MORTON COLLEGE
FINANCIAL AID

2023-2024 Academic Excellence Scholarship Program

The Morton College Academic Excellence Scholarships are awarded to **high school seniors** who reside in Community College District 527. Applicants must demonstrate outstanding academic ability. The award covers the cost of tuition and mandatory fees (Fees such as course, lab, and material fees are not covered) for up to 30 semester hours of college credits per year at the in-district tuition rate and is renewable for a second year.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicants must have a GPA of **3.25** or above on a 4.0 scale for Academic Excellence Scholarship program
2. It is highly recommended to complete and submit all documentation needed for the 2023-24 FAFSA.
3. We also recommend applicants to test into college-level Math and English courses. Test scores must be submitted **with** the scholarship application; retests will not be accepted after the application deadline.
4. Applicants must reside in Community College District 527.
5. Applicants must be in the high school graduating class of 2023 (Morton East or Morton West) and enroll full-time at Morton College for the Fall 2023 semester.
6. All scholarship recipients must join a student lead organization at Morton College by October 2023.Visit www.morton.edu to view a list of clubs/organizations under "Student life".

Maintenance of Award:

1. Recipients must enroll in and complete at least 12 credit hours of coursework applicable to their program of study each fall and spring semester.
2. Recipients must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 each semester.
3. Recipients must provide 15 service hours per semester to the college community in programs such as student government, college activities or events, campus publications, peer tutoring, volunteer time at Greater Chicago Food Depository for Morton College Food Pantry or other approved activities (Please make sure you notify the Greater Chicago Food Depository that you are working to provide credit for Morton College). Proof of community service must be documented by completing and signing the Community Service form every semester.

Application Process:
1. Submit the attached Academic Excellence Scholarship application form.
2. Submit a final high school transcript.
3. Submit (2) Letters of Reccomendation.
4. Submit placement test scores from Morton College (*highly reccomended but not required*).
5. Submit a typed narrative statement (Minimum 550 words).

Notes

Contact the Morton College Academic Advising Center at (708) 656-8000, ext. 2250 to schedule an appointment for the Math and English placement exams. Test scores must be submitted **with** the scholarship application; retests will not be accepted after the application deadline.

Academic Excellence Scholarship Application 2023-2024

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____   MC ID: _____

Last   *First*   *M.I.*

Address: _____

Street Address   *Apartment/Unit #*

_____

City   *State*   *ZIP Code*

Phone: _____   Email _____

High School

High School: _____   Address: _____

Rank in Class: _____ / _____   Grade Point Average: _____

Rank   *Class size*

Involvement

Program of Study at Morton College: _____

Extracurricular Activities in High School: _____

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Community Service Activities (outside of school): _____

Narrative Questions

Students must respond to the questions below. **Your narrative** must be at least 550 words answered in paragraph format. (Typed, double space, font size 12 and font type Arial or Times New Roman)

1. How will this scholarship impact your life?
2. What special attribute or accomplishments sets you apart?
3. What are your career and educational goals?

Deadline:

1. This application and all required information are due on Friday, July 21st , 2023. This deadline will not be extended, no exceptions. All information must be submitted to the financial.aid@morton.edu. ***Please use 2023 Academic Excellence Application in the subject line.***
2. You must submit the application through your Morton College Email account.
3. For instructions on scanning documents into a pdf for online submission please visit www.morton.edu, Financial Aid, and Financial Aid Forms.

Disclaimer and Signature

Meeting all eligibility criteria does not guarantee that an applicant will receive an award. The Scholarship Committee will review all applications and select recipients based on merit, quality of essay and letter of recommendation.

I certify that I have read and understand the scholarship guidelines and criteria and the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____   Date: _____