

MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY
Catherine McAuley Scholarship Program

Consistent with the mission of Mount Mercy University and the Sisters of Mercy, we are pleased to offer the Catherine McAuley Scholarship. The scholarship provides free tuition to Iowa students whose family income is \$45,000 or less annually. These scholarships are renewable for up to four years.

To be eligible, students simply need to:

- 1. Be an Iowa resident and graduate from an Iowa high school.**
- 2. Be admitted as a new freshman to Mount Mercy.**
- 3. Reside all four years on Mount Mercy's campus during the academic year.**
- 4. Participate in Mount Mercy's College Success Program during their first year on campus.**
- 5. File the FAFSA prior to July 1 (first year) and May 1 (subsequent years) that shows family income of \$45,000 or less and Pell Grant eligibility.**

To maintain the scholarship from year to year, students will need to successfully complete 24 semester hours per academic year and maintain a GPA of 2.0.

Catherine McAuley Scholarship recipients are responsible for paying the costs of room and board and their books. Students may receive a stipend for books for their first year if they participate in *Project Connect* - a free 3 week transition program prior to the start of classes. See more on back.

Students are automatically considered for the Catherine McAuley Scholarship upon admittance to Mount Mercy University.

Catherine McAuley founded the Sisters of Mercy in 1831 to help provide education to families and children in need. Her legacy continues with this scholarship. We are proud to be able to offer it to students in Iowa.

www.mtmercy.edu/free-tuition

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Frequently Asked Questions - Catherine McAuley Scholarship

- 1. What are the GPA/ACT requirements for the scholarship?** There are no specific academic requirements for the scholarship. Students need only to be admitted to the university.
- 2. What are your admission requirements?** Generally, high school students need a 2.75 grade point average and 20 ACT to be admitted. High school students not meeting the above general requirements, but who have strong potential and motivation for success, may also be considered for admission.
- 3. Is there a deadline for the scholarship?** While there is no absolute deadline, we encourage students to apply to Mount Mercy University no later than June 1 to be sure we can assist them with all aspects of transition to college. **Students MUST file the FAFSA by July 1 to be considered.**
- 4. Any other deadlines?** As mentioned earlier, students must file the FAFSA prior to July 1 (first year) and May 1 (subsequent years) in order to be eligible.
- 5. Why do I need to live on campus?** Statistics show students who live on campus are more involved and do better academically than those who do not live on campus. Resident students are able to create connections with other students for mutual support and study partnerships that will aid in their academic success.
- 6. What does it cost to attend Mount Mercy University?**
Current 2018-19 costs are
Full-time Tuition: ~~\$31,598~~ **FREE** for Catherine McAuley Scholarship recipients
Student Fees: \$400 **Students are responsible for paying student fees**
Room and Board: \$ 9,534 **Students are responsible for paying room and board.**
Books: \$750-\$1500 **Students are responsible for the cost of their books.** Students participating in Project Connect* will receive a stipend to pay for books for their first year.
- 7. What do I need to do to keep the scholarship each year?** You must successfully complete 24 semester hours per academic year and maintain a GPA of 2.0. You must also participate in the College Success Program during your first year at Mount Mercy.
- 8. What is the College Success Program?** The Mount Mercy College Success Program (CSP) is designed to support the transition of new students to Mount Mercy and, ultimately, help them graduate from college. CSP helps students develop habits, skills, and behaviors essential for academic and personal success at Mount Mercy University.
- 9. Are transfer students eligible?** Unfortunately, we are not able to offer the Catherine McAuley Scholarship to incoming transfer students.
- 10. What aid is available for students who do not qualify for the Catherine McAuley Scholarship?** Mount Mercy University offers generous scholarships to both incoming freshmen and transfer students. See www.mtmercy.edu/scholarships for more information.
- 11. Do AP Credits, PSEO courses, or other college courses taken during high school affect the scholarship?**
No. As long as the students have taken these courses while still enrolled in high school, they are considered new freshmen for the scholarship purposes.
- 12. What is Project Connect?** *Project Connect* is a free three week transition program to college. It will occur the three weeks prior to the start of classes at MMU. Students will live on campus and take a college level course in addition to sessions on college success and leadership. All costs for the program (class, room, board, and books) are free to the students. Students who successfully complete *Project Connect* will have their books paid for during their freshmen year.