Martin Family Foundation Scholarships

& More Scholarships for Transfer Students

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Agenda

- Q&A throughout: unmute, chat, raise hand
- Eligibility, Timelines, Routes
- Martin Achievement Scholarship Details
- Martin Honors Scholarship Details
- Application components & advice
- Tips for searching and applying competitively for scholarships beyond the Martin Family Foundation opportunities
Martin Family Foundation

> Benn & Claribel Martin
  – Benn: civil engineer, worked on water & sewer treatment plants for west coast cities, including Seattle. Educated at NYU and UW, and took classes at community colleges throughout his life.
  – Claribel: parole officer in SF, dedicated her career to helping people rebuild their lives from troubled beginnings.

> Benn’s Vision
  – Impressed by community college systems and students.
  – Particularly interested in assisting students who have had a positive impact in their community.
  – Created the Martin Family Foundation and allied with UW.

> Board members are Benn & Claribel’s friends & scholarship program alumni.
Two Scholarships

> **Martin Achievement Scholarships**: due April 6
  – Apply if you will still be enrolled at your CC for 2022-23 and looking forward to applying to UW Seattle for 2023-24
    > summer 2023, fall 2023, winter 2024
  – Open annually in January-early April

> **Martin Honors Scholarships**: due July 1
  – Apply in spring if you are transferring to UW Seattle for 2022-23
    > spring 2022, summer 2022, fall 2022, winter 2023
  – Open **May 1 - July 1** this year

2021 Martin Achievement Scholars:
Clarissa Perez (Seattle Central),
Mirian Mencias (Highline),
Mussie Tsegay (South Seattle),
Mya Leonhard (Highline),
René Capella (North Seattle)
Basic Eligibility Requirements

> Washington State residents who meet any one of the following three categories:
  – US citizens, or
  – US Permanent Residents, or
  – Eligible for in-state tuition through HB 1079 or DACA qualification.

> For additional information about HB 1079 qualification, please visit [http://readysetgrad.org/wasfa](http://readysetgrad.org/wasfa) and UW’s information for undocumented students.

> WA community college attendance & interest in transferring to UW Seattle

> Full-time enrollment throughout

Notes:
• Get to know UW residency requirements!
• Financial need is not a requirement, but may be taken into consideration in final decision-making.
Two Scholarships, Two Opportunities

Achievement Scholarship: Apply by April 6 if

- Have earned at least 15 CC credits in WA

  - If selected
    - $5,000 Scholarship for 2022-23 at CC
    - Plan to transfer to UW Seattle for 2023-24
    - $12,000 Scholarship for 2023-24, 2024-25
    - Apply for additional scholarships

  - If not selected
    - Will be full-time enrolled at CC for 2022-23
    - Apply for additional scholarships
    - Apply for Martin Honors Scholarship next year

Honors Scholarship: Apply by July 1 if

- Have earned at least 36 CC credits in WA

  - If selected
    - $12,000 Scholarship for 2022-23, 2023-24
    - Plan to transfer to UW Seattle for 2022-23
    - Apply for additional scholarships

  - If not selected
    - Apply for additional scholarships

Apply for UW admission separately, by the UW admission deadline right for you!
Martin Achievement Scholarship

> New this year: Students from all community colleges in WA are eligible!

> Apply while still at the community college for one more year

> Must be currently enrolled & have earned at least 15 CC credits

> Exceptional ability in science, humanities, music art and/or leadership

> Award contingent on admission to UW Seattle
  > $5,000 for final year at CC, $12,000/year for up to 3 years at UW

> Flexible use of funds: tuition, room, board, books, study abroad, other educational expenses

Running Start students not eligible.

Cassandra Starr, Kayla Pezolano, Sam Ayars and Allegra Keys, 2020 Martin Achievement Scholars

Apply now if you are hoping to transfer to UW Seattle in summer 2023, fall 2023 or winter 2024
Martin Honors Scholarship

> Apply summer immediately before transfer (or before 18 credits earned at UW if previously transferred).
> Must have earned at least 36 credits at any WA community college by matriculation.
> Strength of character, intellectual ability, and sense of purpose
> Expected to have well-formulated ideas about the direction of future studies and subsequent careers.
> Award: contingent upon admission to UW Seattle
  – $12,000/year for up to 3 years
> Flexible use of funds: tuition, room, board, books, study abroad, other educational expenses

Running Start students are eligible!

Apply this May 1-July 1 if you are hoping to transfer to UW Seattle in spring 2022, summer 2022, fall 2022 or winter 2023.
Martin Scholarship Application Process

> Online application:
  – basic biographical and educational information, 4 short response questions
> Current unofficial transcripts from all community colleges/universities attended
> A Curriculum Vitae or activities resume listing honors, awards, scholarships, service, research, work experience, etc., and
> Two letters of recommendation:
  – At least one from a faculty member addressing your intellectual curiosity and potential.
  – The other can be written by someone able to address your capabilities and volunteer/community involvement.

SSC Martin Scholars: Niloufar Ghodsian, Sarah Philips, Sugar Sylvain, Amina Sheikh, Austin Tugade
Advice from Scholars

> “Before sending a request to a letter of recommendation writer, it would be good to prepare a resume, curriculum vitae, or a “brag sheet” for the writer to use as a reference. That way, they will be able to write good and applicable points about you that are on paper, along with their own personal input as well. Additionally, it would be best if a request is sent out around a month in advance to allow for time as many letter writers are quite busy with other tasks.” -- Mya
> What are the two most significant courses you have taken at the community college in preparation for your career? Briefly explain why these courses were most significant? (500 words)

> Describe an activity or experience that has been important in shaping, clarifying, and/or strengthening your motivation to pursue an undergraduate degree in your proposed field of study. Why do you think this particular activity or experience influenced you? (500 words)
Martin Scholarship Essays

> Describe a recent particularly satisfying experience or activity at either work, community service, or with your family (do not repeat the experience described in the previous question). (600 words)

> What additional information do you wish to share with the Martin Scholarship Review Committees? Please consider this essay an opportunity to provide additional context to the information already shared in the previous essays. Consider filling in any gaps or connecting any dots that would allow the selection committees to better understand you and your goals. (500 words)
Advice from Scholars

> “Start your essays early, read the prompts thoroughly and carefully. Your essays are used to evaluate your candidacy, so it is important to put a decent amount of time and effort into writing them. If your community college has a writing center, don’t be afraid to ask them for help with proofreading and syntax.” -- Harry
Advice from Scholars

“Remember to pour your heart out into your essays. It is the time where you are able to share you who are, your passions, and your aspirations. Be honest and open, to the extent in which you are comfortable, with the struggles and barriers you’ve endured in your pursuit of higher education. This is your chance to have your story heard- good luck!” -- Clarissa
Martin Achievement Interviews

> Internal campus review & identification of candidates to interview (April)
> Interviews **May 10, 2022** with Martin Foundation Board Members (friends of Benn & Claribel & alumni Scholars)

> Review your application
> Practice
> Be yourself!
Martin Honors Process

> Application Period: May 1-July 1
> Additional essay component in August
> Interviews with the Board in early September
Advice from Scholars

“Do not be afraid to tell your story. Be willing to be vulnerable and talk about your life experiences and how they have shaped you. Choose a topic that matters to you when it comes to essay writing. Practice your interview, be prompt and listen to the questions carefully.” -- Susan
Top tips:

> Start early
> Plan to do multiple drafts
> Get feedback!
“Introspection and brainstorming are key to fully answering essay questions. Always searching deeply for your motivations and aspirations is helpful. Also, connecting your motivations to the community (if that pertains to you) is so helpful in conceptualizing and communicating your personal vision to others and how investment in YOU is investment in our community. Your future is everyone’s future. Dream big, dream ethically, and put the effort in :).” -- Rene
Advice from Scholars

> “You are worth it! So stop questioning yourself, and go for it. Take your time, don’t rush; make sure you give yourself plenty of time to write and review your essay. Read it to yourself out loud, and pour your heart out. Try to convey it in the writing...Write your essay about your own experiences, achievement and challenges. Be authentic, but most importantly, you have to believe in yourself. You belong here. Remember this is beginning, so start by applying. Good Luck!! -- Mirian
Additional Scholarships to Consider

- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship: [https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarship/](https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarship/)
  - Due in January
  - Current CC students with sophomore status by Jan. 1 or recent grads
  - Planning to enroll full-time in a baccalaureate program that fall

- Udall Undergraduate Scholarship: [https://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx](https://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx)

- Goldwater Scholarship: [https://goldwaterscholarship.gov/](https://goldwaterscholarship.gov/)

- Truman Scholarship: [https://www.truman.gov](https://www.truman.gov)

- UW’s Spence Scholarship: [https://new.expo.uw.edu/expo/scholarships/Spence](https://new.expo.uw.edu/expo/scholarships/Spence)

- Many, many more
Scholarship search resources

> UW Office of Merit Scholarships, Fellowships & Awards
  
  – Searchable database of scholarships: [https://expd.uw.edu/expo/scholarships](https://expd.uw.edu/expo/scholarships)
  
  – Lists of additional search tools: [http://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/search-for-scholarships/tools/](http://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/search-for-scholarships/tools/)
  
  – Scholarship guides: [https://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/scholarship-search/lists/](https://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/scholarship-search/lists/)
  
  – Workshops, info sessions, tips: [http://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/](http://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/)
  
  – [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com), [email list](mailto:scholarships-info@uw.edu) for scholarship notices
  
  – Scholarship advising and support once at UW
Developing Your Candidacy

What can I do to become more competitive for any scholarships?

> Maintain a good G.P.A., but it’s not the only thing that matters
  – Scholarships selection committees are generally looking for your future potential as evidenced by your past achievements and engagements.

> Get involved with community service and extracurricular activities that match your interests, passions (internships, research, volunteering, etc.)

> Work and family obligations count!
  – Working in your school, summer employment, internships
  – Work that will provide you with transferable skills and insights into what you like and don’t like to do
  – Family obligations: why those are important to you, how they influence your academic interests/goals/trajectory
Defining Your Search

Use search terms and timelines to guide your search

> Search terms:
  – Use categories and search terms to define your search, but not to limit it.
  – Example: Sophomore intended Biology major who wants to study abroad can look for general scholarships, Biology-specific scholarships, study abroad-specific scholarships, scholarships related to their community and other involvements, etc.

> Timelines:
  – Finding, applying and learning outcomes takes awhile
  – Plan to apply 6-18 months in advance of when you plan to use the funds
  – Fall is national scholarship deadline season; winter/spring is local scholarship deadline season
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"How competitive is this scholarship?"

> FACT: Only students who apply for scholarships, are selected for scholarships

> STRATEGY: Instead of thinking about how competitive a scholarship is, consider how competitive YOU are for a scholarship

> FACT: It takes practice

> STRATEGY: Apply for scholarships all along the way

> FACT: Martin Achievement Scholarship (~20 apps/year) sees fewer applications than the Martin Honors Scholarship (~100 apps/year)
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