Mercer County Community College Foundation, Inc.
Interested in a Scholarship?
Scholarship Opportunities for Students
MCCC Foundation and Scholarship Funds

The Mercer County Community College Foundation, Inc., was created by the college’s Board of Trustees in 1976 to help raise money to support the mission of the college and the community it serves. Foundation members represent many sectors of the Mercer County community – business leaders, government officials, concerned citizens, and non-profit administrators. These individuals all volunteer their time and bring their expertise, connections, and understanding to contribute to the well-being of the college and especially its students.

Individuals and businesses in the community make contributions to the Foundation to establish scholarships that support a special purpose, honor someone, recognize an achievement, or remember a loved one through a memorial fund.

The Foundation itself sponsors two major fundraisers each year to raise money for student scholarships: an annual Scholarship Dinner Dance that raises funds for the General Scholarship Fund, and a Golf Outing that supports athletic scholarships.
Continuing Students

Fred Anker Memorial Award (one of two) – is given in memory of this Business Division faculty member and dean to an outstanding continuing student in business administration.

Gus Anselmi Civil/Construction Engineering Technology Scholarships – are named after Gus Anselmi, a Trustee of CIAP. CIAP awards scholarships to students in Civil/Construction Engineering Technology at the associate degree level. Awards are approved by CIAP on a case-by-case basis and are generally made to construction technology students with an interest in a construction career, entering the second year of a two-year associate degree program. Architectural Scholarships are endowed scholarships awarded annually to ascending architecture students based on talent and academic achievement.

Area Pro VII Physicians Scholarship – To support nursing education. This scholarship is awarded to students demonstrating superior academics in nursing, demonstrate financial need and who are NJ residents from Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Somerset.

Biology Laboratory Scholarship – is given in memory of Jodi Fessler, a dedicated and humanitarian MCCC biology laboratory instructor and is awarded to outstanding Biology Laboratory students.

Robert V. Blanchard Memorial Scholarship – is awarded annually to a student dedicated to learning and entering the final year of the Funeral Service program.

Ed Blissit Memorial Scholarship – is awarded in memory of Ed Blissit to students in the Accounting program who demonstrate financial need.

Bonazzi Foundation Scholarship – assists a matriculating MCCC student who has both an interest in teaching science and financial need. The goal is to promote science education.

John P. Boorsch Memorial Scholarship – is given in memory of John P. Boorsch to a continuing student in a computer-related field.

Timothy Burns Memorial Scholarship – is given to a continuing student enrolled in the Aviation Flight Technology program.

Chef Jacket Partnership Scholarships – are given through donations made by several generous supporters, to students enrolled specifically in the Hospitality program.
Roy Church Memorial Scholarship – is given in memory of Roy Church, awarded to a student enrolling or enrolled in the Architecture program.

James Colavita Memorial Scholarship – was endowed by the family with support from the friends, colleagues and students of this former coordinator of Ceramics and Sculpture. It recognizes the achievements of an outstanding fine arts student who will be ascending to sophomore status.

Criminal Justice Scholarship – is given to an outstanding continuing student in the Criminal Justice program from the Mercer County Police Chiefs Association.

Columbia Bibbo-Petrolle Scholarship – is given in memory of Columbia Bibbo-Petrolle to a continuing student enrolled in Funeral Service.

The CYBIS Art Award – provides a scholarship to an outstanding continuing art student with a 3.0 GPA.

Clarence & Lena DiDonato Horticulture Awards – are made in their memory by the DiDonato family for deserving students in the Ornamental Horticulture program.

Mary Monroe Doerler Scholarship – is given to a female student at least 25 years old or a current employee of the Doerler Lanscape Company studying in any field of Ornamental Horticulture and Plant Science.

Dogwood Garden Club of Princeton Awards – are scholarships to outstanding students of the Ornamental Horticulture program.

Louis Draper Memorial Scholarship – is awarded in memory of Louis H. Draper, photography program coordinator, to an outstanding full-time student enrolled in the photography program.

Emeriti Scholarship – is presented to continuing students on the basis of outstanding scholastic achievement.

Jamil E. Faridy Scholarship – is awarded to a second year, full-time architecture student with financial needs.

Avner Ferester Math Scholarship – is given in memory of Avner Ferester to an outstanding continuing math student with the highest GPA.

Joseph Gritz Memorial Scholarship – is awarded in memory of Joseph Gritz who entered funeral service as a second career. He always appreciated the encouragement and support that he received as a student at MCCC. He also encountered some classmates who struggled to meet their financial obligations so he created a scholarship to be used to help promising funeral service students fund their academic pursuits.

Lance F. Hansen Memorial Scholarship – is given in memory of Lance Hansen to a continuing student enrolled in the Aviation Flight Technology program.

Robert Harris Memorial Scholarship – is given in memory of this former Business Division Dean and faculty member to an outstanding student in Business Administration.
Dr. Paul Janssen Memorial Scholarship – is given in memory of Paul Janssen, founder of Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc., to a continuing student in the area of Science and Health Professions.

Albert B. Kahn - Trenton Central High School Scholarship – is given to an outstanding Trenton Central High student graduate who will be attending MCCC in the fall.

Gerald Klein Memorial Scholarship – is awarded in memory of Gerald Klein, former faculty member, to a continuing student in the Advertising/Computer Graphics program.

Ronald J. Kopcho Memorial Scholarship – is given in memory of the former dean of the Liberal Arts Division and professor of Psychology to a continuing student in the Humanities and Social Science program with an interest in psychology.

Laurenti Charitable Trust Scholarship – is given to a continuing student enrolled in the Hospitality program.

John M. “Jack” Mainzer III Memorial Scholarship – is given in his memory by the Mainzer family to a continuing student in the Fire Science Technology program in need of financial assistance.

Marquand Park Foundation Scholarships – are scholarships for outstanding students entering their second year in the Ornamental Horticulture program.

Anthony J. Mennuti Memorial Scholarship – is awarded in memory of Anthony J. Mennuti, MCCC Assistant Dean for Institutional Advancement, to continuing liberal arts students studying English.

Merrill Lynch Scholarship – is awarded to a continuing student in Hotel Restaurant Institution Management.

National Westminster Bank Scholarship – is given to a continuing student in the Business Division.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Scholarship – is an endowed scholarship with matching partners* awarded to continuing students, with unmet financial need in the Nursing and Health Profession degree program.

- *Mary Scarano Scholarship – is awarded to a 3rd semester nursing student with unmet financial need and excellent clinical skills.

- *The Walter and Louise Sutcliff Foundation – is awarded to students in the Nursing and Healthcare profession.

NJ Society of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship – is given to a continuing student pursuing a major in Accounting with a 3.0 GPA.
Robert Negron Memorial Scholarship – is given in memory of Robert Negron to a first year student studying in the Information Technology field, based on financial need.

Josephine Peiser Charitable Foundation Scholarships – are awarded to continuing full-time Nursing students with a GPA of at least 3.0.

Anthony & Sophie Prassas Memorial Scholarship – is awarded to a continuing nursing or culinary student on the basis of academic performance.

Karen Procaccini Memorial Scholarship – is awarded to a continuing female student with a GPA 3.0 or better on the basis of financial need.

Roma Bank Scholarship – is awarded to a Mercer resident who is a full-time student in the Healthcare program.

Dr. Cynthia Schaffer Memorial Scholarship – is given in memory of Dr. Cynthia Schaffer, former MCCC Foundation Board member, to a continuing student athlete.

Vicki Seltzer ESL Scholarships – One scholarship will be awarded to a full-time and one to a part-time student enrolled in ESL classes on the West Windsor campus.

The Sky’s the Limit Scholarship – is given to several deserving Aviation students from funds raised through a golf outing held by Friends of Trenton-Mercer Airport.

Dr. Robert E. Small Memorial Scholarship – is awarded in memory of Dr. Robert E. Small to a social services continuing student.

Anastasia Sollner Pilot Scholarship – is given to a continuing student who is currently employed as a flight attendant with intent to become a pilot.

Staff Recognition Scholarships – are given to continuing students in honor of the current year recipients of the Distinguished Teaching, the Employee Human Relations and Employee Community Service Awards.

James Tolin Memorial Scholarship – is given in memory of James Tolin to a continuing student enrolled in the Theatre or Entertaining program.

Harry Trought Memorial Scholarship – is given in memory of Harry D. Trought, a former MCCC, employee, to an outstanding aviation student.

Urban League Scholarship – is awarded to a continuing student showing outstanding leadership quality.

Visual Arts Scholarship – is an endowed fund established by the faculty to recognize outstanding student achievement and awarded annually to an ascending freshman in any of the six visual arts programs.

David West Memorial Scholarship – is given to a continuing student from the Journalism program.

Mrs. Edith Zussman Scholarship – is given to a deserving student with a 3.0 GPA or better, who is entering their second year in one of the Health Profession degree programs.
Graduating Students

**Abrams Foundation** – is an endowed fund contributed by the Abrams Foundation for outstanding MCCC graduating students planning to continue at four-year colleges. This award is in memory of Samuel Abrams, David Abrams and Sue Abrams. A special application is required.

**Academic Division Awards** – are selected by the faculty on the basis of outstanding scholastic achievement in a specified field of study.

**Accounting Scholarship** – is given to an outstanding accounting graduate on the basis of academic achievement.

**American Rhododendron Society Scholarship** – is given to an outstanding student graduating from the Horticulture program.

**Fred Anker Memorial Scholarship (one of two)** – is given in memory of this Business Division faculty member and dean to an outstanding graduating student in business administration.

**Theresa Ann Antinoro Memorial Scholarship** – is given in memory of Teri Conti Antinoro, awarded to a graduating student in the Radiography program.

**Biology Scholarship** – is given to an outstanding biology graduate on the basis of academic achievement.

**The Professor Betty Wallace Cornelius Mathematics Excellence Award** – is given in memory of Professor Betty Cornelius, 2006 Distinguished Teaching Award recipient, to an outstanding mathematics student.

**Employee Memorial Scholarship** – is awarded in memory of Clara Lidz, MCCC Director of Nursing, to a student graduating from the Nursing program.

**Susan Farabaugh Memorial Scholarship** – is given in memory of Susan Van Street Farabaugh to a graduating student who is pursuing a higher education in the field of pathology.

**Jack Harris Memorial Scholarship** – is given in memory of Jack Harris, former faculty member in the Arts and Communication Division.

**Albert B. Kahn Foundation Awards** – are donated in memory of Albert B. Kahn, Esq. for monetary prizes for high academic achievement.
Mallinckrodt Medical Recognition Award – is awarded to graduating radiography students who demonstrate professional excellence in the clinical education component of the program. Selection is based on clinical evaluation by clinical instructors.

MCCC Faculty Association Scholarship – Award in honor of Professor Emeritus David E. Collier is given to a graduating student pursuing a teaching career.

Mel Leipzig Scholarship – is given to an outstanding artist with evidence of admission to a four year university.

Mercer County Retired Educators Association Scholarships – are presented to students graduating from an Education program.

Mercer County Women’s Tennis Academic Award – is an endowed scholarship awarded to the team member with the highest GPA.

The Nursing Scholarship – is given to a deserving graduating student in the Nursing program.

Phi Theta Kappa Awards – are given by the Alpha Theta Gamma Chapter of this international honors society of the two year college to outstanding graduates planning to continue their education at four-year colleges.

Physical Therapist Assistant Scholarship – is awarded to a Physical Therapist Assistant student who demonstrates academic excellence in Physical Therapist Assistant courses.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Leadership Scholarship – is given to a graduating student showing outstanding leadership qualities.

Rick Rednor AIDS Foundation Scholarship – is given in memory of Rick Rednor by family and friends to a graduating student furthering his or her education toward a career in HIV/AIDS awareness and/or research.

Charles Russell Engineering Scholarship – is given in memory of Charles Russell to a graduating student attending Rutgers University in the field of Engineering.

Dr. Cynthia Schaffer Memorial Scholarship – is given in memory of Dr. Cynthia Schaffer, former MCCC Foundation Board member, to a graduating scholar athlete.

Philip Shein Memorial – is an endowment fund from the estate of Jules Y. Shein for a scholarship to an outstanding graduate of the college.

Troxell Communications Scholarship – is given to a graduating student pursuing a career in Journalism.

Samuel Willig Memorial Award – is given in memory of this faculty member and chairperson of the art department to an outstanding student in the Advertising Design program.

WZBN TV Inc. Scholarship – is awarded to a graduating student who is continuing to pursue a higher education in the field of broadcasting.
How to Apply

The Mercer Coutny Community College Office of Financial Aid coordinates the awarding of all student aid, including scholarships. However, in the case of Named Scholarships, faculty and academic departments are also involved at the request of the donors. If you are a student who is interested in one of the Named Scholarships appearing in this brochure, the following steps should be taken to ensure that your name is reviewed by the appropriate academic department.

Note:

- All enrolled students are encouraged to fill out and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is the form that triggers a complete review of all available assistance, including General Scholarships.

- FAFSA forms must be received by the Financial Aid Office by May 1 of each year.

Students interested in a Named Scholarship should complete the “Application for a Named Scholarships” form that is available at any academic dean’s office (Arts and Communications, Business and Technology, Liberal Arts or Science and Health Professions, or the James Kerney Campus Student Office). This form is also available at the Office of Financial Aid. Students should complete and return this form to the academic dean’s office by May 1.
Application For a Named Scholarship
For a Continuing or Graduating Student Scholarship

Name: _______________________________  Student ID: ________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________

City ___________________________  State: _______  Zip Code: _____________

Telephone: __________________________  Cell: ____________________________

e-mail: _______________________________

Your Major: ___________________________________________________________

Please make sure you understand the requirements for the scholarship you are interested in. If you have questions, please ask the Executive Assistant of your division to call Barbara Prince in College Advancement.

Scholarship Name: _______________________________________________________

Tell us about you
Please fill in the section below with brief biographical information.

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Your Signature: ________________________  Date: _________________________

Submit this application to:
Office of the dean of your division by 5 pm, May 1

Received by: __________________________  Date: _________________________
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