WHAT IS THE
AIMS Higher Scholarship?

Mountain Empire Community College offers the opportunity for qualifying local high school students to attend up to three years (72 semester credits) of college without paying tuition or fees. To qualify, high school students must complete a challenging curriculum while maintaining an acceptable GPA and attendance record and complete 20 hours of community service.

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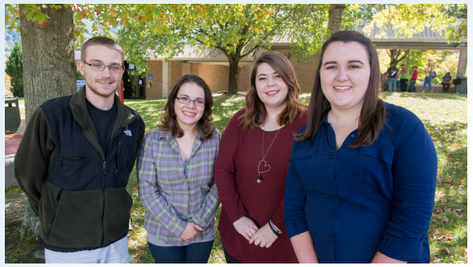

Who qualifies?

Graduating high school students in Lee, Scott, Wise, and Dickenson Counties and the City of Norton who are Virginia residents are eligible for the scholarship program, non residents are not eligible. Students must achieve a grade of at least a "C" or better in each of the approved high school courses, maintain a 95% school attendance rate throughout high school, have no out of school suspensions, and complete 20 hours of certified community service over a four-year period. All requirements (coursework and community service) must be satisfied by the date of the student's high school graduation.

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Required high school courses include:

- **Four credits of English**
- **Four credits of Mathematics** (Algebra I plus three additional higher mathematics)
- **Three credits of lab science** (biology, chemistry, physics, earth science)
- **Three credits of social studies** (history, government, geography, economics)
- **Two credits of a single foreign language** or **two technical courses** in the same track
- **One computer-related course**

How to apply

MECC AIMS Higher Scholarship applications are available each year beginning in February at www.mecc.edu/aims.

Applications, must be submitted prior to April 15. Applicants must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov by April 15.

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Talk to your high school guidance counselor today about taking challenging coursework to qualify.