



FACULTY SENATE SCHOLARSHIPS 2021

for Merritt College Students

**Application Deadline:
Friday, April 9, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**

For more information, please contact Frances Moy at fmoy@peralta.edu.

FACULTY SENATE SCHOLARSHIPS

General Information

To apply for a Faculty Senate Scholarship, the following items must be emailed together in one package to Frances Moy at fmoy@peralta.edu by the deadline:

1. A Faculty Senate Scholarship **application form** for each scholarship
2. A Faculty Senate Scholarship **recommendation form and one (1) letter of recommendation** from a Merritt College faculty member (instructor, counselor, librarian, or nurse) for each scholarship
3. A **personal statement** for each scholarship
4. [Optional] Supporting documentation of meeting eligibility requirements (such as certificates of participation, Student Accessibility Services accommodation forms, transcripts, etc.)

Scholarship applications are due by Friday, April 9, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

*Please read the scholarship criteria carefully before applying.
The Scholarship Review Committee will only consider applications
that meet the eligibility requirements.*

If you have any questions, please contact Frances Moy at fmoy@peralta.edu.

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Descriptions and Criteria

CAROLA THOMPSON-BOWERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

1. The student must have been a tutor or tutee in regular attendance at the Merritt College Learning Center, tutoring or studying Mathematics, Sciences, or CIS.
2. The student should have completed **at least 35 semester units** at Merritt College and have an **overall GPA of 3.2 or higher** by the end of the Fall 2020 semester.
3. The student must have been admitted as a transfer student by an accredited, four-year college or university. (Applicant must provide a copy of admission letter to Frances Moy at fmoy@peralta.edu by May 1, 2021.)

NORBERT BISCHOF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

1. The student has completed at least three semester courses of college-level work in Mathematics, Sciences, or Philosophy 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 3.0 or higher** by the end of the Fall 2020 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 - \$1,000

1. The student shows evidence and promise in working for interracial harmony in our society and exemplifying the values ultimately necessary to achieve the goal.
2. The student has completed **at least 35 semester units** at Merritt College and has an **overall GPA of 3.5 or higher** by the end of the Fall 2020 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 Frances Moy at fmoy@peralta.edu by May 1, 2021.)

COURAGE & PERSEVERANCE AWARD - \$500

The Courage & Perseverance Award may be given to more than one recipient based on the total number of applicants.

1. The student has experienced some life difficulty yet is persevering to be a good student.
2. 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 2020 semester.

STRONG START: FIRST-YEAR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

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 2.75 or higher** by the end of the Fall 2020 semester.
3. The student must be currently enrolled in **at least 9 semester units** in the Spring 2021 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 - \$1,000

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
 - Computer Information Systems
 - Emergency Medical Technician
 - Environmental Management & Technology
 - Fire Science
 - Health Professions & Occupations
 - Landscape Horticulture
 - Medical Assisting
 - Nursing
 - Nutrition & Dietetics
 - Paralegal Studies
 - Radiologic Science
 - Real Estate
2. The student has an **overall GPA of 2.75 or higher** by the end of the Fall 2020 semester.
3. A student who has a degree is ineligible.

ARISTOTLE AWARD - \$1,000

This is **not** an award that students can apply for. The award is given to the graduating student (not including transfer-only students) 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 the recipient.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Where can I find an application packet?

Application packets are available online at [URL]. They may also be found on the [Merritt College](#) and [Merritt College Academic Senate](#) websites.

2. Who can I contact for more information?

Contact Frances Moy at fmoy@peralta.edu with any questions.

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 must attach a recommendation form and a letter of recommendation to each scholarship application. The same letter of recommendation may be used for multiple scholarships, if it addresses the different criteria for each scholarship you are applying for. For example, if you are applying for both the Courage & Perseverance Award and the Career Education Scholarship, the faculty member should complete two recommendation forms (one for each scholarship) but may attach a copy of the same letter of recommendation to each form.

You may also use the same personal statement for multiple scholarships but must include a copy with each application. 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 winners will be notified individually by the first week of May. A list of award winners may also be published in the President's newsletter, on the Merritt College website, and on social media.

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 previously been awarded a Merritt College Faculty Senate Scholarship.



**MERRITT COLLEGE
FACULTY SENATE SCHOLARSHIPS 2021
APPLICATION FORM**

Please complete a separate application for each scholarship.

Instructions

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all application documents are submitted together in one package by the deadline. The application package should be submitted via email to Frances Moy at fmoy@peralta.edu by **Friday, April 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**

Previous recipients of a Merritt College Faculty Senate scholarship may apply again, but priority will be given to applicants who have not received a Merritt College Faculty Senate scholarship. By submitting this application form, applicants grant Merritt College permission to publish their names in the College newsletter, social media, and website.

Please provide the following documents for each scholarship:

- 1. Application form**
- 2. Recommendation form**
- 3. Letter of recommendation from a Merritt College faculty member**
- 4. Personal Statement**

Complete this fillable form.

1. Name:

Last

First

Middle

2. Student Identification Number:

3. Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

4. E-mail address:

5. Address:

Street

Unit #

City

State

Zip Code

6. Have you filed a petition for an AA/AS degree or a certificate? Yes
No

If yes, please list the degree(s) or certificate(s):

7. Have you been accepted at an accredited four-year college or university? Yes
No

If yes, please list the college(s) and provide a copy of acceptance letter(s):

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 only one per application form.)

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

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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RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Please complete a separate form for each scholarship.

Student 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.

Print Name:
Signature: Date:

Faculty Nominator

I recommend for the following scholarship:

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

Please provide a separate letter of recommendation explaining how the student meets the scholarship criteria. If the student waives her/his/their right to access the recommendation letter, please email it together with this form directly to Frances Moy at fmoy@peralta.edu by **Friday, April 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.** Otherwise, you may return the recommendation letter with this form to the student for submission.

Print Name:
Signature: Date:



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PERSONAL STATEMENT FORM**

Please complete a separate form for each scholarship.

Instructions

The personal statement must be a minimum of 250 words and include the following:

1. Reason why you think you satisfy the scholarship criteria
2. Your future educational and/or career goals
3. Your plan to help others like yourself in the future

Name:

Last

First

Middle

Personal Statement: