

The France & Merrick Scholarship Program



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A merit scholarship opportunity for talented undergraduates who have demonstrated potential for leadership in the area of civic engagement, especially to Baltimore City, and strong academic records.

The France & Merrick Scholarship Program is administered by The Shriver Center at UMBC. The program provides educational funding for students with strong academic records and a commitment to civic engagement. Award winners participate in individual service commitments (based on their specific interests), and also help to strengthen the culture of service at UMBC.

Awards

Based on availability, scholarships are distributed across the academic year.

Fellows receive a scholarship (not to exceed \$15,000 for MD students; and \$22,000 for out-of-state students) towards tuition, mandatory fees, and room & board expenses. The Fellows also serve as co-chairs in convening group meetings for the France & Merrick Scholarship Program.

Scholars receive \$1,000 for the year, attend group meetings, and work with service sites throughout the school year.



2012-2013 Award Availability

The Shriver Center is currently accepting applications for **two Fellows** positions and **five Scholars** positions. Applicants **must** be U.S. Citizens.

Application Process & Deadlines

Interested candidates must submit a France & Merrick Scholarship Program application, an **unofficial** copy of your academic transcript, and a two-page essay.

Application materials are due by 5 pm on Wednesday, April 4th, 2012. Anything received **after** this date will not be considered. Shriver Center Staff will coordinate follow up interviews the week of April 9th, 2012, as needed. Decisions for 2012-2013 will be **made in the first week of May 2012.**

Questions

Contact Lori Hardesty, Assistant Director, Service-Learning, with any questions at (410) 455-2493 or lhardesty@umbc.edu.

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Please complete all sections

Date _____

Campus ID _____

Name _____
(Last) (First)

Age _____ Gender _____ (M/F)

Are you a U.S. Citizen? _____ (Y/N)

Permanent Address _____

Mailing Address _____

UMBC Email Address _____

Please list the best phone number to reach you _____

Race/Ethnicity (Please circle)

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Hispanic/Latino

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

White

Other _____

UMBC Academic Information

Major/Minor _____

Current GPA _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

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Community Service Experience

Please list and describe the three most meaningful community service and/or service-learning experiences in which you have participated.

1. _____
(Organization) (Address)

(Position) (Dates: started-ended)

Briefly describe your activities with this organization:

2. _____
(Organization) (Address)

(Position) (Dates: started-ended)

Briefly describe your activities with this organization:

3. _____
(Organization) (Address)

(Position) (Dates: started-ended)

Briefly describe your activities with this organization:

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Please submit the following:

1. An unofficial copy of your academic transcript(s);
2. Please respond to **both** of the following questions. **Both** essays should not exceed **2 double-spaced pages**.
 - a) What do you perceive to be the biggest challenge currently facing Baltimore City and how do you think your service to the community will help to address this challenge?
 - b) What and/or who inspires you to do service? Why?

Applications should be submitted to the attention of:

Lori Hardesty
Assistant Director, Service-Learning, K-16 Partnerships
The Shriver Center
1000 Hilltop Circle
Baltimore, Maryland 21250

Submissions can be made by regular mail, email at lhardesty@umbc.edu or in person to The Shriver Center (First Floor of the Public Policy Building, past the elevators) by Wednesday, April 4th, 2012 at 5 pm.

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