

# Supporting Your Success

YOUR GUIDE FOR  
FINANCIAL PLANNING AND  
SUPPORT RESOURCES



**MONTGOMERY**  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



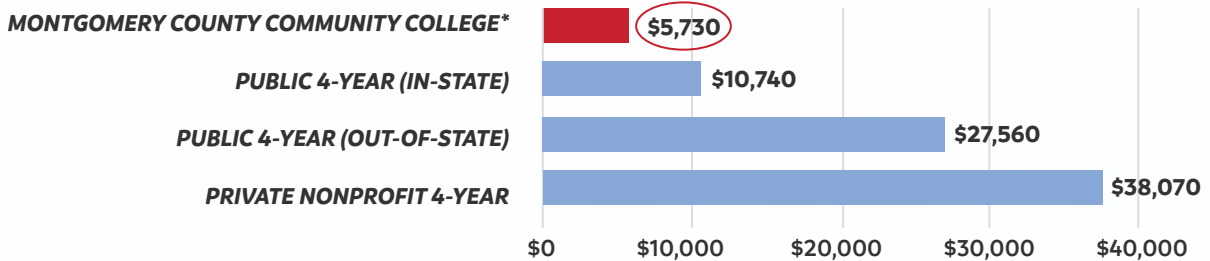
## A PATH TO YOUR SUCCESS

When you choose Montco, you are not just choosing a college for the next two years. You are choosing a support system that is going to help you every step of the way. From financial aid to transfer services, we have a team available to ensure that you know what you need to succeed.

### The Value Is Clear

A college education may be the best investment that you can make. Visit [mc3.edu/tuition](https://mc3.edu/tuition) for our current tuition and fees.

## COMPARE YEARLY TUITION AND FEES



Source: College Board, Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid, 2021.  
\*Estimated 2021-22 tuition and fees based on 30 credits for in-county residents.

## Transfer Pathways

**Planning to continue your education after Montco?**  
**More than 70% of our students successfully transfer to other institutions after earning their associate's degrees.**



Use the **MyTransferPlan** tool to view partner schools and scholarships available only to Montco students. Visit [mc3.edu/transferplan](https://mc3.edu/transferplan) to get started.

“Montco not only gave me an affordable option to begin my journey into higher education, it also instilled confidence in me that I never thought I had. I was able to transfer straight to Temple after Montco and from there, get my law degree.”

– Brendan Brett, Montco Graduate

**SAVE UP TO**   
**\$30,000 per year!\***

\*When you earn your associate's degree at Montco and transfer to a 4-year school. Based on full-time, average tuition of private nonprofit 4-year universities.

## EXPLORE YOUR FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

### GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS — MONEY YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY BACK

Applying for financial aid via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) allows you to be considered for federal, state, and institutional financial aid funding.

- + **Federal Grants** – federal financial aid such as the PELL grant
- + **State Grants** – state financial aid such as the PHEAA State Grant awards
- + **Scholarships** – institutional financial aid that does not need to be repaid (scholarship application opens June 15)

### LOANS – BORROWED MONEY THAT MUST BE REPAYED WITH INTEREST

- + **Federal Direct Loans** – low-interest loans such as subsidized, unsubsidized and Parent PLUS. Complete your Master Promissory Note (MPN) and entrance counseling at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).
- + **Private Education Loans** – loans offered by private lenders that help bridge the gap between actual educational costs and financial aid awards

## APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID



**STEP 1:** Obtain your FSA ID at [mc3.edu/fsaid](https://mc3.edu/fsaid).

**STEP 2:** Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Learn more at [mc3.edu/fsaid](https://mc3.edu/fsaid).

- + Montco offers financial aid appointments to help you navigate the form. Sign up at [mc3.edu/fahelp](https://mc3.edu/fahelp).
- + Montco's Federal School Code is **004452**.

**STEP 3:** Apply for a PHEAA State Grant or Loan at [pheaa.org](https://pheaa.org).

## IMPORTANT DATES

All dates are the "year prior" to the academic year for which you will be attending.

### OCTOBER 1

Students can file the FAFSA as early as October 1 of the year prior.

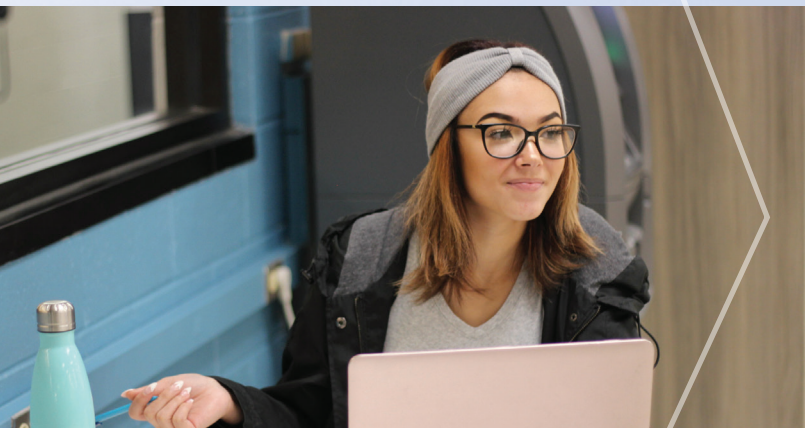
### MAY 1

If you're a Pennsylvania resident, complete the FAFSA before May 1 to meet the PHEAA State Grant filing deadline.

### JULY 15

Submit your online scholarship application at [mc3.edu/scholarships](https://mc3.edu/scholarships) by July 15 for priority consideration.

(Note: Students must be registered for the upcoming fall semester to be eligible).





## TAP INTO OTHER FINANCIAL RESOURCES

### 529 Savings Program

The 529 Savings Program is a college savings plan that offers tax benefits. It can be used to cover your education costs. Be sure to request your funds as soon as you are registered for classes and forward your confirmation to [payment@mc3.edu](mailto:payment@mc3.edu).

### Federal Work Study — Part-time Employment

Federal work study is need-based financial aid for part-time employment made available to help students finance the costs of college. You must file the FAFSA to be eligible. Visit [mc3.edu/workstudy](http://mc3.edu/workstudy) for more information.

### Veterans Benefits

For more information and assistance on applying for the GI Bill®, yellow ribbon or Veteran Readiness and Employment tuition assistance, contact the Veterans Resource Center at [veterans@mc3.edu](mailto:veterans@mc3.edu).

### Employer Tuition Assistance Program

In collaboration with your HR representative, or your parent/guardian's employer, submit an employer voucher for review to [payment@mc3.edu](mailto:payment@mc3.edu).

### Outside Scholarships

If you have earned a scholarship outside of Montco, submit your scholarship information to [FA@mc3.edu](mailto:FA@mc3.edu) and [payment@mc3.edu](mailto:payment@mc3.edu).

### Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)

If you have experience in the workforce or military, you may be eligible to earn credits for courses in which you can demonstrate mastery of the material. Learn more at [mc3.edu/PLA](http://mc3.edu/PLA).

*GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).*



## PAYING FOR BOOKS — PLAN AHEAD!



Don't let the cost of books get in the way of your education. You may be eligible to receive a financial aid credit for the purchase of books if your aid has been finalized and the awarded aid is greater than the cost of tuition and fees for the semester. Visit [mc3.edu/bookadvance](http://mc3.edu/bookadvance) to learn more.

### Virtual Bookstore

You can purchase your books at our virtual bookstore at [mc3.edu/bookstore](http://mc3.edu/bookstore).



## WAYS TO PAY

### Payment Plans

Off-set your out-of-pocket expenses with a payment plan. If you are taking credit courses, you can spread out your tuition and fees over six months through our payment plan options after registering for classes. Payment plans can be combined with any form of payment. Go to [mc3.edu/paymentplan](https://mc3.edu/paymentplan) to enroll.

### How to Pay

You will receive an email to your Montco email account notifying you when a new billing statement has been issued and is ready for payment.



**+ Electronically:** Pay online through your Montco Connect account in Self-Service. Go to “Finances” and click “Payment Center.”

#### TOTAL COST

- ACCEPTED FINANCIAL AID

= **OUT-OF-POCKET COST**

You can view your full financial profile in Self-Service in Montco Connect.



Visit [mc3.edu/WaysToPay](https://mc3.edu/WaysToPay) for additional payment methods.

*The Montco experience has a real impact on our students; I get to see this every day as a Student Services Assistant, helping students navigate the enrollment process and setting them up for a successful semester.*

*– Sasha Yudin, Montco Graduate & Student Services Assistant*







## SUPPORTING YOU IS OUR NUMBER ONE GOAL

As a student, you now have access to key academic and support services such as:

### Academic Advising

Now that you have been admitted, you have a dedicated Academic Advisor who will help you create your customized class schedule and highlight academic support programs that might be right for you.

### ACT 101 Scholars Program

ACT 101 provides free coaching and tutoring to students facing educational, personal, and financial challenges. Our services include Personal Success Coaches and our Jump Start to College program. Visit [mc3.edu/act101](https://mc3.edu/act101) to learn more.

### Career & Alumni Engagement

Career & Alumni Engagement is a comprehensive career counseling center, committed to serving both students and alumni with individual career coaching, employment and internship opportunities, career-related workshops and networking events. Visit [mc3.edu/careerservices](https://mc3.edu/careerservices) to get the tools you need to build your career or [mc3.edu/alumni](https://mc3.edu/alumni) to stay active with the alumni association.

### Disability Services

Disability Services provides support, accommodations and resources to students with a range of disabilities. Contact [disabilities@mc3.edu](mailto:disabilities@mc3.edu) to set up an appointment.

### Health and Wellness

Take advantage of the many health and wellness resources available to all students, such as:

- + MindWise Mental Health Screening
- + TimelyCare Telehealth
- + Wellness Center
- + Stock up for Success Food Pantry

Contact [wellness@mc3.edu](mailto:wellness@mc3.edu) for more information.

### Keystone Education Yields Success (KEYS)

The KEYS program opens doors for TANF/Cash and SNAP/Food eligible students, providing them with additional support needed to succeed in college. Visit [mc3.edu/keys](https://mc3.edu/keys) for eligibility.



### Library

Through our libraries, you will have access to resources such as study rooms, online journals from around the world and more than 40 research databases.

### Partnership on Work Enrichment and Readiness Program (POWER)

If you're in mental health recovery, the POWER Program can help you earn two free college credits, connect to campus life and explore career and educational paths.

### Tutoring

To support you academically, free tutoring services are available from our Montco tutors at our Pottstown and Blue Bell Campuses by appointment, and online 24/7. For more information, visit [mc3.edu/tutoring](https://mc3.edu/tutoring).

### Veterans Resource Center

The Veterans Resource Center provides services and assistance to veterans, service members and spouse/dependents with their transition to college. Veterans benefits are available to those who qualify, including work study opportunities, tutoring, events, financial assistance and much more.



Register for events, join clubs and find support services on Montco Connect at [connect.mc3.edu](https://connect.mc3.edu).



## EARN AN ADVANCED DEGREE HERE AT MONTCO

Through our University Center, you can earn a bachelor's or master's degree at Montco. Although you will attend classes through Montco, your degree will be issued from one of our partner institutions.

- + Albright College
- + Chestnut Hill College
- + Neumann University

Visit [mc3.edu/uc](https://mc3.edu/uc) for more information.



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