

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Scholarships & Awards

2006-2007

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts offers a variety of scholarships and awards to students throughout their college careers. They reward high-achieving students as well as provide financial assistance. The scholarships and awards outlined in this publication are designed for students who are currently enrolled at MCLA. Recipients are selected on the basis of their eligibility. An application for the scholarships listed in the front section of this brochure is attached. Please note there is no application process for departmental awards. The individual department faculty or committees are responsible for selecting these recipients. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office in Eldridge Hall (413-662-5219).

Academic Achievement Scholarship

Awarded to a current student to honor their academic achievements at MCLA. Scholarships will be paid in the fall semester and applied toward educational expenses.

Requirements:

- Minimum 3.0 overall grade point average.
- Awarded to full-time students with Freshman, Sophomore or Junior status who have completed at least 2 semesters of full-time attendance at MCLA.
- Submission of an essay and the attached application.
Topic: How has your experience at MCLA influenced your future goals or aspirations?

Contact: Financial Aid Office
finaid@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$1,000

Academic Achievement Transfer Scholarship

Awarded to a current transfer student to honor their academic achievements while at MCLA. Scholarships will be paid in the fall semester and applied toward educational expenses.

Requirements:

- Minimum 3.0 overall grade point average.
- Awarded to full-time students with Sophomore or Junior status who have completed at least 2 semesters of full-time attendance at MCLA.
- Students must have transferred to MCLA from a community college.
- Submission of an essay and the attached application.
Topic: How has your transfer to MCLA influenced your future goals or enriched your educational experience?

Contact: Financial Aid Office
finaid@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$1,000

The MCLA Alumni Association Scholarship

Established by alumni of the College to support *four* qualified students who are active in college extracurricular activities and who demonstrate financial need.

Requirements:

- Eligible for financial aid.
- Good academic standing.
- Participate in college activities and/or athletics.
- Community Service.
- Submission of an essay and the attached application.
Topic: Why I feel I am eligible to receive the Alumni Scholarship.

Contact: Janice Messer, Alumni Development
jmesser@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$500

Melvin Band Scholarship in Mathematics

Established in 2004 by friends, colleagues and Melvin Band's family members to award students pursuing a major in mathematics who show mathematical talent and future promise.

Requirements:

- Full-time student
- Mathematics major

Contact: Alla Kucher, Math Department
akucher@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$410

Board of Trustees Scholarship

For members of the student body who have maintained a minimum grade point average and have demonstrated financial need. This scholarship was established in 1982 by the Board of Trustees.

Requirements:

- Full-time student.
- Sophomore or Junior status.
- Minimum of 24 credits earned at MCLA.
- Eligible for financial aid.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.

Contact: Financial Aid Office
finaid@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$500

Ruth P. and Nicholas Boraski Scholarship

Established by Nicholas Boraski, retired General Electric Company executive and his wife Ruth. Mr. Boraski was also a member of the Board of Regents of Higher Education. *Four* scholarships will be given.

Requirements:

- Full-time student.
- Priority will be given to applicants with demonstrated financial need.
- Major emphasis of study—English/Communications
- Eligible for financial aid.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better.
- Submission of an essay and the attached application.
Topic: A liberal arts education and responsible citizenship.

Contact: Robert Bishoff, English/
Communications Department
rbishoff@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$1,465

Centennial Endowment for International Study and Travel Scholarship

Established in 1993 by Catherine Tisinger, ninth president of the institution, to support students who wish to study abroad.

Requirements:

- Full-time student.
- Junior or Senior status.
- Eligible for financial aid.
- Good standing with the institution.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
- Letter of recommendation from faculty supervising travel.
- Submission of an essay and the attached application.
Topic: Explain the purpose of your study abroad. (Include submitted goals and an itinerary of your travel.)

Contact: Monica Joslin, Dean Academic Affairs
mjoslin@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$810

Community Service Scholarship

Awarded to a current MCLA student in recognition of their academic achievement and dedication to community service. Scholarships will be paid in the fall semester and applied toward educational expenses.

Requirements:

- Minimum 3.0 overall grade point average.
- Awarded to full-time students with Freshman, Sophomore or Junior status who have completed at least 2 semesters of full-time attendance at MCLA.
- Community Service involvement on and/or off campus.
- Listing of community service projects or activities including brief contact information.
- Submission of an essay and the attached application.
Topic: The role of community service in education.

Contact: Financial Aid Office
finaid@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$1,000

Donald R. Dion, Jr. Scholarship

Established in 1996 by Mr. Donald Dion, a local businessman, the scholarship is intended to motivate, reward and provide financial aid to a student who is preparing for a career in Economics or Business Administration.

Requirements:

- Financial Need
- Upper Classman
- Economics or Business Administration major.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Contact: Financial Aid Office
finaid@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$235

Educator's Scholarship

Established in 1993 by an alumna of the College who believed in the value of the teaching profession. The award is to honor this profession by recognizing a student who intends to become a teacher and has shown academic excellence in the study of this field.

Requirements:

- Full-time student.
- Junior or Senior status.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Contact: Ellen Barber, Education Department
ebarber@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$1,655

Jenny Rosenberg Fyler Scholarship

Awarded to a student of high academic caliber with financial need. It was established in 1987 through a bequest from Carlton D. Fyler in memory of his wife, Jenny. Mrs. Rosenberg Fyler was a member of the class 1913, a long-time supporter of the Alumni Association and an early member of the Century Club.

Requirements:

- Full-time student.
- Freshman, Sophomore or Junior status.
- Good academic standing.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.
- Eligible for financial aid.

Contact: Financial Aid Office
finaid@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$700

James A. Hardman, Jr. Scholarship

Awarded to a student who has a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in Journalism. This scholarship was established to honor Mr. Hardman who was the editor and publisher of the *North Adams Transcript*.

Requirements:

- Demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in journalism.
- Priority will be given to applicants who have a demonstrated strong academic record with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better or have demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the field of journalism.
- At the time of application, the recipient must have completed 60 credits of academic study at MCLA with major emphasis of study in English/Communications with the goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree.
- Currently working or has worked on the staff of the College newspaper (*The Beacon*), or participated with a daily newspaper or other external publication as an intern.
- Submitted portfolio of work in journalism/communications.
- Applicants may be invited to discuss their portfolio with the scholarship committee.

Contact: Robert Bishoff, English/
Communications Department
rbishoff@mcla.edu

Award Amount: Amount equal to in-state tuition, fees, room and board.

Margaret A. Hart Scholarship

This scholarship honors Miss Margaret A. Hart who was the first student of color to graduate from State Teachers College at North Adams in 1935, now known as Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Miss Hart's distinguished career in teaching and community service spanned more than five decades. This fund was established in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the College and Berkshire County. The scholarship award is offered to a junior or senior who demonstrates academic excellence and service to the community. Preference will be given to students of color and Berkshire County residents.

Requirements:

- Strong academic record with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or better.
- Full-time student.
- Junior or Senior status.
- Demonstrated community service.
- Preference shall be given to students of color.
- Priority shall be given to students who are residents of Berkshire County, MA.
- Submission of an essay and the attached application.
- Topic: Please provide a brief description of your educational goals and what you have learned or what you know about Margaret Hart that makes you believe you are eligible to be awarded this scholarship (500 words).

Contact: Frances Jones-Sneed,
History Department
fjonessn@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$1,040

Todd Robert Hermon Scholarship

Awarded to the most promising sophomore in theater performance or production. It was established in 1988 by the parents of Todd Robert Hermon to reflect his interest in theatre.

Requirements:

- Interested in drama
- Student of good character.

Contact: Bonnie Bishoff, Fine & Performing Arts
Department
bbishoff@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$400

John M. C. Hess Scholarship

This award will memorialize the integrity, commitment and leadership that Professor Hess brought to his students and colleagues in his 36 years of service to the college.

Requirements:

- At the time of nomination, the recipient must be a returning student at MCLA whose major emphasis of study is Chemistry, Environmental Science, or a related field, with the goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree.
- Priority will be given to applicants who have demonstrated a strong academic record with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better.
- Full-time student with junior or senior standing at the time of receiving the scholarship.
- Academic and research record of student will be well documented and will be considered key criteria in the selection process.
- Candidate will be nominated by faculty members.

Contact: David Levine, Chemistry Department
dlevine@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$705

Evelyn Hampel Jorge '44 Scholarship

Awarded to *four* undergraduate or post-baccalaureate students intending to attain licensure to teach. This scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Jorge to express their appreciation for the education Evelyn received at North Adams State Teachers College and to promote and encourage young teachers.

Requirements:

- Priority will be given to students with demonstrated financial need.
- Strong academic record with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.
- Has passed the MTEL (Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure) exams.
- At the time of application, the recipients must be students whose major emphasis of study is in a state-approved licensure program at the undergraduate or post-baccalaureate level.
- Submission of an essay and the attached application.
Topic: Describe your educational goals and financial need.

Contact: Ellen Barber, Education Department
ebarber@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$966

Jane Kerr Kahlert Scholarship

Awarded to *two* students in good academic standing with financial need. It was established in 1987 from a bequest of the estate of Jane K. Kahlert, a graduate of the College.

Requirements:

- Full-time student.
- Freshman, Sophomore or Junior status.
- Good academic standing.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
- Eligible for financial aid.

Contact: Financial Aid Office
finaid@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$1,450

Margaret, Frances, Nellie Karrey Scholarship

Awarded to a student in good standing with the College. It was established in 1993 by Nellie Karrey '31 in memory of her sisters, Frances and Margaret, who attended this institution and pursued successful careers as teachers.

Requirements:

- Good academic standing.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.
- Eligible for financial aid based on criteria established by the College.

Contact: Financial Aid Office
finaid@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$965

MCLA Scholarships

This scholarship offers *five* awards to students with financial need. It also recognizes academic achievement.

Requirements:

- Full-time student.
- Freshman, Sophomore or Junior status.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
- Eligible for financial aid.

Contact: Financial Aid Office
finaid@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$500

Ames Samuel Pierce Scholarship

Awarded to a student in good standing with the College. It was established in 1986 by former Professor of History, Ames Samuel Pierce. The award is a tangible expression of Pierce's long standing belief in the value of higher education. *The scholarship is open to all students.*

Requirements:

- Full-time student.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
- Eligible for financial aid.

Contact: Financial Aid Office
finaid@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$260

Thomas and Jean Price Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to a *sociology/anthropology major and a student in another liberal arts major*. It was established in 1986 by Thomas Price Jr., former Professor of Anthropology, and his wife, Jean, to encourage and support students enrolled in traditional liberal arts programs.

Requirements:

- Financial need.
- Academic promise.

Contact: Steve Green, Vice President
for Academic Affairs
sgreen@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$500

Lee Hamilton Ransford Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a student who has displayed creativity in any of its varied forms. It was established by Dorothy Guisti '64 and Charles Ransford to honor the memory of their son Lee Hamilton Ransford.

Requirements:

- Preference will be given to applicants with a demonstrated financial need.
- Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student with the goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree.
- Demonstrated strong academic record with a cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or better.
- Demonstrate creativity in any manner, but most importantly in *creative thinking*, including but not limited to, problem solving in the science, art, athletics, writing, theatre, education, math, or any academic pursuit.
- Submission of an essay and the attached application.
Topic: Describe your creativity project.
- Applicants will be invited to discuss their project with the scholarship committee.

Contact: Janice Messer, Alumni
Development
jmesser@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$410

Kathleen M. Shea Memorial Scholarship

It was established by the Kappa Omicron Sorority in memory of their fellow sister who was one of the founding members of the sorority.

Requirements:

- Full-time student whose major emphasis of study is Computer Science or Mathematics with the goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree.
- Demonstrated strong academic record with a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or better.
- At the time of application, the student must have completed 30 credit hours and not be engaged in post-graduate study.
- Submit an application and a 500-1000 word essay on the topic: The importance of extra curricular involvement in the undergraduate experience.

Contact: Bill Spezeski, Computer
Science Department
wspezesk@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$675

J. Michael Silsby Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2002 by Michael's wife Sheila to commemorate the commitment and dedication of J. Michael Silsby to the human services of western Massachusetts and of the Commonwealth.

Requirements:

- Priority will be given to applicants with a demonstrated financial need.
- Demonstrated strong academic record with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or better.
- Full-time student with Sophomore or Junior standing whose major emphasis of study is in Human Services with the goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree.
- Demonstrated financial need.
- Submission of an essay and the attached application.
Topic: Why I want a career in human services. (500–1,000 words).

Contact: Jim May, Psychology Department
jmay@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$645

Anna Ruth Chase Spurr 1930 Memorial Scholarship

Established in 1987 as a memorial to Anna Ruth Chase Spurr, Class of 1930, by her husband, Colonel Jerome Lyon Spurr. The scholarship was created because of Mrs. Spurr's cherished memories of North Adams, both with regard to her classmates and the faculty that inspired her love of teaching.

Requirements:

- Deserving student of academic promise.
- Demonstrated financial need.
- Junior status.
- Preference to a student who is a native of Vermont planning a career in education.

Contact: Ellen Barber, Education Department
ebarber@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$1,260

Scholarship for Third World Study

This award was established in 1986 by former Professor Charles Mark to provide assistance in funding a student interested in doing fieldwork in a third world environment, including sites in the United States of "third world" minorities; for example, an Indian reservation, a Black, Hispanic, Asian ethnic settlement, or a Mennonite community.

Requirements:

- Traditional or nontraditional student.
- 3.0 or better grade point average.
- Interested in third world issues.

Contact: Michele Ethier, Sociology/
Anthropology/Social Work Department
methier@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$1,135

Donald A. Thurston Communications Scholarship

This scholarship was created to honor a man who has worked successfully and effectively in the communications industry for more than fifty years. The award is to encourage students to acquire a comprehensive knowledge, including innovative and experimental approaches, of the communications field.

Requirements:

- Demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in communications and/or new technologies in radio, film, web design, corporate communications, or events management.
- Completed 45 credits of academic study at the time of application with the goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree.
- Demonstrated strong academic record with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.
- Pursuing full-time academic undergraduate study.

Contact: Robert Bishoff, English/
Communications Department.
rbishoff@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$655

Mitchell L. West Opportunity Scholarship

A respected member of MCLA's administrative staff for 17 years, Mitchell West served first as the Individual Enrichment Program (IEP) Outreach Counselor in Admissions and later as Coordinator of AHANA (Asian, Hispanic, African and Native American) Student Programs and Services. In both these positions, Mitch demonstrated his commitment to the College and to providing opportunities for students who might be less advantaged than their peers.

Requirements:

- Applicant must be of Junior status.
- Recipient must be of Senior status when proceeds are received.
- Cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or better.
- Benefit from financial support.
- Have made a positive contribution to the College and/or community.
- Demonstrated commitment to promoting higher education as a pathway to success.
- Intend to pursue an advanced degree.
- Preference will be given to first generation students of color who work to serve the needs of their peers.

Contact: John Lopes, Coordinator of ALANA
and International Students
jlopes@mcla.edu

Award Amount: \$410

Departmental Awards

James T. Amsler Intramural Award

A plaque awarded to two Seniors who have worked throughout their college career for the betterment of the intramural program.

Biology Achievement Award

Given by the Biology Department to recognize the highest-ranking Biology major in the department.

Francis H. Bissailon Memorial Drama Award

Given in honor of Francis H. Bissailon, a 1962 alumni, who was killed while serving his country in Vietnam. Presented to the graduating senior who has made the most valuable contribution to drama on campus during his/her undergraduate career.

Samuel H. Clarke Memorial Award

Given in memory of Samuel Clarke a Psychology Professor who spent his entire teaching career (1970-1997) at NASC now MCLA. Awarded to a full-time student with a major or minor in Psychology with the goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree who have demonstrated a strong academic record with a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 or better. Candidates will be nominated by the Psychology Department faculty.

Andrew S. Flagg Art Award

Given to a Senior who shows talent and proficiency beyond the daily exercise of classroom performance.

Harlequin Drama Award

Given to recognize a student with Junior or Senior status in the Theatre Department.

Health Achievement Award

Given to recognize achievement in the Health Achievement Program.

Iris Cavazza Lilly Award

This award was established in 1984 in memory of Iris Cavazza Lilly. The award is given to a student seeking certification in elementary education, who has demonstrated excellence in mathematics.

Computer Science Award

Given by the Computer Science Department to a Junior or Senior with a GPA of 3.0 or higher that has contributed to some aspect of the department.

Heather Fischlein Memorial Award

Awarded to a student with a consistently positive attitude and a willingness to go above and beyond standard expectations as defined in the Residence Programming guidelines.

Edmund K. Luddy Memorial Award

An award established in memory of Professor Edmund K. Luddy to recognize a student who demonstrates academic excellence in History or Political Science.

Joseph G. Mansfield Memorial Award

Established in 1984 in memory of Joseph Mansfield, a faculty member at MCLA. It is awarded to a Sophomore or Junior student who excels in communications or TV production.

Helen Neel Memorial Award

Established to support high academic scholarship among English majors. Awarded to the highest-ranking English major in the Junior class.

Patrons of the Arts Award

Provides free private music lessons to Fine and Performing Arts students. The award is based on musicality, preparation, dedication, presentation and academic achievement. Awarded by audition.

Petruzella Award

Awarded in honor of Gerol Petruzella, a former philosophy student. Awarded by the Philosophy Department for outstanding work within the discipline.

Ames Samuel Pierce History/Poli-Sci Award

Former Professor of History, Ames Samuel Pierce, established this award in 1986. The award is a tangible expression of Pierce's long standing belief in the value of higher education. It is given to a Freshman student with History/Political Science major with a 3.0 GPA or better with extra-curricular accomplishments.

Psychology Department Award

Awarded to a student who has shown considerable promise and commitment to the field of psychology.

Wilfred J. and Marion Quinton Music Award

This award is designed to recognize a member of the Junior or Senior class who has shown the most improvement in music during his/her years at the College.

Vivian Dix Redman Award

Awarded to recognize a Junior with outstanding musical ability.

Raymond C. Sullivan Award

This award was established in 1986 to honor Raymond Champion Sullivan a long time member of the College's Faculty & Administration. It is awarded to a Junior who best exemplifies the characteristics that most typified Dr. Sullivan and his commitment to education.

Ellen Schiff and Anthony Nicastro Modern Language Book Award

Awarded to an enthusiastic and dedicated full-time student of a modern language, such as French, Spanish, or Italian. Priority will be given to nominees who have demonstrated a strong academic record in at least the second semester of an introductory course or higher level course in their chosen language. The book award was established in 2005 in honor of these two long-time members of the College Modern language Department by their faculty colleague, Justyne M. Carlson, and her husband, Gene S. Carlson.

Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work Department Award

Awarded to a Senior who has demonstrated excellence while making significant contributions to the department.

P. Randolph Trabold Photo-Journalism

Awarded to a student who has excelled in Photojournalism.

Wall Street Journal Award

A plaque awarded to a Senior class member who has consistently demonstrated superior performance in the attainment of a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

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Scholarship Application Form

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Completed scholarship forms must be returned to the Financial Aid Office by March 10th.

Name: _____ Year ____ Fr., ____ Soph., ____ Jr., or ____ Sr.

SS#: _____ MCLA Box #: _____

Permanent Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Local Address: _____ Local Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____ Current Cumulative GPA: _____

College Activities:

Community Involvement/Extracurricular Activities:

Areas of Interest/personal accomplishment that you would like to bring to the attention of the committee: (Please use additional paper, if your response requires it.)

Please list the scholarships for which you would like to apply: (Scholarships must be specified). All essays should be submitted to the Financial Aid Office.

Student Signature:

_____ **Date:** _____

Terms and Conditions

- Scholarships are distributed annually.
- Students must be attending full-time during the semester in which the scholarship is paid unless otherwise stated in the scholarship criteria.
- All scholarships are deducted from a student's college bill and are not paid directly to the student.
- Students who withdraw during the semester are subject to the College's Refund Policy. As a result, a portion or all of the scholarship may need to be repaid. Please refer to the Refund Policy included in this brochure.

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Foundation, Inc.

Scholarship Refund Policy

The following are the return policies for all Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts students who are recipients of scholarships funded through the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Foundation, Inc. as approved by the Foundation's Board of Directors. Please note the Foundation adheres to the same return policies adopted and published by the College in the College Catalog and Financial Aid Guide.

Refund Policy:

Withdrawal prior to the first day of classes (official opening) 100% of the scholarship is returned to the Foundation.

In the event of withdrawal after the start of school or the reduction of credit hours (during the add/drop period) the College will determine the amount of the scholarship that is unearned up to the 60% point of the semester. Any and all unearned portions of the scholarship will be returned to the Foundation by the Bursar's Office if the scholarship has not been disbursed to the student. If a disbursement has been made directly to the student, the student will be held responsible for repayment of any unearned portion of the scholarship to the Foundation. *At no time will the student be the recipient of any unused portion of scholarship proceeds funded by the Foundation.*

Leave of Absence:

A leave of absence is considered an official withdrawal and any return of funds will be calculated based on the above criteria.