and also describes why student thinks he/she satisfies the scholarship selection criteria.
5. Qualifying students with special needs, including financial or refugee status will be given extra consideration.

### JOHN F. SUMMERSETTE AWARD (\$500)

1. The student has completed at least 35 semester units at Merritt College and has an overall GPA of at least 3.5 by the end of the Fall 2017 semester.
2. The student shows evidence and promise in working for **interracial harmony in our society** and exemplifying the values ultimately necessary to achieve the goal.
3. The student must have been admitted as a transfer student by a four-year, accredited college or university. (Applicant must provide a copy of admission letter to Marty Zielke in R-109K or via email by 5:00 pm on May 3, 2018.)

### **COURAGE & PERSEVERANCE AWARD (\$500)**

*More than one scholarship may be awarded for the Courage & Perseverance Award pending total number of applicants.*

1. The student has completed at least 24 semester units at Merritt College and has an overall GPA of **2.75** or higher by the end of the Fall 2017 semester.
2. The student has experienced some life difficulty, yet is persevering to be a good student.

### **STRONG START: FIRST-YEAR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)**

1. The student has only attended Merritt College and no other college.
2. The student has completed at least 9 semester units and no more than 30 semester units at Merritt College and has an overall GPA of at least **2.75** or higher by the end of the Fall 2017 semester.
3. The student must be currently enrolled in at least 9 semester units in the Spring 2018 semester.
4. The student has experienced some life difficulty, yet is persevering to be a good student.
5. A student who has a degree is ineligible.

### **CAREER EDUCATION (CE) STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)**

1. The student has completed at least 9 semester units at Merritt College in one of the CE programs listed below:
  - Administration of Justice
  - Bioscience
  - Business
  - Child Development
  - Community Social Services
  - Environmental Management & Technology
  - Landscape Horticulture
  - Allied Health
  - Nutrition & Dietetics
  - Or any other CE program at Merritt College
2. The student has an overall GPA of **2.75** or higher by the end of the Fall 2017 semester.
3. A student who has a degree is ineligible.

### **ARISTOTLE AWARD (\$500)**

1. This is NOT an award that students can apply for. It is only for students graduating from Merritt College (does not include transfer only students). The award is given to the graduating student with the highest GPA. If several students share the same GPA, then the number of units and number of degrees will be taken into consideration to determine winner.



# FACULTY SENATE SCHOLARSHIPS FAQ'S

## 1. Where can I pick up an application packet?

Faculty Senate Scholarship application forms are available at these sites:

- Learning Center (Library)
- Counseling Department (R-109)
- Welcome/Transfer Center (R-105)
- [www.merritt.edu/wp/academicsenate/](http://www.merritt.edu/wp/academicsenate/)
- Email Marty Zielke at [mzielke@peralta.edu](mailto:mzielke@peralta.edu)

## 2. Who can I contact for more information?

Contact MARTY ZIELKE at [mzielke@peralta.edu](mailto:mzielke@peralta.edu)

## 3. I am applying for more than one scholarship. Do I need to have a different letter of recommendation and personal statement for each scholarship?

You may have the same faculty member write your letters of recommendation, but you need to attach one letter of recommendation to each scholarship. Photocopies of the same letter are ok, as long as it addresses the different criteria for each scholarship you are applying for.

For example, if you are applying to the Courage & Perseverance Award and the Career Education Scholarship and are using the same faculty member's letter of recommendation, you must ask the faculty member to complete two "Recommendation Forms", mark the appropriate scholarship, and attach a copy of the letter of recommendation to each form.

You may use the same personal statement but have to attach one copy for each scholarship. We recommend that you write a personal statement that specifically addresses each scholarship criteria.

## 4. How will I know if I won an award? When will I receive my award?

- Award finalists will be notified individually by Monday, April 30, 2018 to provide an admission letter if required.
- Award winners will be notified individually by Monday, May 7, 2018.
- A list of award winners will be posted on the Marty Zielke's office door and a copy will be available at the Counseling Department front counter by May 8, 2018
- The scholarship award will be presented by the Academic Senate/Donor's family at the Merritt College Awards Banquet in May 2018. (date, time and location to be announced).

## 5. I won a Merritt College Faculty Senate scholarship last year. Can I still apply?

Yes, your application will still be considered, but priority will be given to applicants who have not won a Merritt College Faculty Senate Scholarship.



8. Number of cumulative units completed at **Merritt College**: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) at all **Peralta Colleges**: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. I am applying for the following Scholarship/Award: (check one)**

(You must complete and submit a separate application form, personal statement and letter of recommendation for each scholarship below. **PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE PER APPLICATION FORM.**)

A. Carola Thompson-Bowers Memorial Scholarship      Yes: \_\_\_\_      No: \_\_\_\_

B. Norbert Bischof Memorial Scholarship      Yes: \_\_\_\_      No: \_\_\_\_

C. John F. Summersette Award      Yes: \_\_\_\_      No: \_\_\_\_

D. Courage & Perseverance Award      Yes: \_\_\_\_      No: \_\_\_\_

E. Strong Start: First-Year Student Scholarship      Yes: \_\_\_\_      No: \_\_\_\_

F. Career Education (CE) Student      Yes: \_\_\_\_      No: \_\_\_\_

*I certify that all information I provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and understand that my application will only be considered if I fulfill the eligibility requirements of the scholarship above.*

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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PERSONAL STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

1. The personal statement must be a minimum of 250 words (double spaced).
2. Please type your name and scholarship on the top of the first page of the personal statement.
3. State the reasons why you think you satisfy the scholarship selection criteria.
4. State your future educational and/or career goals such as an AA/AS (or BA/BS or MA/MS etc.) degree in (major) or a certificate in \_\_\_\_\_
5. Address how you plan to help others like yourself in the future.
6. Attach your personal statement to your application packet (one per scholarship).





MERRITT COLLEGE  
FACULTY SENATE SCHOLARSHIPS  
RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**To the applicant:**

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you may waive your right to inspect this recommendation by signing the statement below. This waiver is not required as a condition for applying for the Faculty Senate Scholarships.

I hereby waive my right of access to this information.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To the nominator:**

Please state the reason(s) why you think the applicant satisfies the scholarship selection criteria in your recommendation.

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for the following  
Scholarship and/or Award (please circle):

- A. Carola Thompson-Bowers Memorial Scholarship
- B. Norbert Bischof Memorial Scholarship
- C. John F. Summersette Award
- D. Courage & Perseverance Award
- E. Strong Start: First-Student Scholarship
- F. Career Education (CE) Student

**My letter of recommendation is attached.**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Faculty)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please return this form/letter to the student for inclusion with other application materials OR you may email your recommendation, including the information above to [mzielke@peralta.edu](mailto:mzielke@peralta.edu) by **1:00 pm on Friday, March 30, 2018.**

\* Recommendation letter must be from a Merritt College Faculty (Instructor, Counselor, Librarian, or Nurse). Otherwise, the recommendation will not be accepted.