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Who is Eligible?

The France & Merrick Scholarship Program is for students who have a commitment to community service, and who seek to expand their knowledge and understanding of community issues and gain leadership skills to address these issues through direct service, coursework and faculty guidance.

France & Merrick Scholarship Benefits

- Full tuition, fees and room and board for France and Merrick Fellows; partial scholarships for France and Merrick Scholars.
- Service-learning internships and special opportunities to work alongside UMBC's distinguished faculty and staff.
- Hands-on experience participating and organizing service-learning activities.
- Direct impact on UMBC and the surrounding community through special events.

Community Service and Learning at UMBC

UMBC is a research university with a strong commitment to producing community leaders through academic experiences and service opportunities. Through the Shriver Center, students are involved in diverse programs which engage the strengths and resources in higher education in finding creative solutions to the most troublesome social problems of our time. Community service

and learning programs engage students in service linked to their academic studies but not necessarily linked directly to their major. The Shriver Center creates partnerships with the community to address the issues of, for example, mental retardation, poverty, illiteracy and homelessness through such programs as the Choice Program and the Adult Literacy Program.

UMBC aims to develop responsible students with humanitarian instincts with a program which cuts across disciplinary lines, helps them serve the community, and prepares them for leadership roles in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Fellows and Scholars will work with faculty advisors to gain a greater awareness of various issues and to develop their community service projects and internships. As they move through their career at UMBC, program participants will be engaged in increasingly responsible leadership positions in service to the campus and the community.

What Majors Are Available?

All UMBC majors are eligible.

About UMBC

Founded in 1966 as the youngest campus of the University System of Maryland, UMBC currently enrolls nearly 10,000 students in 30 undergraduate, 24 masters, and 19 doctoral programs in the arts, sciences and engineering. Its suburban location on 500 wooded acres is 15 minutes

from Baltimore's Inner Harbor and only 45 minutes from Washington, D.C.

UMBC's program and facilities offer the variety of a larger institution with the flexibility and intimacy of a much smaller campus. UMBC aspires to be the best public research university of its size in the country, distinguished by a deep commitment to the educational experience of undergraduates. All full-time faculty teach undergraduate courses in programs anchored in the liberal arts and sciences, and opportunities abound for student involvement in research.

Students' academic experiences are further enriched by the Honors College, with its challenging curriculum, small classes and close interaction between faculty and students; and by the Shriver Center, which offers a variety of professional internships and community service opportunities, both locally and abroad.

Application Procedure

Candidates for the France & Merrick Scholarship Program may either be nominated by their high school or private instructor or may nominate themselves. Nominees will receive an application form and information about the application process. Applicants undergo a rigorous selection process, including an interview and writing sample.

Two letters of recommendation are required: one from someone familiar with the student's accomplishments in the area of service;

and one from someone familiar with the student's academic work.

For students new to UMBC:

nominations to the France & Merrick Scholarship Program should be made to:
France & Merrick
Scholarship Program
UMBC
Office of Scholarships
1000 Hilltop Circle
Baltimore, Maryland 21250

Current UMBC students:

may apply by obtaining an application from the Shriver Center. Completed applications should be returned to the Shriver Center.

Finalists are interviewed by a committee of UMBC faculty and staff.

Scholarship Maintenance

Once enrolled, students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and complete a minimum of 12 credits each semester. Students enrolled in the France and Merrick Scholarship Program are required to participate in service activities each semester.

Write, Call, Fax or E-mail

For nomination forms or more information:
France & Merrick
Scholarship Program
UMBC
Office of Scholarships
1000 Hilltop Circle
Baltimore, MD 21250
Telephone: (410) 455-3813
Fax: (410) 455-1094
E-mail: schl_info@umbc.edu
<www.umbc.edu>



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The France & Merrick Scholarship Program

APPLICATION



Date: _____ SSN: _____

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone

Daytime: _____ Evening: _____ Permanent Residence: _____

UMBC Academic Program:

Major/Minor:

GPA: _____ please attach recent copy of your unofficial UMBC transcript (please no copies from *myUMBC*).

Expected Graduation Date: _____

SAT Scores:

Date: _____ Verbal: _____ Quantative: _____

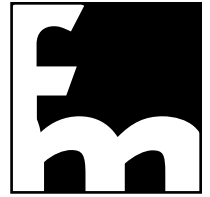
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RECOMMENDATION FORM



Student Name: _____

I wish to access my recommendation letter. Yes _____ No _____

I waive access to my recommendation letter. Yes _____ No _____

Signature _____ Date _____

To the Recommender:

The France & Merrick Scholarship Program invites a small number of deserving, responsible students with humanitarian instincts to participate in a program which cuts across disciplinary lines, helps them serve the community, and prepares them for leadership roles in the public, private and nonpro t sectors.

Please attach a letter in which you explain your relationship to the applicant. Address as many of the following points about the applicant as you are able:

- academic strengths and weaknesses, especially as this relates to critical thinking, writing and research.
- strengths and weaknesses in the community service setting and knowledge of social problems facing contemporary society.
- leadership skills.
- ability to listen, to understand the perspective of others and to express their own views and values.
- ability to solve practical problems and communicate effectively.

Return to: Lori Hardesty
Service-Learning Coordinator
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
The Shriver Center
1000 Hilltop Circle
Baltimore, MD 21250

Name: _____ Date: _____

Position/Title: _____ Phone: () _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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